

Day 1 - Wednesday, December 4, 2019	
08:00 - 09:00	Registration, refreshments and networking
09:00 - 09:05	Chair's Introduction Renée Friedman, Head of Events and Strategic Content, Responsible Investor
09:05 - 09:10	Welcome Address Amisha Parekh, Product Manager, Sustainable Finance Solutions, Bloomberg
09:10 - 09:15	Investing for the SDGs across asset classes and markets. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary General
09:15 - 09:35	Keynote 1: The future of sustainable finance, business ethics & the bottom line. Tensie Whelan, Clinical Professor of Business and Society, Director, Center for Sustainable Business, NYU Stern School of Business
09:35 - 10.00	Keynote 2: Global policy challenges in the field of sustainable finance: new investment risks & opportunities. Alain Deckers, Head of Unit, Corporate Reporting, Audit and Credit Rating Agencies, DG FISMA, European Commission
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Plenary 1: How regulators are now driving corporate and financial sustainability requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Changes in global sustainable finance regulations such as the EU's Sustainable Finance Action Plan are significantly altering the investment landscape for asset owners and global fund managers. What will the impact be in the US?</i> • <i>What other global and domestic regulatory trends are changing the sustainable finance landscape?</i> • <i>Can the proposed Green New Deal set a new path for climate-aligned investment across the Americas?</i> • <i>Regulating the externalities of capitalism: can we expect more of it, how, and what could it mean for corporate activity and investment?</i> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Bertrand de Mazieres, Director General Finance, European Investment Bank Kirsty Jenkinson, Investment Director, Sustainable Investment & Stewardship Strategies, California State Teachers' Retirement System Mona Naqvi, Senior Director, Product Management, ESG Indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices Nadia Humphreys, Product Manager, Sustainable Finance Solutions, Bloomberg</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Hugh Wheelan, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
11:00 - 11:20	Morning networking break
11:20 - 11:50	Keynote 3 Abigail E. Disney, Founder, Level Forward

11:50 - 12:50	<p>Plenary 2: Investors and tech giants: creating accountable and sustainable growth models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the risk to tech stocks and investors of increasing action by regulators on antitrust, privacy, political interference and freedom of speech concerns?</i> • <i>What engagement strategies are most effective in managing ESG risks in the tech sector?</i> • <i>What does technology-driven economic growth mean for the future of diversified global portfolios?</i> • <i>Is sector concentration risk good for long-term investor returns?</i> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Katie Beith, Senior Investment Strategist, New Zealand Superannuation Fund Erica Furfaro Director, Senior Research Analyst for Media and Internet, ClearBridge Investments Ric Marshall, Executive Director, ESG Research, MSCI Paloma Muñoz Quick, Director, Investor Alliance for Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Yaël Eisenstat, Founder, Kilele Global LLC</p>		
12:50 - 13:40	Networking lunch		
	Bonds	The economics of energy	SDGs and impact investing
13:40 - 14:20	<p>a) The sovereign bond sustainability challenge: maximising returns while minimising risks.</p> <p><i>How do ESG-aligned bond investors manage risk in developed and emerging market sovereign allocations?</i></p> <p><i>Can engagement strategies work with sovereigns?</i></p> <p><i>What specific challenges do government-affiliated entities, (e.g., Saudi Aramco, CNOOC, and Huawei), pose for ESG investors?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Rachel Ziemba, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security</p> <p>Tony Campos, Head of Sustainable Investment, Americas, FTSE Russell</p> <p>David Wille, Economic Analyst, Verisk Maplecroft</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Ulf G. Erlandsson, Advisor, Diem Green Credit</p>	<p>a) What is needed to increase institutional project finance for clean tech?</p> <p><i>Trends and comparisons of clean energy and sustainable infrastructure investment strategy in the Americas and beyond.</i></p> <p><i>How are investors accessing clean energy opportunities and on what financing terms?</i></p> <p><i>How are policymakers and investors increasingly allying on green energy infrastructure finance?