



AUTUMN CONFERENCE

24 - 25 NOVEMBER 2021

24 November – Day 1 – The Big Picture

10:00	Opening Remarks: <i>James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</i>
10:00	<p>Panel: COP26: What are the main takeaways from the Summit, and what comes next? COP26 was a chance for the UK to demonstrate their leadership in the sustainability sphere, but what was discussed, what was decided and what comes next for the industry?</p> <p><i>Moderator: James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</i> <i>Chris Dodwell, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Impax Asset Management</i> <i>Helena Wright, Policy Director, FAIRR Initiative</i></p>
10:40	<p>Panel: How can fixed income investing drive progress to net zero? Most investors have now developed their approaches for equity investments, but for fixed income investors the path to net-zero has not been so clear. This panel will consider the specific challenges for fixed-income investors and fixed-income portfolios in becoming aligned with net zero pathways.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Oscar Warwick Thompson, Senior Policy and Communications Manager, UKSIF</i> <i>Nachu Chockalingam, Senior Credit Portfolio Manager, International, Federated Hermes</i> <i>John Martin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Plutus Consulting</i></p>
11:20	Coffee Break
11:40	<p>UKSIF Update on the UK's 'Green Taxonomy' and work of the GTAG How is the UK's green taxonomy development going? What has the government announced so far? Will there be a standardisation of regulation between the UK and the EU?</p> <p><i>James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</i> <i>Oscar Warwick Thompson, Senior Policy and Communications Manager, UKSIF</i></p>
12:00	<p>Panel: A Social Taxonomy: what are the EU's proposed changes? In July, the EU unveiled their Draft Proposal for a Social Taxonomy proposal, which outlines benchmarks or processes which may be applied within economic entities to avoid and address adverse impacts and definitions of activities which contribute to social rights. What would the implementation mean for UK financial services? Would this be mirrored in UK regulation? What are the challenges with the taxonomy? What are the challenges for investors in measuring social issues?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Oscar Warwick Thompson, Senior Policy and Communications Manager, UKSIF</i> <i>Elizabeth Gillam, Head of EU Government Relations and Public Policy, Invesco</i> <i>Jimmy Grear, VP – Analyst Outreach and Research, Moody's ESG Solutions, Moody's</i> <i>Will Martindale, Group Head of Sustainability, Cardano</i></p>
12:45	Lunch
13:15	<p>In conversation: The importance of engagement <i>Michael O'Leary, Managing Director, Engine No. 1</i></p>
13:45	<p>Keynote and Q&A: The EU Taxonomy: challenges and solutions <i>Rodolphe Bocquet, VP Partnerships and Regulation, Clarity AI</i></p>



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14:15	<p>Panel: Planetary boundaries</p> <p>The framework outlines the nine boundaries within which humanity can safely operate and develop without disrupting the stability and resilience of the planet, and there are already four Planetary Boundaries humanity has crossed (climate change, biodiversity loss, land-system change, and biogeochemical flows). What is the role of financial services in helping us to operate within the boundaries? How can the framework help you to assess risk?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Sally Kramers, Head of Events and Partnerships, UKSIF</i> <i>Jennifer Boscardin-Ching, Client Portfolio Manager - Environmental thematic investing, Pictet Asset Management</i> <i>Annabel Nelson, Head of ESG Policy & Disclosure, M&G plc</i> <i>Yan Swiderski, Co-Founder, Global Returns Project</i></p>
14:55	<p>Financing a Just Transition: Putting people and communities at the heart of sustainable investment</p> <p><i>Kate Elliot, Head of Ethical, Sustainable and Impact Research Team, Rathbone Greenbank Investments</i></p>
15:25	<p>Closing Remarks: James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</p>
15:30	<p>Day 1 close</p>

25 November – Day 2 – The Sectoral Dimension

10:00	<p>Opening Remarks: James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</p>
10:00	<p>Panel: Is there a future for cryptocurrency in sustainability?</p> <p>The cryptocurrency industry has exploded since bitcoin first hit the market in 2009, and estimates value it as worth over \$2trn. With its rise in popularity, however, come questions around its ESG criteria. Is crypto mining environmentally sustainable? What is being done around the diversity problem? Is crypto more socially inclusive than fiat currencies?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Bhaveer Shah, Sovereign Fixed Income ESG Lead, MSCI</i> <i>Paul Frost-Smith, CEO, Corinthian Digital</i> <i>Glen Moutrie, Data Scientist, Sustainable Investment, London Stock Exchange Group</i> <i>Professor Yu Xiong, Associate Dean International, Surrey University</i></p>
10:40	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:50	<p>Panel: Powering the sustainable future</p> <p>With the fuel crisis in the not so distant past, investors are turning towards renewable and sustainable power at an ever-increasing speed. How do different energy sources stack up? What do investors prefer? Are controversial energy methods riskier? Where do biomass and nuclear stand in investor priorities and can they help deliver progress towards the transition?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jamie Melrose, Investment Analyst, Guinness Asset Management</i> <i>Matthew Clayton, Managing Director, Thrive Renewables</i> <i>Patrick Hubert, Lead, SI Publications, London Stock Exchange Group</i> <i>Imran Hussain, Portfolio Manager, Foresight Group</i> <i>Carman Mak, Green Finance Consultant, ISS ESG.</i></p>
11:30	<p>Keynote and Q&A: The green finance roadmap</p> <p><i>Adam Lyons, Head, Green Finance Unit – HM Treasury</i></p>
12:00	<p>Lunch</p>



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13:00	<p>Panel: How can financial services drive social mobility</p> <p>What can the financial service industry do to drive social change? What are the most impactful devices? How can working for social change increase returns?</p> <p><i>Moderator: James Alexander, Chief Executive, UKSIF</i> <i>David Aujla, Deputy Fund Manager, Invesco</i> <i>Mike Penrose, Co-Founder, The Sustainability Group</i> <i>Swati Pujari, Founder of the Gender Lens Project and Program Coordinator, Impact Investing Institute</i></p>
13:45	<p>Panel: The future of work post-Covid</p> <p>During the pandemic, the financial services have shown themselves to be resilient to remote working and virtual meetings but what does this mean for the future? Will in-person meetings return despite the travel time? How have office spaces evolved in the months since reopening? Is the City of London recovering? How do you reintroduce the channels of knowledge sharing? How can we best promote young talent in a WFH environment?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Katharina Lindmeier, Senior Responsible Investment Manager, NEST</i> <i>Katie Frame, Active Ownership Manager, Schroders</i> <i>Joanna Turner, Head of Property Research, Canada Life Asset Management</i></p>
14:30	Day close
17:00 - 20:00	Drinks reception