Andrea Jung, President & Chief Executive Officer, Grameen America, Inc.

Andrea Jung is President and Chief Executive Officer of Grameen America, the fastest-growing microfinance organization in the United States. The former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Avon Products, Inc., and longtime champion of women’s issues, Ms. Jung was appointed by Grameen’s Founder and Chairman and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus to the position in April 2014. Founded in 2008, Grameen America is dedicated to helping women who live in poverty build small businesses to create better lives for their families. The organization has invested more than $870 million in women’s small businesses around the country.

Ms. Jung, the longest-serving female chief executive in the Fortune 500, is respected as a trailblazer for women. She served as CEO of Avon from 1999 through April 2012, and as Chairman from 2001 through December 2012. As Avon’s first woman CEO and Chairman, Ms. Jung was also the first woman to serve as Chairman of the Cosmetic, Toiletry & Fragrance Association, and as Chairman of the World Federation of Direct Selling Associations.

During her tenure at Avon, she was responsible for developing and expanding economic earnings opportunities for over six million women in more than 100 countries. She has been lauded globally for her pursuit of public-private partnerships to end violence against women and to stem the breast cancer epidemic. Under her leadership, the Avon Foundation for Women raised and awarded nearly $1 billion to support health and empowerment causes, becoming the largest women-focused corporate philanthropy around the world. Ms. Jung’s efforts were recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative, which in 2010 honored her with the Clinton Global Citizen Award for her visionary leadership in solving pressing global challenges.


Ms. Jung is a graduate of Princeton University. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Apple Inc., Unilever, Rockefeller Capital Management, and Wayfair Inc. She previously served on the boards of General Electric and Daimler AG.
Anne Amanda Bangasser, Director, Treehouse Investments

Anne Amanda Bangasser has been with Treehouse Investments and Aspenall Energies since 2011 when she built out and directed Aspenall’s renewable energy development engineering team. A civil engineer by training, Anne Amanda designed Treehouse’s due diligence framework for evaluating the engineering-related aspects of investments, including project feasibility and impact, and oversees the design of renewable energy projects acquired and developed by Aspenall.

As a female engineer, Anne Amanda is keenly aware of issues of gender diversity and has devoted a lot of time to studying gender inequality and integrating women’s empowerment into impact investments. She directs Treehouse’ gender-targeted investment strategy. Anne Amanda has worked previously in water and wastewater treatment design and construction in the US and the UK and as engineering support to the UN peacekeeping mission in Côte d’Ivoire. She has undergraduate degrees from Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology and an MSc from the University of Wales.

Drianne Benner, CFA, Managing Director

Drianne Benner is a Managing Director for Appomattox and joined in 2010. She has over 30 years’ experience in investment management. She is responsible for business development and client service. Previously, she was Global Marketing Director at Cadogan Management where she was responsible for overseeing firm-wide marketing and client communications for institutional and family office clients. Prior to joining Cadogan, she spent ten years, most recently as a Managing Director, at U.S. Trust Company, where she developed and led client and marketing initiatives focused on investment communications, initiated an institutional consultant relations program and serviced large institutional clients.

Before that she worked at Paribas Asset Management, a global asset management firm, in a variety of roles including institutional and consultant relations to some of the largest U.S. pension funds and as a manager of portfolios in an enhanced quantitative strategy. She earned a BA from Pennsylvania State University and attended graduate studies in regional planning in international development at Cornell University. Drianne is a CFA charterholder and is a former board member of the CFA Society New York. Drianne is on the board and Finance/Investment Committee of the New York City Audubon Society; chairs the Investment Committee of the American Friends Service Committee and is on the Finance/Investment Committee of the Oysterponds Historical Society.

Jane Bieneman, Senior Director, Tideline

Jane focuses on strategy, research and analysis and is responsible for leading client engagements at Tideline, a consulting firm that advises institutional clients on developing impact investment strategies, products and solutions. Prior to joining Tideline in 2015, Jane held senior roles in investment banking at UBS and Citigroup where she worked with private equity firms and other financial sponsors to help them structure and raise funds totaling over $20 billion of capital. She also has extensive experience helping corporate, financial institution and public sector clients raise debt and equity capital to fund and grow their businesses.

