Infrastructure Investor Network

Asia Forum

Wednesday 22 October, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore (Times in SGT)

0830 Registration & networking

0900 PEI & Chair Opening remarks

Speaker: John Walker, Executive Chairman, Eastpoint Partners

0910 Keynote Interview

Speaker:

- **Akihiro Konishi**, CIO, **Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations (KKR)**

Interviewed by Daniel Kemp, APAC Editor, Private Markets, **PEI**

0940 Keynote Panel: The rise of Asia as a key destination for private capital – why now is the time to invest

- In an increasingly unstable geopolitical landscape, how will infrastructure as an asset class fare compared to other private markets in 2025?
- Will ongoing geopolitical risks and volatility have tangible impacts on the renewables sector and its appeal as a subsector?
- Amid increasing concerns about overpaying for assets, how do GPs ensure they source the best deals?

Speakers:

- **Hans-Martin Aerts**, Head of Infrastructure & Private Natural Capital, APAC, **APG Asset**

1030 Break

1100 Panel: Digital Infrastructure & the green data boom

- Data center development in Asia: Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam's rise
- Fiber, towers, smart infrastructure: future-proofing Asia's digital backbone
- How AI is transforming power infrastructure and energy demand forecasting

1150 Presentation

1210 Panel: Powering returns: energy transition as a core infrastructure investment strategy

- In a shifting global macroeconomic environment what types of renewable investment strategies
- need to be considered?
- Understanding the role integrated platforms in a renewables investment portfolio
- How do regulatory frameworks and market maturity vary between OECD and Asian markets, and in what ways have current global macroeconomic uncertainties reshaped the opportunity and risk landscape for renewable energy investments?

1300 Lunch

1400 Panel: Sustainable Infrastructure in the Asian context: from policy to portfolio

- How is Asia's sustainability push in infrastructure accelerating? Is it Trump proof?

- The emergence of impact as a real investable theme in Asian infrastructure and how it is shaping the opportunity set in renewable energy, digital inclusion, social infrastructure, and low-carbon transport
- Private capital's role in working with governments and multilaterals to deliver a 'just transition' in Asia

Speakers:

- **Beatrice Cassottana**, Specialist Associate (Resilience), **Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation, GIB**
- **Esther Chan**, Investment Director, **Ninety One**

1450 Presentation: Asian Infrastructure Deal Case Study

1510 Panel: Spotlight on battery storage

- Standalone vs hybrid storage models understanding the diverse battery storage markets in Asia
- Overcoming investment barriers - how can governments and investors work together to unlock scalable investment in the sector?
- Setting up procurement mechanisms for batteries in emerging Asian vs OECD markets

1540 Break

1610 Panel: A tale of two regions? Investing in Developed vs Developing Asia

- How do GPs and LPs tailor their Asian investing strategies across the spectrum? Core infrastructure plays in developed markets vs. value-add or impact-focused opportunities in emerging economies?
- Understanding the energy transition investment opportunity in ASEAN vs Japan and Korea
- Understanding the regulatory frameworks of Asian markets, is developed or developing Asian markets easier from a regulatory risk standpoint?

1655 Panel: LP perspectives on the Asian market

- Where do the region's most active LPs see the global opportunity set for infrastructure?
- Are LPs getting more comfortable with Asian emerging market risk? What's tipping the scale?
- How do LPs underwrite political and FX risk?

Speakers: Kota Yasumura, Senior Director, Private Sector Investment Finance Division 1, Private Sector Partnership and Finance Department, **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

1740 Cocktail Reception & End of Forum