Asset Management with Climate Risk Conference

Tuesday January 23rd 2018

Organised by the Centre for Asset Management Research (CAMR) at Cass Business School

This conference which features both leading practitioners and academics will discuss how fund management companies should integrate climate risk considerations into their approach to portfolio construction.

Programme

8.30-8.40: Welcome and Introduction
(Aneel Keswani, Cass Business School)

8.40-9.00: Arjan Trinks (University of Groningen)
"Fossil Fuel Divestment and Portfolio Performance"

9.00-9.15: Discussion

9:15-9:35 Steffen Hörter (Global Head of ESG, Allianz Global Investors) "**Integration of climate investment risk and opportunity into portfolio strategy"**

9.35-9.50: Discussion

9.50-10:10 Carine Smith Ihenacho, (Global Head of Ownership Strategies, Norges Bank Investment Management) **"An overview of climate change and ownership activities for the Norwegian sovereign wealth fund"**

10.10-10:25 Discussion

10:25-10:50 Tea/Coffee break

10:50-11.10 Meryam Omi (Head of sustainability and responsible investment strategy, Legal and General Investment Management) **"The impact of our own choices"**

11.10-11.25: Discussion

11.25-11.45: Ian Simm (CEO, Impax Asset Management Group) **"Quantifying and managing Carbon Risk in investment portfolios"**

11:45-11:55 Discussion

12:00 Conference ends

Organiser: Aneel Keswani (Cass Business School)

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

Steffen Hoerter is the Global Head of ESG at Allianz Global Investors which he joined in 2001. He is internationally responsible for the ESG integration strategy at AllianzGI including ESG Policy and Framework, ESG Investment Positioning, ESG Investment Offering/ Product Design and ESG Client Investment Advisory. Dr Hoerter has published various whitepapers and thought leader pieces on financial materiality of ESG in Equities, ESG in Corporate Fixed Income, ESG in Sovereign Bonds and ESG in Strategic Asset Allocation. Between 2010 and 2016 he has been advising institutional investors, in particular pension funds in Europe on investment strategy, risk management and ESG. Prior to joining Allianz Global Investors, Dr Hoerter worked as a Management Consultant for banks and risk management at an international consultancy firm. Dr Hoerter studied Business Administration in Regensburg, Edinburgh and Ingolstadt/Eichstaett. He holds a doctorate from the Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, where he worked as a lecturer at the Department of Finance and Banking at WFI – Ingolstadt School of Management.

Carine Smith Ihenacho is the Global Head of Ownership Strategies at Norges Bank Investment Management, the manager of Norway’s sovereign wealth fund. Carine is responsible for leading and developing the fund's responsible investment strategy and activities. She was previously the Global Chief Compliance Officer at Statoil, where she was responsible for Statoil’s business ethics and compliance programmes. Carine has more than 25 years’ experience as a lawyer, both in the financial and oil and gas industry and at law firms. She has in addition served as a non-executive director on several boards. Carine holds a law degree from the University of Oslo, a Masters of Economics from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and a Masters of Law from Harvard Law School.

Meryam Omi is the Head of Sustainability & Responsibility Investment Strategy at Legal and General Investment Management. Meryam is responsible for engaging on sustainability themes globally and development of responsible investment product solutions. She leads on the project to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects into the fundamental research of mainstream funds and to carry out sector/theme specific engagements on key sustainability topics, such as climate change, water and corporate tax policy. Meryam has over 12 years of investment experience in asset management companies, starting her career as a business proposal writer for fixed income funds. She joined LGIM in 2008 to set up a business proposal team and project managed various marketing and sales initiatives across a wide range of products and capabilities. After completing an MSc in Environmental Decision Making, she joined the Corporate Governance team in 2010 to establish the engagement programme on environmental and social topics as LGIM signed up to the UN Principles of Responsible Investment and the UK Stewardship Code. She is on the board of Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change and an advisory board of Finance Dialogue on Climate Change and Environmental Risk and Energy Unlocked.

Ian Simm is the Founder and Chief Executive of Impax Asset Management Group plc. Ian has been responsible for building the company since its launch in 1998, and continues to head the listed equities and real assets investment committees. Prior to Impax, Ian was an engagement manager at McKinsey & Company advising clients on resource efficiency issues. In 2013 he was appointed by the Secretary of State (Senior Minister) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy as a member of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), the UK’s leading funding agency for environmental science. He has a first class honours degree in physics from Cambridge University and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University.