In addition, Jane helped Women’s World Banking launch its inaugural fund to invest in microfinance institutions globally and advised on product development, restructurings and other financial advisory assignments at impact investment manager BlueOrchard. Jane started her career in commercial banking at Fifth Third Bancorp in Cincinnati, Ohio. She holds a BA from Dartmouth College and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.
Nicole Bouquet, Vice President, Institutional Shareholder Services

Nicole is Lead ESG Product Specialist for ISS-ESG, the responsible investment (RI) arm of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) Inc. In this role, Nicole is responsible for driving RI business development including through direct engagement with institutional investors, to gauge their views on ESG matters and to solicit feedback on products and solutions to meet their ESG needs. She is instrumental in guiding institutional clients on how to best develop and integrate responsible investing policies and practices into their strategy and to execute upon these policies through the use and integration of ISS-ESG data and research and end-to-end voting. As product specialist, she is well versed in the technology, research, and data underlying ISS’ full suite of responsible investment and ESG solutions.

Nicole has been a fixture in the ESG industry for more than a decade, a tenure that began in 2007 with ISS. Between 2011 and the fall of 2017 when she rejoined ISS, Nicole was responsible for direct ESG sales at MSCI where she helped many of the largest, U.S.-based investment managers and large asset owners design and implement programs for integrating ESG into the investment process. Nicole received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, from The Towson University and is currently completing her MBA at American University, in Washington DC.

Robert Brown, Founding Partner, Atlas Impact Partners

Rob is the Senior Partner of Atlas Impact Partners, an impact hedge fund concentrated in global equities. Most recently he was Head of Research and Chaired the Research Advisory Council at JUST Capital. Previously Rob was Senior Portfolio Manager for AllianceBernstein Equity Strategies and head of Equity Research for Nomura Securities International. Earlier, he worked at Morgan Stanley in various senior leadership roles globally, where his last position was in Equity Research, responsible for the Global Macro Research team. Rob started his career as an economist at Bankers Trust in New York.

Rob earned a BA, cum laude, in Economics and an MA in International Economics from Brandeis University, with joint course work in econometrics at the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics at Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. Rob is an executive board member of the READ Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board of List College at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has served as adjunct faculty at the Heyman Center for Philanthropy at New York University, and lectured at Yale University School of Management. He is a former member of the investment committee for the endowment at Brandeis University.

Sasha Brown, Principal, Ecosystem Integrity Fund

Sasha Brown is a Principal at the Ecosystem Integrity Fund. Her responsibilities include investment due diligence, strategy development, process management, and deal sourcing. She assists with system and sector analysis, firm operations, and financial structuring. Sasha is actively involved in managing the fund’s investments and currently serves as a Board Director at T-Rex and Observer at OptiRTC.

Prior to joining EIF, Sasha was a Principal at NewWorld Capital Group, where she co-led investments of more than $100M into growth companies in residential solar, diesel pollution reduction, and power electronics. Her deals included SolarEdge Technologies, which had a successful IPO in 2015, and Astrum Solar, which was sold to Direct Energy. Before joining NewWorld, Sasha worked at J.P. Morgan’s Natural Resources Group; Environmental Capital Partners, a private equity firm investing in middle market companies in the environmental industry; and Atelier Ten, providing environmental consulting to the building industry.

Sasha serves as a Board Director at PosiGen Solar Solutions, which provides solar and energy efficiency to low-to-middle income homeowners. She also co-founded Discovery Circle, a network of family and friends of disabled individuals. Sasha received a BS in Environmental Engineering from Yale University and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.
Louisa Burwood-Taylor, Head of Media & Editor, AgFunder

Louisa is Head of Media & Research for AgFunder and chief editor of AgFunderNews, bringing over 10 years of financial journalism experience to the team. She has covered a range of financial products and markets during her career, from equity capital markets in Asia to structured bonds in Europe, before turning her attention to agriculture nearly five years ago.

Louisa’s also been responsible for launching two publications: an institutional investment intelligence service for the Financial Times and the first-ever title focused on agriculture investment, Agri Investor, for PEI Media.

