

Responsible Investment Forum: Asia

Day One | Wednesday 22nd 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

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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Latest from the EDCI: how is the initiative growing in the region?

- How is adoption of the EDCI evolving across key Asian markets?
- Insights into the latest data sets and trends, with a focus on themes uniquely relevant to the region
- Learn how the regions investors are translating EDCI insights into action
- Case studies from GPs and LPs that highlight creative, high-impact uses of the EDCI framework in the region

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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
- 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.

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

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

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

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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?
- 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?

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Decarbonising a Portfolio: Turning Climate Ambition into Investment Advantage

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- 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**

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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**

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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?

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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?

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Cocktail Reception

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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**

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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

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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**

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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?

Julien Mialaret, Operating Partner, **Eurazeo**

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Coffee & Networking

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Fireside chat

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Cybersecurity as a Governance Imperative in Asian Private Equity

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- 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?

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Close of RIF Asia Conference. Attendees are invited to join the afternoon sessions at RI Asia or the Impact Investor Forum: Asia.