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Agenda

Day one – Tuesday 19th May 2026

- 8.00 *Networking breakfast and registration*
- 9.00 *PEI welcome*
- 9.05 *Chair's opening remarks*
- 9.10 **Data presentation**
- 9.20 **Plenary #1: State of impact: evolution of the market and global ecosystem**

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- Where is capital most flowing into impact and thematic opportunities?
- Have impact investments provided good returns to LPs to date?
- How has the market evolved in the post-covid era in terms of management and measurement maturity?
- What is the outlook for the coming 5 years?

10.00 **Plenary #2: Global impact allocators: where is impact capital opening, and where is it going?**

- What are the priorities occupying allocator agendas in today's uncertain environment?
- Which long-term, structural opportunities are allocators building their strategies around?
- What are the most investable and sought-after thematic opportunities?
- How are allocators navigating liquidity challenges in private markets?

10.45 *Break*

11.15 **Plenary #3: The bigger picture – rethinking impact investing in the 'post-liberal' world order**

- Will impact need to change to be relevant in the 'post-liberal' era?
- Can technology and markets prevent further ecological collapse?
- Are societal values changing, and what will be the implications for impact investing?
- What are the implications for collective impact goals from the move to a multipolar and post-globalised world?

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- With sovereignty and resilience being the key strategic priorities in Europe, will sustainability goals be in the rear-view?

12.00 **Keynote #1**

12.20 **Plenary #4: The future of world energy investment**

- What's most investable and bankable currently in the energy transition?
- How dependent is the European energy transition on cheap technology coming from China?
- How are corporates solving their own energy security, and what's the opportunity for investors?
- How is the growing populist surge in Europe going to impact the will-to-energy-transition?

13.00 **Lunch**

After lunch the conference splits into four streams, the streamed sessions are designed for you to hear about the latest investment opportunities from best-in-theme managers and get detailed insights on innovations on the horizon.

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	Stream A Energy & tech	Stream B Environment	Stream C Social & inequality	Stream D Investment case studies in thematic sectors
14.40	AI's digital and energy infrastructure: can it become green-ed? • What can do done in reducing externalities of AI infrastructure? • Data centres have vast energy and water needs– are there	Food systems: climate adaptation, soil health and regeneration • What's new in food system investing? • What are leading corporates doing about food supply chain resilience, and what opportunities does it present to PE funds?	Impact housing: availability, affordability, ownership • What's new in affordable housing? • Is investor appetite growing in impact real estate? • Has there been innovation in models that increase ownership of homes?	Nature & ocean strategies In this session we hear presentations on three investment case studies by different funds – performance, context, impact - followed by a Q&A.

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	plausible sustainable solutions? • Can climate-conscious investors back AI and still meet decarbonisation goals? • What are the green investment opportunities in AI datacentres value chain?	• What is new in regenerative agriculture and soil health? • How will local food systems look in a de-globalised world?	• What is the risk, return and impact case for affordable housing? • How is policy changing on housing in key markets globally?	
15.20	Impact in digital safety: AI assurance and cybersecurity • What is the investment opportunity set that is	Investing in high-return infrastructure: opportunities at the nexus of PE and infra • What opportunities do we mean by 'high-return infrastructure'?	Affordable healthcare and sustainable health systems • Is the debt crisis likely to result in decreased public health budgets in the coming decade? • What investment opportunities exist in helping health systems	Water & climate adaptation In this session we hear presentations on three investment case studies by different funds – performance,

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	emerging in AI assurance and safety? • Some leading impact investors have shifted their focus toward safeguards for tech, why have they done so? • What are the risks of inaction on safety considerations in the tech sector? • What is the opportunity set within this theme, in things such as AI safety, ethical cloud, deepfake detection, cybersecurity, privacy, etc?	• How many assets have both infra and PE characteristics in energy and climate? • How have asset owners addressed the “bucketing problem”? • What makes these investments attractive, but tricky to allocate towards?	become leaner and more efficient? • What role do investors (vs policymakers) have to play in the betterment of health systems?	context, impact - followed by a Q&A.
16.00	30 mins networking break			

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16.30	Debate: Climate adaptation vs mitigation – <i>this house believes the time has come to fully focus on adaptation</i> <i>This is an Oxford-style debate in which we'll have two speakers for the proposition and two speakers against, with audience voting on their views at the start and at the end of the session. This session will also be off-the-record.</i> The zeitgeist is shifting considerably with the effective repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act and the passing of the 'Big, Beautiful Bill', and the viability of climate mitigation efforts is being brought into question. Certain climate scientists and advocates have conceded defeat in the climate challenge, stating the emissions train is far too big to halt meaningfully, in essence conceding the factors driving climate change are beyond our individual effort and collective control. The question is: should society and investors be preparing for damage control via climate adaptation, or to continue the mitigation grind? The debate session will explore questions such as: • As climate change becomes more palpable, is it time for a heavy pivot to adaptation? • Is a disorderly transition on the horizon? • What realistic warming scenario should investors be considering? • Where is the progress in mitigation strategies? • Is a focus on adaptation an implicit concession that mitigation has failed; or can you do both?
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17.30 Evening networking reception

End of day one

Day two – Wednesday 20th May 2026

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Day two speed networking

There will be 4 rounds of speed networking throughout the morning of day two.