AgFunder is an online venture capital platform for food and agriculture technology startups. AgFunderNews is the leading news source for the agrifood startup sector, covering the technologies transforming the food industry, and the investors behind them.

Imogen Carr, Advisor, Open Society Foundations

Imogen Carr is the Advisor on Jail Reduction Strategies at Open Society Foundations where she utilizes her experience in nonprofit, research and government to create meaningful criminal justice reform in New York City and beyond. In this role she is primarily focused on the strategies to decrease the NYC jail population to responsibly and permanently close the Rikers Island Jail Complex.

Prior to Open Society, Imogen helped establish the “Alternatives to Incarceration Unit” at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office which offers services rather than prison sentences to people charged with felonies in New York County. Imogen also has years of first-hand experience providing direct services to impacted communities, including the justice-involved, children in the foster care system and people diagnosed with serious mental illnesses. Imogen graduated from the University of Sydney, Australia, with First Class Honours in Psychology.

Chloe Byruck, Senior Project Manager, Lela Goren Group

Chloe Byruck has a decade of experience that spans entrepreneurship, real estate, communications, and design. Before joining the Lela Goren Group, she was the COO of an innovation consultancy where she built programs with major national organizations such as NASA and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Before that role, she co-founded a social impact consultancy that created a turnaround plan for a major economic development initiative in Laos; the successful project was presented at the Harvard Social Enterprise Conference.

Chloe also has a background in green building and was formerly the Marketing Director for West Coast Green, an annual 10,000-person green building conference in San Francisco. She also served as the interim COO for the Cleantech Open, a cleantech accelerator sponsored by Fortune 500’s. Since joining the Lela Goren Group, Chloe has managed projects with transaction values of $250 million. Concurrently, Chloe is a board member for a family-owned real estate company in California. She holds a real estate license, is a LEED AP, and has a B.A. in Architecture and Social Design from Washington University in St. Louis, and an MBA from INSEAD.
Adam Connaker, Senior Program Associate, Rockefeller Foundation

Adam Connaker joined The Rockefeller Foundation in 2014. As a senior program associate, Mr. Connaker manages relationships with current and prospective grantees throughout the grantmaking process, coordinates Foundation work with partners, and conducts research in support of strategic development and execution of Foundation initiatives. His work supports the Foundation’s innovative finance portfolio, specifically focusing on how innovative finance can be harnessed to mobilize private capital for social and environmental outcomes where he leads the vetting and diligence of prospective grant projects.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Connaker worked as a private equity analyst for Wayzata Investment Partners covering a broad range of industries but dedicating a significant portion of those efforts to energy investments. Mr. Connaker received his master’s degree in global affairs with a focus on international development and humanitarian assistance from New York University and his bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Minnesota.

Moya Connelly, Vice President, Global Social Finance, Deutsche Bank

Moya Connelly is an impact investment professional with extensive experience in investing and the development of investment funds. Moya was one of the founders of MicroVest in 2002, a microfinance investment management firm. She has served as the chief financial officer of a capital management company, an investment officer (lending and equity), and a member of the Board of various microfinance organizations (MFIs and NGOs). Moya is currently a Vice-President at Deutsche Bank, developing investment funds and managing investments in finance services and in the energy sector.

Prior to Deutsche Bank, she developed several funds for the European market (particularly in energy efficiency and renewable energy) and managed a large microfinance fund. She has volunteered on microfinance consulting projects for Bankers Without Borders/High Water Women. Moya has an MBA from the University of Virginia.

Bill Davis, Founder & Managing Director, Stance Capital

Mr. Davis founded Stance Capital to bring to market investment portfolios that mitigate material environmental, social, and governance risks and generate excess returns while at the same time allowing investors to align their portfolios with their belief systems.

Prior to forming Stance, Bill was co-founder and Managing Director of Empirical Asset Management, and Portfolio Manager on EAM Sustainable Equity, a strategy he launched in 2014. Prior to co-founding Empirical, he was the founder and CEO of Ze-gen, a venture and private equity backed renewable energy company focused on up-cycling certain waste materials into renewable syngas.

