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Decarb Forum



# Building resilient real estate portfolios with decarbonization

KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

## Safeguarding the future



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The **Decarb Forum** gathers the largest investors, global innovators, and strategic partners to accelerate sustainable business solutions and deliver financing to implement decarbonization plans.

The Forum will connect world-class sustainability leaders to discuss future trends, regulation, investment insights and innovations to decarbonize real estate and reach environmental targets.



**15 April 2024**

**Monday**

**1000 Registration and networking breakfast**

**1100 Welcome and opening remarks**

Conference chair: Judi Seebus, Contributing Reporter, PERE

**1110 Keynote interview: Safeguarding the future**

Investment giant AXA IM Alts speaks with private real estate's largest capital allocator, GIC, about investing responsibly, driving climate action, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the world we live in. Learn how one of the world's leading asset managers invests in line with a 1.5°C goal and hear first-hand what investors expect of their fund managers.

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**1150 Keynote panel: Net-zero in the global setting**

- Leaders in sustainability define net-zero across the built environment, identify opportunities and challenges in the transition, and discuss regulations on sustainable investing
- How can the industry limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees? And whose responsibility is that, exactly?
- Institutional investors' key role on the journey to a low-carbon future
- Key outcomes, takeaways and what has been achieved in the past 12 months

Moderator: Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, Responsible Investor

Speakers: Susanne Eickermann-Riepe, Chair of the European World Regional Advisory Board and Chair of the Advisory Board of Germany, RICS  
Hala El Akl, Vice President of Sustainable Investing and Operations, Oxford Properties

Michele Giddens, Co-CEO, Bridges Fund Management

Pauline Bottema, General Counsel & Company Secretary, EDGE

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**1230 Panel: Decarbonizing Europe – leading asset managers’ net-zero strategies**

- How are sustainability considerations prioritized differently among European countries?
- How do European regulations affect investment strategies?
- Driving better long-term financial performance with sustainability initiatives
- Who bears the cost of the net-zero transition and how does it affect returns?

Moderator: Toby Mitchenall, Senior Editor, ESG and Sustainability, PEI Group

Speakers: Diana Louis, Head of Alternative Assets ESG Integration, MEAG

Claus Mathisen, Co-CEO and Partner, Urban Partners

Annachiara Torciano, Head of ESG and Communications, Slättö

Derk Welling, Senior Responsible Investment & Governance Manager, APG

**1310 Networking lunch**

**1410 Panel: Financing the green transition**

- Fund managers and institutions’ plans for financing the green transition
- How banks are incorporating climate and environmental risks into their processes
- Green financial instruments for businesses – what works best for real estate?

Moderator: Elisabeth Jeffries, ESG Writer, Editor, Spotted Lynx Media

Speakers: Georgia Dunne, Director, NatWest

Oyku Kurtoglu, Head of Sustainability and ESG, PAREF Group

Jessica Pilz, Head of Sustainable Investing, Private Markets, Fiera Capital

Stephane Villemain, Head of Sustainable Investment, Ivanhoe Cambridge

**1450 Presentation: Decarbonized and resilient real estate: how to mitigate physical and transition risk**

Current regulations and changing market expectations will result in obsolescence of assets that no longer meet the new energy and technical requirements. The CRREM initiative enables investors and asset managers to implement structured decarbonization of their real estate portfolios.

Speaker: Professor Dr. Sven Bienert, CRREM Initiative Lead

Director, Competence Center of Sustainable Real Estate, International Real Estate Business School, University of Regensburg

**1510 Panel: How do you solve a problem like embodied carbon**

- Comparing different sources of building materials to decarbonize the supply chains, other strategies to reduce embodied carbon
- Collecting and tracking embodied carbon data, and what to do with it

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- Demolishing vs retrofitting stranded assets  
Moderator: Hassan Sabir, Finance and ESG Director, EPRA  
Speakers: Erik Landry, Director, Climate Change, GRESB  
Rebecca Pearce, Co-Founder and Director, Territorio  
Thomas Stanchak, Director of Sustainability, Stoneweg US  
Nagadarsan Suresh, Project Manager, Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

**1550 Networking coffee break**

**1615 Presentation: European regulations and innovations on decarbonization**

- Spotlight on the EU Green Deal of the European Commission, the impact of current and upcoming regulations, and a look at greenwashing in real estate
  - A comprehensive review of current and future proptech innovations focused on decarbonizing the real estate industry
  - Challenges when implementing new technologies
- Speaker: Dirk Paelinck, Chairman, European PropTech Association

**1635 Panel: What is in your toolbox – harnessing technological innovation to accelerate to net zero**

- Use of digitalization to enable the flow of critical information across all life-cycle stages of projects (planning, design, construction, use, and end of life)
- Technological innovations to support the green transition of new construction – how can we speed up bringing technology solutions to market?
- How can engaging the right stakeholders and building technology partnerships help drive a company's innovation and strategy

Moderator: Heleen van Poecke, Co-Founder and CEO, KEY ESG

Speakers: Maximilian Kufer, Head of ESG, EMEA & Global Private Markets, Invesco

Giulia Peretti, Head of Sustainability, Real I.S. Group

Kate Sandle, Director of Sustainability, Newcore Capital

Mauricio Serna, Senior Vice President, Head of ESG, Starwood Capital Group

**1715 End of day and networking cocktails**