

# Responsible Investment Forum: Asia

## Day One | Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

08.00

**Registration & Networking**

09:00

PEI and PRI Introduction

**Charles Gould**, Associate Director, **PEI Group**

**Aditya Vikram**, Head of Private Equity, **UNPRI**

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**Keynote Presentation: Rethinking Sustainability in a Fragmenting World**

**Steven Okun**, Southeast Asia Senior Advisor, **Global Private Capital Association**

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**Redefining Value: The Next Evolution of Sustainability in Asian Private Equity**

- To what extent are the remaining sceptics in Asia empowered by the U.S. administration?
- Changing climate priorities in the west: Is Asia ready to set its own course?
- What are local LPs demanding from funds on sustainability? Are they still following those in Europe?
- Predictions for the next decade

Moderator: **Farrukh Shad**, Head of Sustainability Business Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, **Schneider Electric**

**Sarah Pang**, Executive Director, Head of ESG & Sustainability, **Affinity Equity Partners**

**Bence Szegedi**, Senior Director – ESG Portfolio Operations, **Navis Capital Partners**

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**Suzanne Tavill**, Partner & Head of Responsible Investment, **StepStone**  
**Kenneth Ho**, Head of Sustainability, **Seviora**

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## **Unlocking ESG Data in Asia: Regional Trends and Investor Action**

- How ESG data availability, quality, and standardisation are evolving across key Asian markets
- Key trends emerging from the latest data sets, with a focus on region-specific themes such as climate risk, governance, and social impact
- How investors are turning ESG data into actionable insights — from due diligence to value creation and reporting
- Case studies from GPs and LPs, including examples leveraging the EDCI framework as part of broader ESG strategies

**Karin Bouwmeester**, ESG Lead Private Equity, **PGGM Investments**

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## **Networking Break**

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## **Keynote Fireside chat: how EQT is evolving its sustainability strategy in the region**

**Tang Zongzhong**, Head of Sustainability, Private Capital Asia, **EQT**

*in conversation with*

**Jennifer Wilson**, CEO and Founder, **Re:Co**

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## **ESG to ROI: Value Creation and making the business case for sustainability**

- The potential of private markets to deliver true transition as a result of economic value creation

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- From compliance to true value creation – ESG as a tool from operational improvement to unlocking economic value and driving physical resilience.
- Identifying sustainability risks and opportunities by addressing new and scalable investment opportunity sets
- Measuring and communicating impact: data, KPIs, and reporting maturity.

**Erika Rodriguez**, Head of Sustainable Investing, APAC, **KKR**

**Viviana Occhionorelli**, Partner, Sustainability, **Astorg Partners**

**Johnny Brom**, Founder and Chief Investment Officer, **SAIL Investments**

**Aditya Vikram**, Head of Private Equity, **UNPRI**

**Weixiang Wang**, Director, ESG Investment Management, **Temasek Holdings**

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## **Keeping pace with evolving ESG regulations across multiple jurisdictions**

- How have the recent Omnibus changes impacted global managers?
- Is a reduction in regulation an opportunity for PE to focus on delivery rather than ticking boxes?
- How firms can streamline data collection and reporting to meet evolving disclosure expectations
- Case studies of ESG-related litigation and key takeaways for fund managers

**Adinah Shackleton**, Managing Director, Head of Sustainability, **Permira**

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**Lunch**

14:00

## **Sustainable Supply Chains in Asia: From ESG Risk to Investment Opportunity**

- What does supply chain resilience look like in the context of value creation?
- How are GPs integrating supply chain sustainability into due diligence and ownership practices?

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- What role can private equity play in addressing labour rights, emissions, and sourcing transparency?
- How are global LPs scrutinising supply chain exposure in Asian portfolios?

**Jeff Wu**, Partner, **Pegasus Tech Ventures**

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## **Decarbonising a Portfolio: Turning Climate Ambition into Investment Advantage**

- Asia's transition moment: navigating regional policy shifts and energy realities
- How GPs are operationalising net-zero commitments
- Collaborating with portfolio companies to fast-track energy efficiency initiatives
- Data, disclosure, and decision-making: what do investors want?

**Ross Chiu**, Director, Corporate Development, **Kerogen Capital**

**David Russell**, Chair, **Transition Pathway Initiative**

**Akhil Jain**, Director – Private Equity (Directs), **Fullerton Management**

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## **How Sustainability and Impact Continue to Evolve in Asian Private Credit**

- How is ESG integration in private credit maturing across Asian markets?
- How can financial value be quantified in ESG-driven lending decisions?
- How are private debt firms adapting to investor preferences?
- What challenges and opportunities arise when working with Asian corporates on ESG covenants and performance targets?

**Colin Lim**, Head of Asia Private Debt, **Tikehau Capital**

**Jennifer Sung**, Director, **Stride Ventures**

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**Networking Break**

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**Measuring the Impact of Sustainability on Portfolio Performance**

- How are private equity firms quantifying the financial impact of sustainability initiatives across diverse Asian markets with varying maturity levels?
- Are GPs in Asia effectively using data and KPIs to demonstrate a clear correlation between ESG progress and value creation?
- Which tools, frameworks, or methodologies are proving most effective for capturing ESG-driven returns?
- How are GPs tailoring ESG communications to meet the expectations of both local and global LPs?