Mr. Davis received a B.A. from Connecticut College, and his career in business has included serving as CEO or founder of numerous companies including: Database Marketing Corporation in 1986, Holland Mark in 1997, and Cambridge Brand Analytics in 2003. He serves on the Board of HoneyDrop Beverages, and Matic, S.A.. He is a founding member of the President’s Council of Ceres and chairs the advisory board of Seven Hills Global Outreach. Mr. Davis has taught Environmental Entrepreneurship at Columbia University Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, and guest lectured at Harvard College, Harvard Business School, MIT, MIT/Sloan, and Boston University.
Rob Day, Founding Partner, Spring Lane Capital

Rob Day is a Founding Partner with Spring Lane Capital, based in Boston. He has been a sustainability private equity and family office investor since 2004, and acts or has served as a Director, Observer and advisory board member to multiple companies and non-profit organizations in the energy tech and related sectors.

Formerly a consultant with Bain & Company, Rob has worked with companies and evaluated private equity transactions in the energy/utilities, telecom, IT, medical/pharmaceutical, and retail industries. Earlier in his career, he was a member of the World Resources Institute’s Sustainable Enterprise Program, where he co-authored the report *The Next Bottom Line: Making Sustainable Development Tangible*. Rob received his MBA at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management (Northwestern University), and his BA at Swarthmore College.

Olympia De Castro, Co-Founder & Partner, Strategy & Investments Community Investment Management

Olympia De Castro is Co-Founder and Partner of Community Investment Management (CIM), an institutional impact investment asset manager that provides debt financing for responsible innovation in lending to U.S. small businesses and underserved borrowers. In this capacity Mrs. De Castro focuses on strategy and investments for the Firm.

Mrs. De Castro brings 18 years of experience in the financial services industry. Prior to joining the CIM she worked at The Louis Berger Group providing financial advisory to multilaterals and governments on infrastructure projects. In 2011 she worked at the IFC in the Global SME Banking group aimed at improving access to finance for small and medium enterprises globally. Before that Mrs. De Castro held several roles at Goldman Sachs and Bank of America, under the investment banking, private wealth and merchant banking divisions.

Ariane de Vienne, Head of ISS-oekom Americas

Ariane de Vienne has over 25 years leadership experience in the investment advisory and wealth management industry working globally with family offices, foundations and other institutional investors to define and implement successful investment strategies.

As Head of ISS-oekom Americas, Ariane is responsible for building out ISS-oekom’s ESG research and rating solutions in North America; she is also part of the leadership team establishing ISS ESG as a leader and quality standard in the ESG space in North America. Prior to the acquisition by ISS, Ariane ran the North American business for oekom research.

Previous responsibilities included Managing Director at Cornerstone Capital, charged with building the firm’s ESG integrated investment advisory business. Before joining Cornerstone, Ariane was Principal at AV Advisors LP/LLC in both Hong Kong and New York; she launched and built the independent consultancy with a focus on responsible and impact investing, working with families and foundations, as well as intermediaries.

Before that, Ariane was a Managing Director at Guggenheim Investment Advisors LLC (“GIA”). There she defined and built the brand strategy to position GIA in US and off-shore UHNW markets and was responsible for business development. GIA’s investment approach used behavioral psychology methods developed by Noble Laureate, Professor Daniel Kahneman. Ariane also served as Senior Vice President at David J. Greene and Company and in several Managing Director roles with JPMorgan Chase, including Head of EMEA, Head of the Wealthy Family Group, and Head of NY Metro I., Ariane began her career in banking in Germany.

Marc Diaz, Finance Leaders Fellow, The Aspen Institute

Currently a Finance Leaders Fellow at The Aspen Institute working to advance investment in the nature-based UN Sustainable Development Goals, Marc brings extensive experience and track record in launching and scaling social ventures and mission-driven organizations.

An experienced impact investing executive, Marc was the former Managing Director and Head of NatureVest, the conservation investing unit of The Nature Conservancy and an ImpactAssets 50 Manager.

Marc previously launched and led the UNICEF Bridge Fund and was an engagement manager for McKinsey & Co. Marc earned an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School, an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, and an AB from Harvard College where he majored in government.