This is a great way to meet up to 10 new people with 4 minutes per meeting. Look out for an email from PEI before the event inviting you to sign up for a session – roughly 3 weeks before the event date.

7.30 Networking breakfast and registration

	Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
	LP-only workshop: allocating in the coming decade How is the skill set of being an effective allocator changing?	Workshop: Being an investor in the AI age - How are different investors adapting to rapid AI disruption? - What capabilities is AI allowing for in terms of better data and due diligence?	Workshop: Impact management and measurement 3.0 - What are the main breakthroughs in impact management & measurement? - Where has convergence of impact standards and framework got to?

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8.15-9.30	• What filters are investors using to screen out bad investments? • Which sectors, themes and strategies are most appealing at present, and why? • How are different investors doing due diligence?	• Which AI tools and resources are investors using to stay ahead of the curve? • What ethical considerations and dilemmas are arising for investors? • What value will humans provide in the investment process?	• How are managers approaching IMM nowadays, is it still a priority in the aftermath of the ESG backlash? • What do LPs most value in an IMM strategy? • When will real carbon accounting be introduced?
09.30-9.45	Short morning break		
	Allocator focus: private wealth & family offices in impact • What role does private wealth play in the wider impact ecosystem?	Workshop: Structures to de-risk impact opportunities – how to blend catalytic and market-rate capital • How can the blended finance model be applied to financing different projects and technologies?	EU regulatory workshop: SFDR 2.0 and beyond • How are investors faring with SFDR 2.0 compliance?

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9.45-11.00	• How do family office allocation approaches differ to other institutions? • What are the lessons learnt from family offices with active impact programmes? • How do they see the current market, and are they happy with what they're building?	• Is complexity the main hurdle to execution in practice? • Can blended finance be used to scale the flow of mainstream capital into impact opportunities? • What is the variety of structures we're seeing in the market? Martin Ewald, Lead, SCALED	• What are the perspectives of GPs and LPs on the regulatory landscape? • How does the new SFDR support impact investing as a practice? • What will be the implications of the opt-out clause on disclosures? • How does its impact differ between retail and institutional strategies?
11.00-11.30	Networking break		
	Resilience via insurance: Deep dive into insurance industry's overlap with impact	The continued growth of impact credit • What is the diversity of impact debt strategies in the market?	Defence and dual use of tech: can impact have a role the defence industry? • Can, and should, impact investors latch onto Europe's defence spending surge?

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11.30-12.15	• How are insurers viewing the world in terms of key macro trends and systemic risks? • What's becoming uninsurable? • What are the most material issues for insurers? • What role do insurance companies have as allocators? • Which climate scenarios do they use today, given that they have to put a price on long-term climate-related policy claims?	• How are mission-aligned debt strategies distinct from mainstream strategies? • What do debt strategies offer to investors currently, relative to equity?	• How are fund managers considering the dual-use of technologies in their portfolio? • How are investors thinking through risks of associating with the defence industry or market? • What opportunities are there for allocation from defence LPs such as NATO's Innovation Fund?
	Secondaries strategies in the impact market	From thematic to systemic impact thinking: the what, how and why?	Key impact economies: Deep dive into Japan's growing impact story

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12.15-13.00	• With liquidity tightness in the market – how much more secondaries activity are we seeing? • What is the split between LP-led and GP-led deals? • What is the case for secondaries for impact GPs and LPs? • How many secondaries transactions in the impact market are there? • What are the considerations around continuation vehicles?	• In practical terms, what investments can be considered systemic? • Why is a shift to systems thinking needed? • How do you build institutional portfolios across asset classes through a systemic lens? • What are some tangible case studies and examples of investments informed by this approach?	• How is the impact ecosystem in Japan developing? • Is Japan's GX strategy a game changing template for national transition and industrial strategy? • How are asset owners in Japan structuring their approach to impact allocations? • What are the key themes, sectors and philosophical approach of Japan's impact market? • What is the opportunity for European and global investors to engage with the Japanese impact market?
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1.00 Lunch

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2.00 Keynote #2

2.15 Data & presentations: Impact's performance in facts & figures

This session will consist of presentations by investment advisors and fund of funds on impact's financial returns performance to date. This session will be off-the-record.

- What is the track record of impact investments? Has the performance been good?
- Is it true that there's no trade-offs between impact and returns?
- How have they performed across vintages, asset classes and themes?
- How difficult has the exit environment been, and are secondaries solutions the answer?

3.00 Closing panel: Society's AI transition: can it be safe and equitable in the long-term?

- What real influence do asset owners and funds have on the course AI's rollout and resulting impact?
- What are the risks of inaction on safety considerations in AI?
- Can the vast productivity gains from AI be democratised?



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- Is AI going to exacerbate and entrench inequality?

4.00 Closing remarks

3.05 End of conference