**Johan Rozali-Wathooth**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, **Bintang Capital Partners Berhad**

**Diana Chen**, Director, Sustainability, **Adamantem Capital**

**Menno Veeneklaas**, Strategy & ESG Operating Partner, **Allegro**

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**Integrating ESG Data and AI into Value Creation Strategies**

- How are private equity firms using AI-powered ESG insights to drive operational improvements and enhance portfolio value?
- In what ways is ESG data influencing investment selection and shaping portfolio company strategies?
- How can AI support early identification and mitigation of ESG-related risks to protect and enhance returns?
- What tools or frameworks are emerging to help firms embed ESG and AI into their long-term value creation plans?

**Ravi Bhatt**, Director, Head of Responsible Investment, **Apis Partners**

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**Cocktail Reception**



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## Day Two | Thursday 23 October

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**Invite only Breakfast Discussion for LPs & GPs**

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**Brief opening remarks**

**Steven Okun**, Southeast Asia Senior Advisor, **Global Private Capital Association**

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**ESG Value Creation Excellence Stories**

*3 short presentations on how ESG initiatives or technologies can be used to drive returns within PE investments within different areas of sustainability. The audience will have the chance to quiz the presenters and vote on the most impressive story. During the lunchbreak presenters will be available for further questions over informal roundtables*

**Sameer Kulkarni**, Vice President ESG, **Samara Capital**

09:40

**How investors are approaching ESG: Stewardship, Scale and Shaping the Market**

- What do Asian LPs demand from global managers? US vs. European expectations.
- The role of major Asian LPs in setting standards
- How are LPs balancing long-term stewardship with short-term return pressures?
- Tips for communicating sustainability commitments and goals with regional investors

**Will Relle**, Director, ESG, **HarbourVest**

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## Real Estate and Responsible Investment: Future-Proofing Assets in Asia

- How are investors integrating climate and social risk into real estate strategies across the region?
- What role do green building standards, certifications, and retrofitting play in driving value?
- How are LPs evaluating ESG performance in real estate funds and platforms?
- Can sustainable real estate investment help address Asia's urbanisation and resilience challenges?

**Mark Cameron**, Head of Sustainability, Asia Pacific, **Nuveen Real Estate**

**Darren Teoh**, Director, Sustainability Strategy, **Warburg Pincus**

**Alexandra Ingram**, Head of Sustainability, Capital Markets, EMEA & Asia Pacific, **JLL**

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## The Business Case for ESG in Venture & Growth Capital

- How are VCs in Asia aligning ESG with long-term value creation, not just risk mitigation?
- What do LPs expect from ESG integration in early-stage investing?
- What are the barriers to effective ESG adoption in Asia's startup ecosystems?
- Are regional VCs developing bespoke ESG frameworks—or borrowing from global models?

Moderator: **Johannes Lenhard**, Co-founder and CEO, **VentureESG**

**Julien Mialaret**, Operating Partner, **Eurazeo**

**Rosalind Bazany**, Partner, Head of ESG and Impact, **Antler**

**Jaclyn Seow**, Executive Director, Head of ESG & Impact and Head of Portfolio Success, **Openspace**

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## Coffee & Networking

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## **Fireside chat: How INA is integrating sustainability into its investment strategy**

*Established in 2021 to drive inclusive economic growth, Indonesia's sovereign wealth fund is placing sustainability at the heart of its mission. From working with deal teams to embedding ESG in investment decisions and portfolio monitoring, INA is building a long-term strategy that aligns commercial returns with national development and the global climate agenda.*

**Fetriza Rinaldy**, Head of ESG, **Indonesia Investment Authority**

12:10

## **Cybersecurity as a Governance Imperative in Asian Private Equity**

- How are cyber threats evolving in Asia, and what risks do they pose to portfolio companies and investment value?
- What are the key governance challenges in evaluating cybersecurity during due diligence, particularly in early-stage or founder-led businesses?
- How can GPs support portfolio companies in building cyber resilience, especially where awareness or resources may be limited?
- What role can LPs play in embedding cybersecurity into broader ESG expectations and governance oversight?

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## **How portfolio companies are using sustainability for value creation**

- How are companies across Asia embedding sustainability into core business models to drive growth and differentiation?
- In what ways are operational ESG improvements contributing to cost savings, efficiency, and resilience in portfolio companies?
- How are local and regional sustainability regulations influencing business strategy and value creation opportunities?
- What role does innovation—such as clean tech, circular economy, or sustainable supply chains—play in unlocking long-term value?

**Rosie Johnson**, Director - ESG, **Pacific Equity Partners**

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## **Close of RIF Asia Conference.**

Attendees are invited to join the afternoon sessions at RI Asia and the Impact Investor Forum Asia.