Sasha Dichter, Chef Innovation Officer, Acumen

As Acumen’s Chief Innovation Officer, Sasha oversees Acumen’s three fastest-growing verticals: Lean Data, which brings customer voice into impact measurement; the Acumen Fellows Programs, with more than 400 Fellows globally; and +Acumen, the World’s School for Social change. In his previous role as Acumen’s Director of Business Development, Sasha led global capital raising, including executing a successful $100M capital raise.

Sasha is also a noted keynote speaker and blogger on innovation, impact investing, philanthropy and social change. He is the author of the Manifesto for Nonprofit CEOs, and the creator of Generosity Day, and his talks have been featured prominently by TED.com, Aspen IDEAS Festival, the DO Lectures, the Global Philanthropy Forum, Social Capital Markets (SOCAP), the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN), the Aspen Network for Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) and other major conferences

Sasha has been recognized as an Innovation Agent by Fast Company magazine; and his writing has been featured in Harvard Business Review, Stanford Social Innovation Review and other leading publications. Sasha also serves on numerous Boards and Advisory Councils including on the Executive Committee of the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs.
Daryn Dodson, Managing Director, Illumen Capital

Daryn Dodson is Managing Director at Illumen Capital, the world’s first private equity firm dedicated to reducing implicit bias across financial markets to unlock impact and returns. Illumen Capital invests in the world’s top impact fund managers and applies research-based interventions in partnership with Stanford University to help fund managers to see past race and gender bias to value.

Daryn previously led the Special Equities Program as a consultant to the Board of the Calvert Funds, a $12 billion pioneer of the impact investing field. Through this vehicle, Calvert maintains a portfolio of more than 40 funds on five continents, representing over 350 underlying portfolio companies.

Prior to serving as a consultant to Calvert, Daryn served as Director of University and Corporate Partnership for The Idea Village, where he created a platform engaging leading private equity firms, business schools, and Fortune 500 companies to invest over 100,000 hours and $2 million into more than 1,000 New Orleans entrepreneurs post-Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Dodson currently serves on the Board of Directors for Ben and Jerry’s. He earned his M.B.A. from Stanford, where he serves on the Dean’s Management Board, and his A.B. from Duke University.

Anisa Dougherty, Investment Analyst, Tiedemann Wealth Management

Anisa Dougherty is a member of the Investment Group at Tiedemann Advisors, one of the largest independent investment and wealth advisors for high-net-worth individuals, families, trusts, foundations and endowments. Within the Investment Group, Anisa specializes in impact investments and helps build Tiedemann’s impact investment platform. This entails conducting research across asset classes and impact themes, working with clients to build impact implementation strategies, and designing Tiedemann’s ongoing impact reporting.

Anisa joined Tiedemann when the firm merged with Threshold Group, a multi-family office with a specialization in values aligned investing. In prior roles, Anisa served as a policy and impact consultant, working with large non-profits, foundations and high-net-worth clients develop impact investment strategies across multiple themes, including education, health, climate, and community finance. Anisa started her career at Capgemini US. Anisa received a bachelor’s degree from Bryn Mawr College and a Masters from the University of California, Berkeley.

Heather Eisenlord, Partner, RPCK

Heather Eisenlord is a Partner in the New York office of RPCK Rastegar Panchal, a boutique corporate law firm that brings a deep understanding of impact investing to complex commercial transactions. Her practice focuses on domestic and cross-border financings, many of which embed multiple bottom line objectives. Heather advises borrowers, lenders, investors, asset managers, and growth-stage companies in connection with senior secured credit facilities, project financings, program-related investments, mezzanine, junior, and hybrid products, and fund formation. She has advised on diverse transactions involving infrastructure, renewable energy, clean technology, public health, housing, microfinance, and sustainable agribusiness.

Prior to joining RPCK, Heather was the Director for Inclusive Development at the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP), where she developed and managed global project portfolios that protected communities from potential life and livelihood harms associated with land-based investment and promoted expansion of the impact investing field. Her work at ISLP was principally situated in East and West Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Andean region of Latin America. Heather was previously a senior banking associate in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. She also practiced at Arent Fox LLP, where she focused on public and real estate finance.
Anna Fälth, Manager, We Empower UN Women

Anna Fälth manages the EU-funded programme “WE EMPOWER through responsible business conduct in G7 countries”. As such, Anna heads the Secretariat of the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs), EmpowerWomen.org, that promotes online collaboration, learning and innovation to advance women’s economic empowerment across the world; and the WeLearn, a virtual skills school that will tackle some of the skills gaps faced by women and girls for the jobs of the future.

