



**Infrastructure
Investor
Network**

Investor Forum



2024 Agenda

Tuesday 10 September

Welcome cocktail reception

Join us on Tuesday evening at Lancaster House (Lancaster House, Stable Yard, St. James's, London SW1A 1BB) for the official welcome cocktail reception for the 2024 Infrastructure Investor: Investor forum.

Wednesday 11 September

08:00 – 09:10

Registration opens & Women's Circle Infrastructure Networking Breakfast

09:10 – 09:20

Welcome from Infrastructure Investor and introduction from the chair

James Hatwell, Associate Director, **PEI Group**

09:20 – 10:00

Opening keynote panel: How infrastructure can provide relative value amidst global uncertainty

- Where are investors finding value across the infrastructure spectrum against a backdrop of geopolitical and macroeconomic volatility?
- Deglobalisation (e.g. Europe's green deal and pullback from China), digitalisation and decarbonisation – how are these key macro trends shaping investment decisions and allocations?
- Assessing infrastructure equity and debts' respective roles in the current climate
- How are investors tackling portfolio diversification in the quest for relative value?

Mounir Corm, Deputy CEO and Founding Partner, **Vauban Infrastructure Partners**

Lea Dubourg-Hrachovec, Managing Director & Head of London Office, **BCI – Infrastructure & Renewable Resources**

Nikolaus Woloszczuk, Senior Managing Director, **Stonepeak**

Moderated by: Anish Butani, Managing Director, **bfinance**

10:00 – 10:40

Panel: Maintaining momentum in a sustainable and just transition

- Is the sector experiencing any fatigue or anti-sustainability sentiment in the face of a challenging macro environment? If so, how are investors overcoming this?
- Europe's changing energy system – what role are investors, policymakers and others having in it's next steps of development? How does this compare across the globe?
- Balancing portfolios – how investors can find the right balance of exposure across the energy spectrum whilst adhering to ESG goals

Gabriele Todesca, Head of Infrastructure Investments, **European Investment Fund**

Saket Trivedi, Partner, **Cube Infrastructure Managers**

So Yeun Lim, Global Head of Infrastructure Research, **Willis Towers Watson**

Moderated by: Joss Blamire, Director, Infrastructure, **GRESB**

10:40 – 11:00

Fireside chat: In conversation with Julia Prescott CBE

In this wide-ranging fireside chat, Julia Prescott, Deputy Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission and Co-Founder of Meridiam, talks us through the latest developments across the private infrastructure market in the UK and beyond, including:

- How the new Labour government's initiatives are shaping infrastructure investment decisions and opportunity in the UK
- How private and public entities are speeding up the delivery of major infrastructure projects in Europe
- What the future holds for this market – capital raising, performance, and the evolution of infrastructure

Julia Prescott CBE, Deputy Chair, **National Infrastructure Commission**

Moderated by: Kate Campbell, Founding Partner, **Astrid Advisors**

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee & networking break

11:30 – 12:10

Panel: Anticipating a rise in transportation asset investment

- Why understanding key trends in population behaviour and mobility is vital to grasping investment opportunities in this sector
- How are investors servicing the need for transformation in transportation infrastructure across the globe?

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- Electric vehicles, sustainable aviation fuel and more: financing the green transport revolution

M. Nicolas Firzli, Executive Director, **World Pensions council**
 Revantha Rodriguez, Co-Head, Corporate Finance, **Department for Transport**
 Sujoy Roy, Executive Director, Head of Financing, **SBI Shinsei International**
Moderated by: Nadya Nilina, Urban Planner, Strategy Director, **ORG Permanent Modernity**

12:10 – 12:50

How are infrastructure funds creating value at the asset level?

- Analysing the value creation methods and practices being carried out in the market across different assets
- Why proactive, effective asset management is even more vital amidst current market volatility
- In it for the long-term: downside protection and value creation across the asset lifecycle

Michela Bariletti, Chief Credit Officer, **Phoenix Group**
 Juan Caceres, President, **Axium Infrastructure Europe**
 Simon Merriweather, Senior Advisor, **GLIL Infrastructure**
Moderated by: Nathalie Tidman, Editor, **Infrastructure Investor Deals**

12:50 – 13:15

Fireside chat: AI, technological innovation and adaptation in the built environment

- How are infrastructure funds utilising technology at the asset level?
- Assessing the continuing impact of artificial intelligence on infrastructure
- Examples within energy transition, transportation, the circular economy and more

Simon Rowell, Senior Advisor – Innovate UK, **UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)**
Moderated by: Phoebe Smith, Managing Director, **PATRIZIA UK**

13:15 – 14:15

Networking lunch

14:15 – 14:50

Panel: Documenting the rise and rise of infrastructure secondaries

- Why are investors choosing infrastructure secondaries in response to challenging market dynamics?
- How can long-term strategizing help set managers apart and define the infrastructure secondaries landscape?
- What further development is needed for the secondaries market to mature and grow?

