



December 7-9, 2021

Day 1 - Tuesday, 7th December 2021

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09.30 - 10.00	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Keynote</b></p> <p>Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder &amp; Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
10.15 - 11.15	<p><b>Plenary 1: The role of the US in setting global ESG standards, and the double materiality debate</b></p> <p><i>Where do US policymakers, regulators and investors stand on ESG regulation and the double materiality debate?</i>  <i>Can US investment houses remain competitive if standards differ from other jurisdictions?</i>  <i>Is there a disconnect between the US' role in promoting ESG on the global stage and the reality of everyday domestic investment practice?</i></p>
11.30 - 12.15	<p><b>Deep Dive 1: Challenges and opportunities in the maturing North American green/blue bond market</b></p> <p><i>Is the green bond market under threat from dwindling 'greeniums'?</i>  <i>How are investors using data to verify the sustainability credentials of debt finance?</i>  <i>Where's the sustainable debt issuance going to be, and how should investors be thinking about their bond portfolios around big ticket climate themes like energy and transport?</i></p>
12.30 - 13.30	<p><b>Plenary 2: What does 2021's record proxy year mean for shareholder rights and engagement, and what to expect in 2022?</b></p> <p><i>After Exxon, are successful proxy battles now the new 'norm'; and what does that mean?</i>  <i>Can we expect increasingly progressive resolutions as the SEC enlarges its criteria?</i>  <i>Is the push to act on political lobbying in proxy season here to stay?</i>  <i>How smaller shareholders are continuing to engage despite recent SEC regulation</i></p>

Day 2 - Wednesday, 8th December 2021

10.00 - 11.00	<p><b>Plenary 3: Diversity and Inclusion: how US investors can create fundamental change</b></p> <p><i>The myth of the data gap in addressing racial equality and workplace equity</i>  <i>Discussing the materiality of diversity and inclusion after a record proxy season</i>  <i>How investors and regulators are addressing diversity within financial organisations in the US, and how those groups are responding</i></p>
11.15 - 12.00	<p><b>Deep Dive 2: How are companies and investors responding to regulatory guidance on climate risk and scenario analysis</b></p> <p><i>The evolution of mandatory climate-related financial disclosure in the US</i>  <i>What comes next, and how are investors planning to accelerate scenario analysis with better data?</i>  <i>TCFD reporting: soon to become mandatory in the US?</i></p>

12.15 - 12.45	<b>Keynote</b>
14.00 - 14.45	<p><b>Deep Dive 3: We've heard the pledges...now how do we actually decarbonise the US economy to net zero?</b></p> <p><i>Net zero initiatives and alliances: do the pledging organisations really know how to do the work? What actions are needed to shift the fossil fuel-reliant economy to Net Zero? Why US investors should use the primary market to contribute to net zero</i></p>

**Day 3 - Thursday, 9th December 2021**

10.00 - 11.00	<p><b>Plenary 4: Regulator and Investor lead initiatives to fight greenwashing in the US</b></p> <p><i>What can investors expect from the SEC's Task Force to fight misleading ESG statements? What do the SEC's incoming ESG disclosure rules for fund managers actually mean? Walking the talk: what does a credible ESG strategy look like and how does it work operationally for asset managers?</i></p>
11.15 - 12.00	<p><b>Deep Dive 4: Investing in sustainable real estate and infrastructure under Biden's \$1.2 trillion plan</b></p> <p><i>Weather-related events in Miami and California have shown climate risk to be a tangibly material issue for infrastructure and real estate. How can investors address physical risk, insurance, energy costs and asset depreciation? Is the new US infrastructure plan really bringing new opportunities to investors? The case for US investors to invest in local infrastructure projects to drive impact and returns Future proofing property by engaging with building occupants</i></p>
12.15 - 13.00	<p><b>This House Believes: debating how investors should navigate the rapidly evolving and contradictory manoeuvres of state lawmakers</b></p> <p><i>What should be the role of state lawmakers in the fossil fuels and firearms divesting debate? Should responsible investors welcome the bills from Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey and more? Or is this only creating a new terrain for partisan politics? What the Department of Labour's latest amendment of ERISA means for sustainable investors Have divestment campaigns become the new face of partisan US politics?</i></p>
14.00 - 14.45	<p><b>Deep Dive 5: ESG Data in a year of proliferating disclosure requirements</b></p> <p><i>Is ESG data good enough for investors to comply with increasing reporting requirements in the US? If not, what's missing? How can big ESG data help investors better model future scenarios for climate change across sectors and assets? The race for reliable data to address the "S" of ESG</i></p>