An economist, Anna has more than 20 years of experience as economic advisor within the UN system, including UNCTAD, UN-DESA, UNDP and UN Women. She has a MSc in Economics from Lund University, Sweden, and a Masters in Law and Economic from Hamburg University, Germany. She can be reached at: @afalth and weps@unwomen.org

Darcy Garner Bhatia, Managing Partner, Channel Family Assets

Ms. Garner has over 20 years leadership experience in the investment management industry, and serves as an advisor to entrepreneurial individuals and families. She started her firm, Channel Family Assets in 2011 and works with high net worth families around their investments, estate planning, and family education.

From 2002-2011, Ms. Garner was a founding Partner of Highmount Capital, a $2.5 billion dollar wealth management firm with offices in New York, Boston, Amsterdam and Zurich. While at Highmount, Ms. Garner was directly involved in having her firm achieve a number of awards, including the PAM Awards as the best multi-family office in 2011. She was responsible for the firm’s internal investment capabilities and led the investment portfolios and staff. During her tenure, she was responsible for the firm’s marketing and branding. While at Highmount, Ms. Garner was responsible for developing governance and financial education programs for families.

Ms. Garner received her BS from Tulane University in New Orleans and her MBA from Thunderbird, The Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona. Ms. Garner has served on a variety of non-for-profit boards including K.I.D.S. and was a founding and advisory member of The Redwoods Initiative. She has been a member of the Women’s Presidents Organization (WPO), Financial Women’s Association (FWA), New York Society of Security Analysts (NYSSA), The CFA Institute, Financial Planning Associations (FPA), and STEP. She holds a series 65, and has her Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. She has been a member of Golden Seeds, a women’s angel investing group and on the Board of Springboard Enterprises, a venture catalyst for emerging growth ventures led by women. She recently co-founded The Foundation for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and serves as the Chief Financial Officer.

Adam Heltzer, Head of ESG and Sustainability, Partners Group

Adam Heltzer is Partners Group’s Head of ESG and Sustainability, as part of the Industry Value Creation business unit, based in New York. He is responsible for overseeing the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into the due diligence process and ownership period for Partners Group’s investments globally and has co-developed the firm’s impact-at-scale offering, PG LIFE. He has 13 years of industry experience.

Prior to joining Partners Group, Adam was a Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum, where he built strategic partnerships between the Forum’s multinational agribusiness members and leading international NGOs. Prior to joining the World Economic Forum, he worked at The Louis Berger Group and CG/LA Infrastructure, focusing on infrastructure and agricultural development in emerging markets. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.
Yana Kakar, Global Managing Partner, Dalberg Advisors

Ms. Yana Ayesha Kakar is the Global Managing Partner of Dalberg Advisors, an advisory firm with a social impact mission that provides strategy, investment, research and design services to clients across the public, private and philanthropic sectors.

As head of the firm, Yana leads the firm’s partnership and staff, overseeing activities across Dalberg’s 23 offices worldwide. In her client work, Yana specializes in responsible and impact investing, advising capital allocators and managers across asset classes to identify and analyse market opportunities, develop and diligence pipeline, design innovative instruments, structure and stand up funds and facilities, as well as provide other transaction and post-transaction support. To illustrate, Yana supported the development of the Women Entrepreneurs Opportunity Facility with Goldman Sachs and IFC, the design and launch of Convergence Finance as a platform to facilitate blended finance transactions, the creation of a $58 impact investing fund for a large development bank, and she has structured various other sector-specific investment facilities such as a $100M fund for agriculture in Nigeria or a credit enhancement facility for renewable energy infrastructure in Africa.

Yana is also deeply engaged in gender lens investing, serving as an advisor to Africa’s first platform for women investors to invest in women-owned businesses, supporting a Japanese Foundation to direct 100M in impact capital to improve positive gender outcomes Asia, and designing and evaluating innovative financing mechanisms for gender inclusion such as the Educate Girls Development Impact Bond in India.

