

Responsible Investment Forum

Asia 2024

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Agenda

Day one: October 29

08:00

Networking breakfast and registration

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PEI and PRI Introduction

Charles Gould, Associate Director, **PEI Group**

Aditya Vikram, Head of Private Equity, **UNPRI**

09:00

Chair's opening remarks & Keynote: how the upcoming U.S. election will impact sustainability

Steven Okun, Southeast Asia Senior Advisor, **Global Private Capital Association**

09:25

The evolution of sustainability in Asian private equity

- The increasing prominence of locally based heads of ESG within Asia.
- Navigating talent acquisition in an evolving landscape
- How are local funds approaching sustainability vs. international funds with a foothold in Asia?
- Global perspectives on sustainability in Asian private equity

Moderator: **Aditya Vikram**, Head of Private Equity, **UNPRI**

Adam Black, Partner, Head of ESG and Sustainability, **Coller Capital**

Lisa Marie Djeng, ESG Lead- Asia Pacific Region, **Ares Management Corporation**

Adrian Mucalov, Partner, Head of Long-Life Infrastructure, **Actis**

Keqi Zhang, Partner, **Triple P Capital**

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Working with investment teams and portfolio companies across multiple jurisdictions on ESG initiatives

- Strategies for fostering alignment and collaboration among investment teams and portfolio companies
- Communicating effectively to bridge the gap with the investment team

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- Integrating ESG considerations into due diligence and throughout the investment cycle
- Strategies for navigating the diverse regulatory environments across Asian markets

Moderator: **Daan Schnipper**, Senior Director, Northern Europe, **Holtara, powered by Apex Group**

Erika Rodriguez, Head of Sustainable Investing, APAC, **KKR**

Jaclyn Seow, Executive Director, Head of ESG & Impact and Head of Portfolio Success, **Openspace**

Menno Veeneklaas, Strategy & ESG Operating Partner, **Allegro**

Wong Dan Chi, Head of ESG Advisory and Integration, Asia Pacific, **Schroders**

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Networking Break

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ESG Data Convergence Initiative Update

- Update on progress in Asia compared with North America and Europe
- To what extent is the initiative helping LPs and GPs to solve the data challenge?
- How are firms leveraging data to gain new insights and drive value creation?
- Highlighting potential collaborative opportunities and outlining the roadmap for further advancing the initiative

Moderator: **Daniel Oehling**, Managing Director & Partner, **BCG**

Co-Facilitator: Ben Morley, Partner and Associate Director, **BCG**

Lincoln Pan, Partner, Co-Head Private Equity, **PAG**

Bence Szegedi, Senior Director, **Navis Capital Partners**

Karin Bouwmeester, ESG Lead Private Equity, **PGGM Investments**

Sarah Pang, Executive Director, Head of ESG & Sustainability, **Affinity Equity Partners**

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GP/LP data dialogue: making data useful for investing

- How sophisticated are Asian LPs data requests vs. European and US counterparts?
- Considering regional distinctions between LPs in different regions
- Overcoming issues with sharing portfolio company data
- Strategies for reducing the workload for GPs

Moderator: **Priya Gopalan**, Head of ESG, **Northstar Group**

Natasha Buckley, Principal, ESG, **HarbourVest Partners**

Charis Goh, Principal, Head of Directs Asia Pacific, **Unigestion**

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Mervin Teo, Managing Director, Alternatives, **Fullerton Fund Management**
Kyle Flick, Director, ESG Services, **Novata**

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Strategically embedding ESG into value creation plans

- Insights into the collaborative approaches adopted by ESG leaders in working alongside value creation and investment teams
- Exploring the extent to which the implementation of sustainability practices enhances resilience within private equity investments
- Strategies for effectively measuring the impact of ESG integration on value creation outcomes
- Case studies from real PE investments in Asia

Moderator: **Saurabh Dhingra**, EY-Parthenon Asean Financial Services Strategy Leader, **Ernst & Young Solutions**

Nana Li, Head of Sustainability & Stewardship, Asia Pacific, **Impax Asset Management**

Jo Saleeba, Global Head of Sustainability & Impact, **New Forests**

Rebekah Earp, ESG Director, **CVC**

Serge Younes, Partner, Global Head of Sustainability, **Investindustrial**

Adam Black, Partner, Head of ESG and Sustainability, **Coller Capital**

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Lunch

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The state of the Asian impact investing market

- What is the appetite from local LPs interested in impact funds?
- What are the main investment themes which are taking off in Asia's impact market?
- How are existing funds deploying their capital?
- To what extent is the impact label necessary, does it just add a reporting burden?