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Michel-André Volle, Global Head Investor Relations & Funding Solutions, Meridiam</p> <p>Delilah Rothenberg, Executive Director, The Pre-Distribution Initiative</p> <p>Pranab Ghosh, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Max Messervy, Senior Investment Consultant,</p>	<p>a) SDG-aligned investing: the why, the what and the how.</p> <p><i>How are the SDGs creating change and value through the business and institutional investment chain?</i></p> <p><i>What does the investment benchmarking of companies against SDG progress look like, and why do it?</i></p> <p><i>How do asset owners and society at large interpret successful SDG investment?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Bowen Gu, Investor Engagement Manager, Access to Medicine Foundation</p> <p>Namtse Namgyal, Head of Institutional Sales, North America, Trucost, part of S&P Global</p> <p>John Levy, Director of Impact, FT Real Asset Advisors, Franklin Templeton</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Nicole Johnson-Barnes, Research Analyst, Marquette Associates</p>

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14:30 - 15:10	<p>b) 21st century corporate bond trading: how data is driving ESG integration.</p> <p><i>Are ESG corporate bond ratings a reality yet? Is better data changing that?</i></p> <p><i>How are ESG bond investors influencing issuer behaviour?</i></p> <p><i>Are bond investors stepping up on corporate engagement strategies?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Anna Pot, Head of Responsible Investment Americas, Responsible Investments, APG</p> <p>Hugh Smith, Director, ESG Investing, Americas, Refinitiv</p> <p>David Hamilton, Head of Credit Analysis, Insight Investment</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Rajan Kundra, Lead, Finance Initiative, WWF</p>	<p>b) The cleaning up of dirty fossil fuels in North America.</p> <p><i>Energy evolution: from cleaner fossil fuels to new energy: what does the science and engineering say?</i></p> <p><i>Can big oil lead the transition from hydrocarbons to low carbon?</i></p> <p><i>How to invest in the net zero transition.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Nili Gilbert, Chairwoman of the Investment Committee, David Rockefeller Fund</p> <p>Greg Rogers, Co-Founder, Eratosthenes</p> <p>Michal Nachmany, Policy Fellow, London School of Economics, Transition Pathways Initiative</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Faith Ward Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Brunel Pension Partnership</p>	<p>b) Private wealth and sustainability linked returns.</p> <p><i>How big is the HNW demand for sustainability-themed investment, and why?</i></p> <p><i>How are family offices actually thinking about growing sustainability allocations in their portfolios? What's the proof?</i></p> <p><i>Are HNWIs and family offices getting insights and access to sustainability-related returns that institutions aren't?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Raymond Joseph Co-Head, Citi Investment Management</p> <p>Lindsay Suter, AIA, LEED AP, Architect</p> <p>Amy Farrell, Sustainable and Impact Investing Senior Investment Specialist, UBS Asset Management</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>William Burckart President & COO, The Investment Integration Project</p>
15:10 - 15:40	Afternoon networking break sponsored by Ideal Ratings		
15:40 - 16:20	<p>c) Green and blue bonds: a scalable solution?</p> <p><i>From niche to normal: can green bonds become a portfolio standard?</i></p> <p><i>The role of green and blue debt in city and state development.</i></p> <p><i>How are investors assessing the sustainability credentials of debt finance?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Anna Zubets-Anderson, Vice President – Senior Analyst, Corporate Finance Group, Moody's Investors Service</p>	<p>c) TCFD reporting and climate risk scenario analysis. What's next for global investors?</p> <p><i>Scenario analysis: how to practically assess the low carbon future for investment relevance?</i></p> <p><i>The evolution of climate-related financial disclosure practices.</i></p> <p><i>Common language: will US companies be affected by a lack of mandatory ESG disclosure?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>David Richardson, Executive Director, Client Service & Business Development, Impax Asset Management</p>	<p>c) Endowments and ESG: setting the sustainability standard.</p> <p><i>Do endowments have a particular role in widening the ESG agenda, or will they be pushed into this role?</i></p> <p><i>Endowments are at the cutting edge of long-term investment strategies: can this cross over into sustainability themes?</i></p> <p><i>How can endowment leadership translate into positive investment/societal outcomes?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Dan Chu, Executive Director, Sierra Club Foundation</p>

