



**Infrastructure  
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# 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**

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

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

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

**Moderated by:** Jonathan Melmed, Partner, **King & Spalding**

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

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

Sean Toland, Associate Partner, Flagship Investment Team, **Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners**

Maria Zaheer, Managing Director, Head of North America, **Alexa Capital**

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**

**Moderated by:** Taylor Hart, Partner, **Ropes & Gray LLP**

10:45 – 11:05

**Keynote Fireside Chat: Investing in America's Infrastructure**

Sadek Wahba talks about his new book and his vision for how to build America's infrastructure to secure the economic growth, productivity improvements and social benefits that a good infrastructure network can offer.

Zak Bentley, Americas Editor, **Infrastructure Investor**

Sadek Wahba, Chairman & Managing Partner, **ISquared Capital**

11:05 – 11:35

**Coffee & networking break**

11:35 – 12:15

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

- A deep dive into what's next for American infrastructure sub sectors
- What the election means for the IRA
- Investor projections for infrastructure under the new administration

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Jeremy Ebie, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, **Phoenix Infrastructure Group**  
 Daniel Silverberg, Managing Director, **Capstone**  
 Raya Treiser, Partner, **Kirkland & Ellis**  
**Moderated by:** David Quam, US Advisor, **GIIA**

12:15 – 12:55

### Exploring the benefits of alternative innovative investment frameworks

- How co-investments act as J curve mitigation strategies
- What drives investors to opt for infrastructure secondaries amidst tough market conditions?
- What is needed from an investor perspective for the infrastructure secondaries market to grow and mature?

Paul Barr, Partner, **Pantheon**  
 Jessica Kennedy, Managing Director, **Northleaf Capital Partners**  
 Ying Lin, Vice President, **StepStone Group**  
**Moderated by:** Eugene Zhuchenko, Managing Director, **ETORE Advisory**

12:55 – 13:55

## Networking break and LP lunch

	Stream A – Infrastructure investment	Stream B – Assets under the spotlight
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>            Recep Kendircioglu, Global Head of Infrastructure Equity, <b>Manulife Investment Management</b>            Kathryn Liao, Managing Principal, Infrastructure and Energy, <b>Allstate Investments</b>            Surinder Toor, Managing Partner, <b>Arjun Infrastructure Partners</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Guy Hopgood, Director, <b>bfinance</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> </ul>	<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> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Donnett Campbell, Managing Director, <b>SS&amp;C Technologies, Inc.</b>  Peter Larsen, Managing Director, <b>Hamilton Lane</b>  Vicente Vento, CEO, <b>DTCP</b>  Dr Barbara Weber, Founder, <b>B Capital Partners</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Daniela Arreaza, Investment Banking Associate, <b>DC Advisory</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>  Michael Sheehan, Chief Operating Officer, <b>Dimension Energy</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Andrea Logan, Director, <b>FirstPoint Equity</b></p>
15:15 – 15:55	<p><b>Panel: Where is the value in ESG?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How ESG data can help demonstrate performance to help make meaningful change</li> <li>• How ESG can increase profitability and investment</li> <li>• Why is ESG reporting important?</li> </ul> <p>Charles Buck, President and CEO, <b>United Church Funds</b>  Jennifer Essigs, Head of Sustainability, <b>AE Industrial Partners</b>  Bill Green, Managing Partner, <b>Climate Adaptive Infrastructure</b>  Jensen Hodge, Sales Director - Infrastructure, Americas, <b>GRESB</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Susan McGeachie, Founding Partner and CEO, <b>Global Climate Finance Accelerator</b></p>	<p><b>Investing in America’s transport infrastructure</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>  Rich Juliano, Managing Director, <b>American Road &amp; Transportation Builders Association</b>  Joe Seliga, Partner, <b>Mayer Brown LLP</b>  <b>Moderated by:</b> Catarina Moura, Senior Reporter, <b>Infrastructure Investor Deals</b></p>

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**

John Tsui, Managing Principal, **Peninsula House**

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

17:10 – 17:20

### Chair’s closing remarks

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17:20 – 18:20  
**Cocktail reception**

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Thursday 5 December

09:30 - 09:40

**Chair's welcome back**

09:40 – 10:10

**Keynote Fireside Chat: Infrastructure Investing in the AI Era – sovereign investors' perspective**

Infrastructure has been an important asset class for the SWF and pension fund community. Now the traditional infrastructure sectors are under challenges, whereas digital infrastructure projects like cloud computing and data centers are on the rise. This fireside chat will cover the rising power of sovereign investors, long term capital for global digital infrastructure needs, and how new concepts like “sovereign cloud” and “sovereign AI” will complicate the global data infrastructure.

Prof. Winston Ma, Executive Director of Global Public Investment Funds Forum and Adjunct Professor, Former MD of China Investment Corporation, **NYU School of Law**  
Catarina Moura, Senior Reporter, **Infrastructure Investor Deals**

10:10 – 10:50

**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

Timothy Dobney, Investment Director, Infrastructure, **IFM Investors**

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

Avantika Saisekar, Managing Director, **Wafra**

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

Jason Zibarras, Founding Partner, **Argo Infrastructure Partners**

**Moderated by:** Canan Anli, Senior Advisor, **GIRA Strategic Finance**

10:50 – 11:30

**Coffee & networking break**

11.30 – 11.50

**Fireside chat with an Infrastructure Investor**

Zak Bentley, Americas Editor, **Infrastructure Investor**

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Derek Chu, Head of American Real Assets, Investments, **AustralianSuper**

11:50 – 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

### **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**

Phil Eichhorn, Director of Investments, **Versus Capital Advisors**

**Moderated by:** Eugene Zhuchenko, Managing Director, **ETORE Advisory**

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

Nirav Dangarwala, Portfolio Manager, **Resolution Life**

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.

Izzet Bensusan, CEO, **Captona**

Li Xu, Managing Partner, **LXI Capital**

15:30 - 15:40

### **Market update from Infrastructure Investor**

Bill O'Connor, Managing Director, Americas, **PEI Group**

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15:40 - 15:50

**Closing remarks and close of conference**

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