ELEVATED PANEL

How can sustainability approaches be integrated into the investment process?

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Lucas is responsible for Sustainability Investing Delivery for Global Clients on behalf of Robeco and RobecoSAM. In this role he focuses on identifying and understanding client's sustainability investing needs and orchestrating the development and delivery of Sustainability Investing solutions. Lucas uses his extensive knowledge of the investment know-how and product capabilities across the entire Robeco Group to effectively execute solutions on behalf of institutional and wholesale clients. His tenure at RobecoSAM began as a Sustainability Investing Client Specialist, focusing on solutions for asset owners, where he also assumed responsibility for sales and client relationships in Northern Europe. Prior to joining RobecoSAM, Lucas spent three years as Head of Buy-side clients at STOXX Ltd, where he was responsible for global sales and business development for institutional clients. In this role, he also successfully launched several new and innovative sustainable and quant indices. Lucas's career also includes positions at ASSET4 (an ESG data provider), Capital Efficiency Group (Mezzanine Financing) and ABN AMRO / ABN AMRO Rothschild. He holds a BBA from the Rotterdam School of Economics and Business Administration. He joined RobecoSAM in 2013.

Hilde Jenssen

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Hilde Jenssen joined Nordea Asset Management as the Product Manager of the Fundamental Equities team in June 2018. Previously, Hilde was a Portfolio Specialist and a Portfolio Manager at Skagen emerging markets equity fund. Hilde has spent most of her finance career in New York, where she started as an equity research analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston and later joined Goldman Sachs equity derivatives team. Hilde has taught courses at Columbia Business school in derivatives and capital markets and she co-founded two liquid alternative funds. Hilde received her MBA at Columbia Business School.

Pascal Menges

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Pascal Menges is a Client Portfolio Manager in Global Equities within Lombard Odier IM. Before joining us in May 2006, Pascal was a sell-side analyst at Exane BNP Paribas, covering the European energy sector having held the same position at Oddo Pinatton. He began his career at Elf Aquitaine/ Total. Pascal earned a master's degree in finance from Reims Management Business School (France) and benefitted from the MBA's exchange program with the Queensland University of Technology (Australia). He holds the Certified International Investment Analyst (CIIA) designation.

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Mr. Pothalingam is an executive vice president in the London office and a portfolio manager focusing on U.K. credit investing in the European portfolio management group. Prior to joining PIMCO in 2009, he was a credit fund manager with Threadneedle

Investments in London. Before that, he was with Lehman Brothers in London as executive director, responsible for sterling credit trading. He previously spent 11 years with HSBC Holdings in London and Tokyo. He has 31 years of investment and financial services experience and holds an undergraduate degree from University College London and a diploma (niveau moyen) from L'Institut D'Etudes Francaises de Tours. He holds the Investment Management Certificate and is a member of the UK Society of Investment Professionals.

Pierin Menzli

Head of Thematic Equities, J. Safra Sarasin Asset Management

Pierin Menzli has more than 15 years of experience in institutional asset management with a focus on sustainable investing. He recently assumed responsability for all thematic equities strategies at Bank J. Safra Sarasin. Pierin joined the bank as Head of Sustainable Investment Research in 2013. In this role he launched the second generation of sustainable investing, with a focus on performance an impact- based strategies built on in-depth research and innovation. He re-established the Bank's external Advisory Council that allows the bank to work in close partnership with international academic partners. He is a co-founder and member of the board of Contrat Capital, a specialist advisory consultancy in sustainable investing. Pierin is a current board member of Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF). He contributed to the launch of the first sustainable investments tool kit for Swiss asset owners. From 2002 until 2010, Pierin worked at SAM (now RobecoSAM), where he was the Head of Research being responsible for an international analyst team. He is a regular speaker at national and international investor conferences. Pierin hold a Master of Arts with specialization in environnmental economics from the University of St. Gallen.