	<p>Holger Mertens, Head Portfolio Manager - Global Credit, Nikko Asset Management</p> <p>Rob Weary, Deputy Managing Director, Blue Bonds, NatureVest</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Ekaterina Grigoryeva, Environment and Social Development Specialist, World Bank</p>	<p>Eli Angen, Principal, Responsible Investing, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan</p> <p>Jill Johnson, Investment Officer, Seattle City Employees' Retirement System</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Didem Nisanci, Global Head of Public Policy, Bloomberg</p>	<p>Tamara Larsen, Executive Director, Perella Weinberg Partners</p> <p>Esther Pan Sloane, Head, Partnerships, Policy and Communications, UNCDF</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Clara Vondrich, Director, Divest Invest</p>
<p>16:35 - 17:35</p>	<p>Plenary 3: Reality bites - climate science and the investor response.</p> <p>A discussion between climate scientists, macroeconomists, investors and insurers as to how climate change will affect the global economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How does science view and model climate physical risk over short- to long-term timeframes?</i> • <i>How are insurers and investors modelling non-linear climate risks?</i> • <i>How should they deal with associated volatility measures?</i> • <i>How are investors building resilience across global portfolios?</i> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Dave Jones, Senior Director, Environmental Risk, The Nature Conservancy Alan Hsu Global Industry Analyst and Portfolio Manager, Wellington Management Kristina Rüter, Executive Director and Head of Methodology, ISS ESG Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, US Navy (Ret), Advisory Board Member, The Center for Climate and Security</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Nidia Martínez, Director Climate Risk Analytics Capital, Science & Policy Practice, Willis Towers Watson</p>		
<p>17:35 - 17.55</p>	<p>Keynote 4: The energy transition and financial markets in the age of Trumponomics</p> <p>Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can investors respond to the new protectionist paradigm in global trade, calls for more inclusive capitalism, and the immediate threats of climate change?</i> • <i>Maintaining investment performance while managing the risks associated with the global rise of populist politics and policies.</i> • <i>What does a fraying social contract mean for investment risks and opportunities across key markets?</i> 		
<p>17:55 - 19:00</p>	<p>Cocktail reception and networking sponsored by Eurex</p>		

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	Infrastructure, banks/insurers and alternatives	Sustainable equities	AI, data analytics and the tech revolution
09:00 - 09:40	<p>d) Debating ESG integration in private equity: risk mitigation or value creation?</p> <p><i>Is ESG integration a risk mitigant or a value creator for private equity investors?</i></p> <p><i>What is the current investment gap on sustainable infrastructure and what is the role of PE in financing this?</i></p> <p><i>What are GPs promising and delivering on ESG? Where are assets in all of this?</i></p> <p><i>How should investors look at sustainable value creation within deal terms?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Nandini Hampole, Manager, Financial Services, BSR</p> <p>Ana Carolina Kliemann, Lawyer Specialist in Corporate Law, Capital Markets and ESG Integration, Kliemann Law Firm</p> <p>Francis H. Byrd, Managing Partner, Alchemy Strategies</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Rick Walters, Director, Infrastructure, GRESB</p>	<p>d) Rights and responsibilities: investors and the S in ESG.</p> <p><i>Reputational risk and human/labour rights: what is the impact of human/labour rights risks on long-term shareholder value?</i></p> <p><i>How can engagement influence corporate behaviour and long-term value creation?</i></p> <p><i>How do ESG ratings agencies assess the materiality of human/labour rights?