Francisco del Pozo, Head of Infrastructure Funds, **Bestinver**
 Richard Sem, Partner, **Pantheon**
Moderated by: Monika Bednarz, Managing Director, **Lagrange Financial Advisory**

14:50 – 15:25

Panel: Strategy & size considerations in an ever-changing private infrastructure market

- In a market headlined by mega-funds, where can investors find value at the other end?
- Considerations when it comes to asset specificity
- Assessing the performance of different fund strategies and sizes currently in market

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Achal Bhuwania, Chief Investment Officer, **Equitix**
Jane Bowes, Managing Director, **Threadmark**
Simon Davy, Head of Real Assets, **LPPI**
Sam Lissner, Partner, **Ridgewood Infrastructure**
Moderated by: Eugene Zhuchenko, Director & Founder, **ETORE Advisory**

15:25 – 16:00

Panel: Digital infrastructure in the crosshairs

- Has digital infrastructure cemented itself as a core part of an investors' private market portfolio?
- Amidst well-documented challenges in the fibre market, do data centres represent the best investment opportunity in digital infrastructure currently?
- Challenges in the sector: energy consumption and sustainability; AI demand; macroeconomic volatility & more – how are funds turning these into opportunities?

Natalia Akst, Managing Director, Real Assets, **Macquarie Asset Management**
Canan Anli, Senior Advisor, **PMP Strategy**
Krish Gandy, Aware Super Associate Portfolio Manager – Infrastructure, **Aware Super**
Pedro Estevez, Associate Director, **AustralianSuper**
Moderated by: Alessandro Ravagnolo, Partner, **Analysys Mason**

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee & networking break

16:30 – 17:00

Fireside chat: Developing financial products to solve problems

- A brief update on UKIB, Interaction with National wealth Fund and current mandate, sectors covered, products and deals to date.
- How have UKIB developed financial products, in particular their equity offering and the Pragmatic equity deal to solve a problem that can be replicated

Adrian Peacock, Managing Director, Banking & Investments, **UK Infrastructure Bank**

17:00 – 17:55

Audience roundtables

Grab a drink and join your peers for the end-of-day interactive roundtables. In these informal, off-the-record discussions, you'll have the opportunity to choose and discuss the topic most pertinent to you. All tables will be facilitated by an industry leader:

- 1) DE&I strategy considerations
- 2) Natural capital and biodiversity – the next wave of sustainable infrastructure? Facilitated by Divya Seshamani, Managing Partner, **Greensphere Capital LLP**
- 3) Future UK water infrastructure opportunities facilitated by Kate Kendall, Interim Senior Director, Major Projects and Markets Directorate, **Owat**
- 4) AI application in infrastructure investing
- 5) Growth/emerging market evolution

17.55 – 18:00

Chair's closing remarks

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18:00

Networking drinks reception

Join us for our end of day networking drinks reception with complimentary canapes and beverages

Thursday 12 September

08:00 – 09:20

Registration opens and invite-only LP breakfast

09:20 – 09:30

Chair's welcome back

09:30 – 09:50

Fireside chat: An overview of the renewable energy landscape in the UK

- The role of government in the renewable energy investment landscape
- How are investment patterns changing? Can investors get comfortable with new kinds of risks, and what benefits can this bring?
- Embracing emerging technologies and solutions – how does the Department see the renewable and energy transition market evolving over the coming years?

Sulaiman Ilyas-Jarrett, Head of Policy & Strategy, Renewable Delivery, **Department for Energy Security & Net Zero**

Moderated by: Anne-Louise Stranne Petersen, Senior Reporter, **Infrastructure Investor**

09:50 – 10:30

Panel: Climate strategy evolution for infrastructure investors

- How are climate investment/fund strategies developing for infrastructure fund managers?
- Adaptation and resilience – building vital infrastructure to move with a changing climate
- What climate action & incentives can be expected policy-wise with upcoming vital elections?

