Infrastructure Investor

America Forum 2022

2022 Agenda

Tuesday 6th December

08:30 - 09:00 Introduction from Infrastructure Investor and welcome from the chair

09:00 - 09:40 The state of play in the North American infrastructure market
- Surviving testing times through resilient infrastructure portfolios and sectoral growth
- An Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) update - what are we seeing flowing down from the package and where's the money going?
- The role of the G7's new Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

09:40 - 10:20 Combatting China and advancing the energy transition: legislative and regulatory views from the US market
- Domestic and international infrastructure policy developments out of Washington
- Energy security - is LNG from the US the way to wean the market off Russian gas?
- Can the US renewables market thrive without tax credits?

10:20 - 11:00 Sustainable infrastructure investment: How to really move things forward
- Advancing the sustainability agenda beyond energy assets
- Key sectors in focus: making transport, digital and environmental assets more sustainable
- The impact of COP26 on pension plans, endowments, foundations and other investor types

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:10 The growing importance of energy security
- Dissecting the energy trilemma - energy efficiency, environmental impact, and affordability
- Changing the global energy mix to meet growing demand and improve energy security
- The role of hydrogen and other 'cleaner' energy sources to empower the energy transition

12:10 - 12:50 Expanding beyond megafunds- does the US midmarket offer greater value across the various sub-sectors?
- Why the midmarket remains a 'happy hunting ground' for new managers
- Squeezing the middle: finding and maintaining value in an increasing crowded midmarket
- Sectors examined: do focused vehicles plus value-add managers equal higher returns?

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12:50 - 14:00 Lunch & networking

14:00 - 14:40 Midstream energy: building capacity to exploit shifting energy policy

- A necessary evil: the role of gas in the shift to low carbon energy
- Avoiding stranded asset risk in the shift to renewables
- How environmentally friendly is the transition to gas as the key transition fuel?

14:40 - 15:20 Building the digital future: infrastructure's hottest sector under the microscope

- Can enough capacity be built to satisfy demand amid supply chain issues, rising construction costs and labor shortages?
- Bigger, denser, faster: what 5G networks and IoT rollouts mean for 'edge' solutions
- Managing ESG & sustainability concerns: the push for greener digital assets

15:20 - 15:50 Break

15:50 - 16:30 Data centers in focus: weathering market uncertainty through ongoing investor demand

- The right fit: different data centers for different investor profiles
- The impact of large-scale platforms being taken private by the big players?
- A look at the thriving secondary market for data centers

16:30 - 17:10 The state of play: examining investor strategies in a post-pandemic world

- Blurring the boundaries: differentiating infrastructure investments from leisure, healthcare and real estate
- Consolidation: why global investors are reducing manager relationships
- Are the suites of infrastructure products from large managers attractive or just increasing risk?

17:10 - 17:30 Value creation case study: A deep dive on infrastructure asset management strategy

17:30 - 17:40 Chair's wrap up

Close of day one

Wednesday 7th December

08:00 - 09:00 Investor-only Think Tank session (by invite)

Themes include:

- Consolidating manager relationships- separate and managed accounts, co-investments and more
- Creating investment structures and products to suit changing investor portfolio construction
- Alignment of interest issues - management fees, carry structures and assessing performance

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09:00 - 09:15 Chair's welcome back

09:15 - 09:45 Investor keynote: An industry leader sets out their roadmap for the infrastructure asset class

- Developing and evolving an infrastructure program
- Lessons learned from the pandemic - diversification, key sector performance and new opportunities
- Looking forward - portfolio management, investment strategy and sustainable growth

09:45 - 10:00 Market update from Infrastructure Investor

Our reports analyze the current state of the infrastructure market and detail the significant trends affecting the asset class in each quarter. We review 2022 from a fundraising perspective and look ahead to trends for 2023 as the world tries to get back to normal.

10:00 - 10:40 Infrastructure debt fundraising in the spotlight

- How infrastructure debt has fared compared to other asset classes post-pandemic
- The types of vehicles proving most appealing and crisis-resilient
- Comparing growth in US infrastructure debt investment with other regions

10:40 - 11:20 Break

11:20 - 12:00 How is infrastructure doing on equity, diversity and inclusion?

- Making ED&I a true business imperative
- Examples of how greater diversity drives better financial performance
- Benchmarking: how does diversity within infrastructure compare to other asset classes?

12:00 - 13:10 Lunch & networking

13:10 - 13:40 Keynote interview: A senior leader in infrastructure outlines their vision for ED&I

- Beyond gender - dealing with the substantive challenges of running a private markets firm
- Leadership through a pandemic - lessons learned
- Engaging with stakeholders around ED&I issues

13:40 - 14:20 North American investor views on the evolving global market

- Big funds, big fees and declining investor influence? Readdressing the balance of power
- What will the investor-manager relationships of the future look like?
- Decarbonization - how investors are measuring carbon intensity within infrastructure and across the broader portfolio

14:20 - 15:05 Coffee break

15:05 - 16:05 Interactive Round Tables

16:05 Chair's closing remarks

Close of conference

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