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Sophie L'Hélias, President, Leaders XXchange</p> <p>Juliette Laplane, Senior Sustainability Auditor, Vigeo Eiris</p> <p>Hans-Christoph Hirt, Executive Director, Hermes Investment Management</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Edward Kamonjoh, ESG/Sustainability Specialist</p>	<p>d) Risk: the rise of the sustainable data machines!</p> <p><i>How tech and machine learning is compiling bigger and better ESG data.</i></p> <p><i>The increasing accessibility of satellite technology and its integration into environmental investing and stewardship</i></p> <p><i>Can algorithm-led business models respect ESG principles?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Lenora Suki, Product Manager, Sustainable Finance Solutions, Bloomberg</p> <p>Philipp Aeby, CEO, RepRisk</p> <p>Phillip Bruner, CEO, ENIAN</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Henrik K Jeppesen, Head of Investor Outreach, North America, Carbon Tracker Initiative</p>
09:50 - 10:30	<p>e) Banks, insurers and climate risk stress-testing.</p> <p><i>How could climate stress tests shift behaviour in the banking and insurance sectors?</i></p> <p><i>How are the Principles for Responsible Banking and Insurance changing the financial sector's approach to ESG?</i></p> <p><i>Does "sustainable" banking and insurance cross national and continental boundaries?</i></p>	<p>e) The fight over shareholder rights.</p> <p><i>What chance a truce between companies and investors on shareholder voting rights and corporate governance? Can the SEC be a respected arbiter?</i></p> <p><i>The increasing pressure on companies to disclose where they stand on lobbying on the big social/sustainability issues; where is it heading?</i></p> <p><i>How political (and transparent) should companies be with</i></p>	<p>e) Smart returns: do big data and artificial intelligence offer opportunities to enhance ESG returns?</p> <p><i>How new technologies for data monitoring, management and reporting can create sustainable returns.</i></p> <p><i>Can new technologies help uncover alpha signals in ESG data?</i></p> <p><i>Do tech-driven data solutions improve sustainability analysis across asset classes?</i></p>

	<p>Speakers</p> <p>Ivan Frishberg, First Vice President, Director of Impact Policy, Amalgamated Bank</p> <p>Yoon Kim, Global Director of Client Services, Four Twenty Seven</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Gabriel Thoumi, Director, Planet Tracker</p>	<p><i>investor capital, and how are investors managing the risk?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Sanford Lewis, Director, Shareholder Rights Group</p> <p>Rob Du Boff, ESG Analyst, Bloomberg Intelligence</p> <p>Bhakti Mirchandani, Managing Director, Focusing Capital on the Long Term Initiative</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Richard A. Bennett, President and CEO, ValueEdge Advisors</p>	<p><i>How are new technologies driving changes in the structure of the ESG research industry?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Thomas Kuh, Head of Index, Truvalue Labs</p> <p>Joshua Livnat, Professor Emeritus of Accounting, New York University Stern School of Business</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Jeff Cohen, CAIA, Institutional Product Strategist, SASB</p>
10:30 - 11:10	Networking break		
11:10 - 11:50	<p>f) Smart cities and resilient urban development.</p> <p><i>What are smart cities and how can they contribute to a low carbon future?</i></p> <p><i>Why does ESG data matter for property investors and municipal governments?</i></p> <p><i>How are the themes underlying smart cities captured in investment portfolios?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Jaffer Machano, Municipal Investment Finance Program Manager, UNCDF</p> <p>Laura Craft, Senior Vice President, Head of Global ESG Strategy, Heitman</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Paula Pagniez, Director, Capital, Science and Policy Practice, Willis Towers Watson</p>	<p>f) Central banks & regulators: getting serious on climate risk.</p> <p><i>Will the Fed take action on climate risk?</i></p> <p><i>Central banks and ESG: what do investors need to know?</i></p> <p><i>What could green monetary policy mean for investors?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Sonja Gibbs, Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance, Institute of International Finance</p> <p>Francois Haas, Senior Representative for the Americas, Banque de France</p> <p>David Lunsford, Executive Director, Head of Climate Strategy & Policy, MSCI</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Laura Zizzo, Founder & CEO, Mantle314</p>	<p>f) Agriculture and ESG.</p> <p><i>The data on how climate, water and biodiversity risks are impacting the agriculture sector.</i></p> <p><i>How might agricultural commodity prices evolve in a volatile global market?</i></p> <p><i>How are investors pushing agricultural companies to better identify and disclose ESG risks?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Eleanor Spencer, SPOTT Engagement and Impacts Co-ordinator, Zoological Society of London</p> <p>Matthew Piotrowski, Senior Analyst, Climate Advisers</p> <p>Sanaz Raczynski Managing Director, Head of Sustainability Real Assets and Private Markets, Nuveen</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Joshua Humphreys, President, Croatian Institute</p>