Moderator: **Maud Savary-Mornet**, Senior Advisor for Asia, **Global Impact Investing Network**

Fernanda Lima, Partner, **LeapFrog Investments**

Julien Mialaret, Operating Partner, **Eurazeo**

Silky Raheja, Impact Director, **ABC Impact**

Christina Leijonhufvud, CEO, **BlueMark**

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Managing complex supply chains in Asian private equity

- What questions are investors asking managers on supply chains?
- Which issues and risks are most concerning for investors?
- Strategies for enhancing transparency and accountability across the supply chain
- How should global managers be communicating with their investors on supply chain issues?

Moderator: **Kyle Flick**, Director, ESG Services, **Novata**

Lisa Genasci, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance, **ADM Capital**

Dennis Wan, Head of Capital Markets (APAC), **CDP**

Matt Watts, Manager - Environmental & Social Governance Impact, **British International Investment**

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Coffee & Networking

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Navigating regulatory landscapes: strategies for Asian PE firms

- To what extent are regulations in Europe and the US having an impact?
- What should PE firms be focusing on?
- Identifying key Areas of convergence and divergence across different jurisdictions regionally and globally
- Strategies for staying agile and adaptable in the face of evolving regulatory standards and expectations

Moderator: **Daan Schnipper**, Senior Director, Northern Europe, **Holtara, powered by Apex Group**

Adrian Yeo, General Counsel, **Growtheum Capital**

Shivani Sahai, Head-Impact & ESG, **Quadria Capital**

Marcia Ellis, Global Co-Chair of Private Equity Practice, **Morrison Foester**

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How funds can lead the way on the sustainability journey of their portfolio companies

- Insights on sustainability and ESG enhancement within portfolio companies in Asia
- How much has ESG risen on the agenda for portfolio companies?
- Collaborative strategies between funds and portfolio companies
- Key ESG focus areas for improving performance and creating real business value

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Moderator: **Dimitri Le Bert**, Managing Director, Strategy & Deals, **PWC**

Souvanane Keothammavong, Head of Sustainability, **Mekong Timber Plantations**

Jo Saleeba, Global Head of Sustainability & Impact, **New Forests**

Darren Teoh, Vice president, Group sustainability – Private Funds, **CapitaLand Investment**

Florian Stretz, General Director and CTO, **Saltex Fabrics** (*Virtual Speaker*)

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Cocktail & Networking Reception

Day 2: October 30

08:00-9:00

Invite only GP Breakfast Discussion

Infusing ESG into operations and investing

- Investing: how do you use ESG data to identify and assess targets for value creation opportunities?
- How do you successfully collaborate with and ultimately embed ESG into Finance, Supply Chain, Product Design, IT etc?
- How do you ensure the asset can meet GP ESG reporting requirements?
- How can PE lean into climate tech as a value creation enabler?

Saurabh Dhingra, EY-Parthenon Asean Financial Services Strategy Leader, **Ernst & Young**

Praveen Tekchandani, Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, **Ernst& Young**

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Registration & Networking

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Brief opening remarks

Steven Okun, Southeast Asia Senior Advisor, **Global Private Capital Association**

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Investor perspectives on the significance of how managers approach sustainability

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- How are ESG considerations effecting allocations in Asia?
- To what extent is ESG and impact influencing allocations in Asia?
- Considering differences between investor expectations in Asia and globally
- How are investors navigating the challenges of ESG Data and reporting?
- What are the new areas LPs and family offices are asking questions of managers from?