Rhyadd Keaney-Watkins, Head of ESG, **Arjun Infrastructure**

Natasa Kovacevic, Managing Director, Infrastructure, **CPP Investments**

Laurence Monnier, Director, **1PlanetInfra**

Mahesh Roy, Director, Investor Practices, **Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change**

Moderated by: Rhys Davies, Partner, ESG & Impact, **Kirkland & Ellis**

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10:30 – 11:10

Panel: Asset performance – a return to the norm for infrastructure investors?

- Returning to core characteristics or a cause for concern? How performance is having an impact on valuations of infrastructure assets
- How are managers alleviating concerns around performance?
- Which assets are continuing to perform well, and why?

Anna Baumbach, Partner, **Palladio Partners**

James Baldwin-Brown, Investment Consultant, **Lane Clark & Peacock LLP**

Angenika Kunne, Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure Equity, **Aviva Investors**

Moderated by: Karishma Merchant, Director – Energy, Infrastructure & Environment, **Forvis Mazars**

11:10 – 11:30

Coffee & networking break

11:30 – 12:00

Presentation: Beyond the spreadsheet – putting the aesthetics back into infrastructure

Hassan Shirwani, Pensions Manager, **LB Tower Hamlets**

12:00 – 12:40

Polling debate: Breaking down the boundaries of the energy transition

In a rapidly evolving sector, what developments and innovations are breaking the mould? In this interactive debate, you'll get a chance to vote for your winner once you've heard from four expert speakers on assets that are driving the next stage of the energy transition, including:

- Offshore/floating wind
- Energy islands
- Floating solar/PV
- Carbon capture

Moderated by: Olivia Eijking, Director/Founder, **Kreen Limited**

Adrien Pinsard, CEO, **Telis Energy Group**

Timothy Vanagt, Project Manager, **ORG**

12:40 – 13:20

Infrastructure Investor: Investment Committee

Two hand-picked fund managers will present investment case studies in this exclusive, data-driven and interactive format. Hosted by two experts, you'll have the chance to ask questions, share your thoughts and vote on the transactions in our very own investment committee.

13:20 – 14:20

Networking lunch & Women's Circle lunch

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14:20 – 15:00

Panel: Infrastructure debt and project financing – a growing role in investor portfolios?

- Have favourable lending conditions been reflected in investor appetite for infrastructure debt?
- How can investors find relative value through financing in a dislocated global market?
- What strategies are proving most appealing across the debt spectrum?

Mariana Graça, Investment Specialist, Sustainability & Impact, **Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund**

Raphaël Laidez, Senior Director, Infrastructure Financing, **CDPQ**

Sunil Malhotra, Investment Director, Private Markets, **Universities Superannuation Scheme**

Sinéad Walshe, Director, Infrastructure Debt, **Aviva Investors**

Moderated by: Kate Campbell, Founding Partner, **Astrid Advisors**

15:00 – 15:40

Panel: Keeping the lights on – are we doing enough when it comes to power generation and transmission?

- How have deglobalisation and geopolitics destabilised the course of global power supply? How have private infrastructure investors responded to this?
- Are deployment rates doing enough to keep up with the ever-growing demand for electricity and power?
- Can renewables satisfy the demand for generation? If not, how can infrastructure investors responsibly invest in alternatives?

Alena Antonava, Investment Manager, **Railpen**

Alex O'Conneide, CEO, **Gore Street Capital**

Mick Watson, Deputy Director Regulatory Finance, **Ofgem**

Moderated by: Nathalie Tidman, Editor, **Infrastructure Investor Deals**

15:40 – 16:20

Regulated assets and the role of public-private partnerships – addressing an under-pressure model with practical solutions?

Given the instability across essential utility companies, this session provides a health-check on the state of public-private partnerships in this sector in the UK & beyond:

- What has caused the friction and perceived failures in water and wider utilities infrastructure?
- Looking forwards constructively – what needs to be true to attract the level of investment needed to create long term resilience of our key assets.
- How can the private sector really make positive changes that will improve the quality and longevity of these vital assets?
- Impact of a new UK government – what is the new outlook for these industries?

Dr. Emma FitzGerald, Independent NED, **Seplat Energy, Newmont**

Moderated by: Jon Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, **Global Infrastructure Investor Association**

16:20 End of conference

Join the event

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