12:00 - 12:40	<p>g) ESG in alternatives.</p> <p><i>Are derivatives a credible and cost effective way to manage sustainability risks?</i></p>	<p>g) Corporate governance, reputational risk, and why ESG matters.</p> <p><i>Shareholder litigation and ESG: making investors whole again</i></p>	<p>g) Food: sustainability and security.</p> <p><i>Climate change and food production: the crucial link</i></p>

	<p><i>Real estate, climate risk & green asset bubbles: quantifying the problem</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Tim McCourt, Managing Director and Global Head of Equity Products and Alternative Investments, CME Group</p> <p>Rachna Mathur, Head of Equity and Index Sales, Americas, Eurex</p> <p>Chrissa Pagitsas, VP, Enterprise Environmental, Social, Governance, Fannie Mae</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Bill Harrington, Senior Fellow, Croatian Institute</p>	<p><i>after corporate governance failures.</i></p> <p><i>ESG litigation insurance: how would this work?</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Alberto Thomas, Partner, Fideres Partners</p> <p>Kenneth E. McNeil, Partner, Susman Godfrey</p> <p>Ali van Nes, Senior Vice President, Senior Director, Regulatory Solutions, FactSet</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Danielle Fugere, President, As You Sow</p>	<p><i>The inputs, impacts and costs of growing: aligning the producer, consumer and investor perspectives.</i></p> <p><i>Beyond the burger: are meat alternatives a healthy choice for North American investors?</i></p> <p><i>Society's shifting eating and drinking habits: the financial implications.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Detlef Schoen, Managing Partner, NewAg Partners</p> <p>Peter Williams, President, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction</p> <p>Carole Laible, CEO, Domini Impact Investments</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Sarah McCracken, Manager, Investor Engagement, Ceres</p>
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12:40 - 13:40	Networking lunch
13:40 - 14:10	<p>A Fireside Chat with the Net Zero Asset Owners' Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the Net Zero Asset Owners' Alliance?</i> • <i>What should companies & investment intermediaries know about asset owner action on Paris Agreement targets?</i> • <i>What are the implications for North American and global investors of the NZAOA work?</i> • <i>What makes the NZAOA unique from other investor initiatives?</i> • <i>What's next for the NZAOA?</i> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Bertrand Millot, Head of Stewardship, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Hugh Wheelan, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
14:10 - 15:10	<p>Plenary 4: The future of global energy: how is the energy transition and investor engagement on the challenge of climate change changing the sector?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is the market really responding to growing pressure for climate action from scientists and the public?</i> • <i>How are the world's largest energy companies like Chevron, ExxonMobil and Saudi Aramco, assessing the future of the global energy system? Who's right?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Can the North American shale gas boom continue? Examining the investors vs producer view.</i> • <i>Is this all about corporate reporting and accounting standards or more fundamental market dynamics?</i> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Lisa Epifani, ESG Engagement Manager, Chevron Mark Campanale, Founder, Carbon Tracker Initiative Nalini Feuilloley, Director, Responsible Investment Team, BMO Global Asset Management North America</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Alyson Genovese, Director, GRI Regional Hub US & Canada</p>
15:10 - 15:20	<p>Close of RI New York 2019</p> <p>Renée Friedman, Head of Events and Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>