Moderator: **Billy Cotter**, Head of ESG, **Dasseti**

Peter Dunbar, Principal – Responsible Investment, **StepStone Group**

Matthew Johns, Principal, ESG, **IH International Advisors**

Katy Yung, CEO, **Sustainable Finance Initiative**

Eimear Palmer, Partner, Global Head of Sustainability, **Pantheon Ventures**

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Fireside Chat: Moving beyond ESG to Impact - Aligning with the Impact Principles for a Roadmap and Competitive Advantage

- Why and how a leading Japanese ESG investor became a Signatory to the Operating Principles for Impact Management (the “Impact Principles”)
- Integrating impact throughout the investment lifecycle: an overview of the Impact Principles and value to GPs and LPs
- ESG and impact-driven investment strategy and value creation: Gender lens and other examples of driving better ESG, impact, and financial outcomes

Moderator: **Joohee Rand**, Head of Secretariat, Impact Principles, **The Global Impact Investing Network**

Jun Tsusaka, CEO, CIO, Chairman of ESG Committee and Management Committee Member, **NSSK**

Shu Hui Lim, APAC Sustainability and Impact Advisory, **UBS**

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Driving action on climate in Asian private equity

- Update on latest initiatives and take-up in Asia
- Practical strategies for effectively managing and reducing Scope 3 emissions
- Exploring the role of technology and digital innovation in advancing climate goals
- Case studies highlighting successful efforts by Asian firms to drive tangible and transformative change

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Moderator: Praveen Tekchandani, Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, **Ernst & Young**

Sarah Pang, Executive Director, Head of ESG & Sustainability, **Affinity Equity Partners**

Lauren Blasco, Partner, Capital Design, **The Radical Fund**

Euan Long, Climate Specialist, **Permira**

Prerna Divecha, Global Head of Market Development for ESG & Climate Credit Risk, **S&P Global Market Intelligence**

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Fireside chat: how a leading GP is developing its climate strategy

- Measurement to management – Why tracking the right KPIs is critical for climate success
- Advancing on the climate journey while keeping the final destination flexible
- Building a cohesive climate vision for a complex portfolio

Steven Okun, Southeast Asia Senior Advisor, **Global Private Capital Association** *in conversation with*

Tang Zongzhong, Head of Sustainability, Private Capital Asia, **EQT**

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Coffee & Networking

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To what extent is ESG a useful fundraising tool in the region?

- Considering how to tailor investor conversations in different countries
- Identifying effective strategies for measuring and communicating ESG performance to attract investors in the region
- Exploring how ESG considerations influence investor decisions
- Is there any sign of the ESG backlash impacting ESG in Asia?

Moderator: **Daniel Oehling**, Managing Director & Partner, **BCG**

Susli Lie, Partner, **Monk's Hill Ventures**

Yvonne Voon, Partner, **Fifth Wall**

Ganesh Rengaswamy, Managing Partner, **Quona Capital**

Khan Yow, Managing Director, **Seraya Partners**

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Practical tips to avoid greenwashing in private equity

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- Examples of greenwashing in PE investing and learnings from experiences
- Practical methodologies and tools for investors to effectively discern genuine ESG commitments from superficial claims
- What specific and verifiable data points should LPs use to gauge veracity of ESG claims?
- To what extent is 'greenhushing' a growing phenomenon?

Moderator: **Billy Cotter**, Head of ESG, **Dasseti**

Rosalind Bazany, Partner, Head of ESG and Impact, **Antler**

Amie Shuttleworth, Principal – Head of Sustainable Investment, **Undivided Ventures**

Ravi Bhatt, Head of Responsible Investment (ESG/Impact), **Apis Partners**

Rob Kaplan, Founder & CEO, **Circulate Capital**

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Interactive roundtable discussions over Lunch

A seated lunch enabling you to join a table of market participants with similar interests and expertise. Attendees will have a mix of tables to choose from, each table having a host to steer discussions.

- **Roundtable A: iCl – advancing the climate agenda**
Facilitator: **Eimear Palmer**, Partner, Global Head of Sustainability, **Pantheon Ventures**
- **Roundtable B: Delivering a climate data strategy**
Facilitator: **Laura Michie**, Associate, ESG, **Harbour**
- **Roundtable C: Value Creation**
Facilitator: **Daan Schipper**, Senior Director, Northern Europe, **Holtara, powered by Apex**
- **Roundtable D: Avoiding Greenwashing: Facilitator TBC**
Facilitator: **Billy Cotter**, Head of ESG, **Dasseti**

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Closing of conference