



**Infrastructure  
Investor  
Network**

# America Forum

## 2024 Agenda

### Wednesday 4 December

07:45 – 08:30

**Registration and networking breakfast**

08:30 – 08:45

**Welcome from Infrastructure Investor and introduction from the chair**

08:45 – 09:25

**Panel: US Infrastructure investment: Strategies, advancements, and the journey towards growth**

- A deep dive into the US' continuous journey towards growth in infrastructure investment
- How technological advancements such as AI have enhanced the efficiency and sustainability of infrastructure projects
- Predictions for the US infrastructure investment landscape for 2025

Hamza Fassi-Fehri, Partner, **Antin Infrastructure Partners**

Leonie Maruani, Director, **Vauban Infrastructure Partners Americas**

Josh Oboler, Investment Partner, **Palistar Capital**

Michael Ryder, Co-Head and Partner, **Igneo**

09:25 – 10:05

**Panel: The energy transition: an opportunity for a North American infrastructure investor?**

- Navigating the macro environment and its impact on the energy transition agenda
- Methods to successfully and effectively finance the energy transition
- The role technology has to play in the transition

Paul Barr, Partner, **Pantheon**

Ying Lin, Vice President, **StepStone Group**

10:05 – 10:45

**Panel: Creating value in an uncertain investment landscape**

- Analysing value creation methods and practices carried out in the market across different assets
- Leveraging technology to enhance value creation in infrastructure investment
- LP views on the effectiveness of infrastructure investment in driving long-term value and mitigating risks

Ashli Aslin, Senior Analyst Real Assets and Infrastructure, **Albourne Partners**

Don Dimitrievich, Portfolio Manager, Senior Managing Director, Energy Infrastructure Credit, **Nuveen**

Nicholas Hertlein, Managing Director, **Stonepeak**

Teresa Mattamouros, Managing Director, **Goldman Sachs Alternatives**

10:45 – 11:15

## Coffee & networking break

11:15 – 11:55

**Panel: Where is the value in ESG?**

- How ESG data can help demonstrate performance to help make meaningful change
- How ESG can increase profitability and investment
- Why is ESG reporting important?

Charles Buck, President and CEO, United Church Funds

Jennifer Essigs, Head of Sustainability, **AE Industrial Partners**

Bill Green, Managing Partner, Climate Adaptive Infrastructure

Jensen Hodge, Sales Director - Infrastructure, Americas, **GRESB**

11:55 – 12:15

**Keynote presentation**

12:15 – 12:55

**Panel: The influence of the US election on the domestic infrastructure landscape**

- A deep dive into what's next for American infrastructure sub sectors

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- What the election means for the IRA
- Investor projections for infrastructure under the new administration

Jeremy Ebie, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **Phoenix Infrastructure Group**

Raya Treiser, Partner, **Kirkland & Ellis**

**Moderated by:** David Quam, US Advisor, GIIA

12:55 – 13:55

## Networking break and LP lunch

	<b>Stream A – Infrastructure investment</b>	<b>Stream B – Assets under the spotlight</b>
13:55 – 14:35	<p><b>Navigating elevated interest rates across infrastructure investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of interest rates and inflation on the infrastructure subsectors</li> <li>• How infrastructure investors plan to tackle the tailwinds from the increase in interest rates</li> <li>• Comparing core infrastructure to value add/optimistic strategies amid the increase of interest rates</li> </ul> <p>Grant Hodgkins, Director, <b>BCI</b>  Tanya Jhamb, Associate Director, <b>OMERS Infrastructure</b>  Kathryn Liao, Managing Principal, Infrastructure and Energy, <b>Allstate Investments</b>  Surinder Toor, Managing Partner, <b>Arjun Infrastructure Partners</b></p>	<p><b>Navigating the consequences of fibre to the home overbuild</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring strategies for sustainable growth and how to mitigate the negative impacts of fibre overbuild</li> <li>• Investigating methods to adapt to changing market conditions and the slow-down in dedicated digital allocations</li> <li>• Comparing strategies to avoid further overbuild</li> </ul> <p>Valtin Gallani, Managing Director; Group Head of TMT and Digital Infrastructure Finance and Advisory, <b>Societe Generale CIB</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> David Strauss, Principal, <b>Broadband Success</b></p>
14:35 – 15:15	<p><b>The growth of emerging managers and mid-market infrastructure players</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a clear differentiation between emerging and mid-market managers</li> <li>• How do emerging managers prove themselves to LPs without a proven track record</li> <li>• Strategies for new managers to establish themselves in the marketplace</li> </ul> <p>Dr Barbara Weber, Founder, <b>B Capital Partners</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Daniela Arreaza, Investment Banking Associate, <b>DC Advisory</b></p>	<p><b>Traditional energy “having it’s moment again” – what this means for moving towards net zero</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we standardize a strategy to meet net zero?</li> <li>• How do we use the same terminology?</li> <li>• Predictions for the renewable and energy transition market over the coming years</li> </ul> <p>Michele Armanini, Managing Director – Investments, <b>Infracapital</b>  Michael Felman, Owner, <b>MSF Capital Advisors</b>  Anthony Liparidis, Director of Real Assets, <b>Bessemer Trust</b>  Maria Zaheer, Managing Director, Head of North America, <b>Alexa Capital</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Andrea Logan, Director, <b>FirstPoint Equity</b></p>
15:15 – 15:55	<p><b>Exploring the benefits of alternative innovative investment frameworks</b></p>	<p><b>Investing in America’s transport infrastructure</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How co-investments act as J curve mitigation strategies</li> <li>• What drives investors to opt for infrastructure secondaries amidst tough market conditions?</li> <li>• What is needed from an investor perspective for the infrastructure secondaries market to grow and mature?</li> </ul> <p>Paul Barr, Partner, <b>Pantheon</b>  Ying Lin, Vice President, <b>StepStone Group</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Eugene Zhuchenko, Managing Director, <b>ETORE Advisory</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What the federal government incentives look like under the new administration to support infrastructure investment</li> <li>• Strategies to enhance the sustainability of transport infrastructure and how to finance them</li> <li>• Investor perspectives on the transportation sub sector</li> </ul> <p>Morteza Farajian, Executive Director, Build America Bureau, <b>US Dept. Of Transportation</b>  Jay Gillespie, Director of Alternative Finance, <b>Georgia Department of Transportation</b></p>
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15:55 – 16:30

