



# CREATING VALUE THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY

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## SPEAKERS

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**Heike Schmitz** is Partner at **Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer**. She has worked in various roles in the insurance and investment industry for more than 16 years. Heike advises on all aspects of insurance investments, fund structuring and formation as well as regulatory matters. A particular focus lies on sustainable and impact investing in liquid and illiquid asset classes and the implementation of the EU Sustainable Finance framework for funds, asset managers, insurers and pension funds across Europe.

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**Leslie Kapin** is Partner and Director of Impact at **Astanor Ventures**. Leslie joined Astanor in 2019 and is responsible for monitoring sustainability and impact. She brings more than 13 years' experience in global asset management within both the private and public sector. After 9 years with global asset manager Russell Investments as a research analyst and portfolio manager for the Asian equity markets in London, Paris and Sydney, Leslie joined the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel where she was responsible for the selection of all the investments for the BIS's Pension Fund for three years. Leslie is a member of Invest Europe's ESG Committee.

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**Maaïke van der Schoot** is **Carlyle AlInvest**'s Head of Responsible Investment. She is based in Amsterdam. In her role, she leads the development and implementation of Carlyle AlInvest's Responsible Investment strategy. Maaïke joined Carlyle AlInvest in 2002. Prior to her current role, she was an investment manager in the Co-Investment team. Maaïke previously worked at Morgan Stanley in London as an investment banking analyst. Maaïke received an MSc in Financial Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam.

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**Manuela Fumarola** is an Associate Partner at ERM, who specializes in driving value creation through ESG strategies within private equity firms and their portfolio companies. At abrdn Private Equity, she spearheaded the implementation of climate change strategies and led efforts under SFDR, launching an Article 8+ fund. Prior, at M&G Investments, she invested in primary and co-investment deals across Europe and Asia, shaping the firm's ESG strategy and launching its first Impact Fund of Funds. Her work in private equity influenced M&G's contributions to the ILPA ESG Assessment Framework.

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