## Coffee & networking break

16:30 – 17:10

### LP panel: North American LP investing strategies under the microscope

- Infrastructure vs other alternative asset classes. How is infrastructure faring?
- Will thematic investments continue to dominate investing opportunities?
- Investor perspectives on the rise of alternative investment strategies

Monica Huffer, Portfolio Manager, Private Markets, **Texas Municipal Retirement System**

Kwan Graw, Investments, **Capricorn Investment Group**

**Moderated by:** Mark Weisdorf, Chair of the Investment Committee, **IST3 Infrastruktur Global**

17:10 – 17:40

### Roundtables over drinks

- Investing across utilities infrastructure
- Social Infrastructure & PPP's
- Natural capital as the next frontier in the infrastructure market
- AI and technological innovations

17:40 – 17:45

### Chair's closing remarks

17:45 – 18:45

## Cocktail reception

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Thursday 5 December

08:00 – 09:40

**Registration opens and invite-only LP breakfast**

09:40 – 10:10

**Investor keynote**

10:10 – 10:20

**Market update from Infrastructure Investor**

Bill O’Conor, Managing Director, Americas, **PEI Group**

10:20 – 11:00

**The role of the energy transition on data centers and managing the increasing demand for AI**

- Comparing existing strategies across the US to manage the power demand effectively and sustainably
- Exploring the growth in low-emitting data center providers in the US
- How companies are increasingly turning to off-the-grid experiments amid rising frustrations and navigating the associated regulatory and land acquisition challenges

Vidyu Kishor, Investments Director, **Osaka Gas USA**

Matthew Mendes, Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure, **IMCO**

Avantika Saisekar, Managing Director, **Wafra**

Quynh Tran, Deputy Head, Structured Finance, Americas, **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**

11:00 – 11:30

**Coffee & networking break**

11:30 – 12:30

**Debate: Conventional vs renewable energy sources**

Michael Felman, Owner, **MSF Capital Advisors (Conventional energy sources)**

Thierry Vandal, President, **Axium Infrastructure (Renewable energy sources)**

12:30 – 13:30

**Lunch break including Women in Infrastructure lunch (invite-only)**

13:30 – 14:10

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### **LP panel: How to navigate the current fundraising environment**

- Does infrastructure still offer the same beacon of hope for investors in turbulent times?
- How to navigate the unprecedented need for new infrastructure in a period of record-high government deficits and supply-demand imbalance
- What's next for infrastructure fundraising as investors abandon the "wait and see" approach of 2023?

Anna Dayn, Managing Partner, **New End**

14:10 – 14:50

### **Panel: The contribution of infrastructure debt in delivering secure, long-term returns**

- The role infrastructure debt plays in acting as a hedge against inflation
- Exploring the most popular strategies across the debt space
- What's next for infrastructure debt investors

Luke Fernandes, Head of Infrastructure Finance, **Swiss Re**

14:50 – 15:30

### **Infrastructure Investor: Emerging Managers Investment Committee Case Study**

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

15:30 - 15:40

### **Chair's closing remarks**

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