Yana was appointed to, and currently serves on, the African Presidential Youth Advisory Group. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Convergence Finance, is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and a member of the Frontier Markets Council for the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA). Yana is a leading voice in international development, with her perspectives published in a number of media outlets including the Financial Times, Bloomberg, Forbes, Huffington Post, and The Guardian. Yana holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from McGill University and a Master’s in Business Administration from Wharton at the University of PA.

Margot Kane, Advisor, Quantified Ventures/Circulate Capital

Margot advises fund managers, funders, and advisors on strategies in impact investing, fund formation, portfolio and financial management, and cross-sector partnerships. She works with creative and solutions-oriented teams who seek to shape capital markets to better serve human society and the planet for future generations.

Previously, Margot served as CFO and Chief Investment Officer at Closed Loop Partners, where she worked with cities and businesses to invest in recycling infrastructure and technologies, while also building an innovative investment platform across debt, equity, and philanthropic strategies to further a circular economy. Before Closed Loop Partners, Margot led corporate strategy and innovation at the 25-year-old impact investment fund Calvert Impact Capital, which has raised and invested over $1 billion of investment capital into high-impact funds and projects around the world. In this role, she led strategic planning and developed unique investment partnerships that supported investment strategies in women’s empowerment, urban redevelopment, and U.S. environmental opportunities. Prior to entering the investment world, she worked for Pathfinder International, an NGO specializing in women’s health in developing countries. Margot earned her M.B.A. from the University of California-Berkeley and a B.A. from Macalester College. She serves on the investment committee of Calvert Impact Capital, and the advisory boards of Transform Finance and the Meloy Fund.
Karen Karp, President, KK&P

Karen Karp is a fourth-generation food entrepreneur. Her great grandfather Morris, a first-generation immigrant from Ukraine, opened a butter, eggs, and cheese wholesale outlet on Manhattan’s far west side, and later a feed and seed company on Coney Island Avenue in Brooklyn. In the 1930s the family relocated to Farmingdale, Long Island, where Karen’s grandfather transitioned Morris Karp & Son into Long Island’s first commercial manufacturer and distributor of fertilizer. After the sale of the company, Karen’s father Alan continued to serve the farmers of Long Island’s East End as a real estate broker concentrating on industrial and agricultural properties and brokered the country’s first Transfer of Development Rights deal in the 1970s.

Karen grew up visiting the farms with her father, but felt the irresistible pull of New York City, where she moved in 1978 to attend Parsons School of Design. Restaurant jobs put food on the table and captured her heart, and by the age of 29, Karen had grown a trendy downtown restaurant group from one to six outlets, before setting her sights on entrepreneurship.

Establishing Karen Karp & Partners in 1990 (as Karp Resources), Karen developed interests that would soon become the company’s well-regarded niche: developing a range of bespoke strategies that explore the interconnections between agriculture, food, policy and people, and how to marry common interests of the for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

In 2001 Karen obtained a master’s degree from the University of Bath School of Management, earning honors for her thesis, “How Does Food Sustain Us?” which explored how leaders convey and impart their personal food values within their organizations, and how these communities are then transformed through food.

KK&P has grown to become a nationally respected boutique consultancy with a uniquely skilled staff and a diverse roster of clients. Karen and her team are equally adept in the boardroom, in the kitchen, or on the land – their systems-based approach is always both conceptually rigorous and grounded in practical understanding.

Karen’s real success is measured by her ability to change the way a wide range of people – corporate executives, school officials, distributors, educators, and farmers – think about how food can be produced, processed and distributed, and how she encourages them to overcome challenges and pursue innovation.

Sarah Kearney, Founder & Executive Director, PRIME Coalition

Sarah Kearney is the Founder and Executive Director of PRIME Coalition, a public charity that partners with philanthropists to place charitable capital into market-based solutions to climate change. PRIME works closely with foundation grant makers, DAFs, corporate donors, and individuals/family offices to facilitate investments into early-stage investment opportunities that are optimized for climate impact, attractiveness for commercial co- or follow-on investment, and fitness for charitable capital.

Before PRIME, Sarah served as Executive Director and Trustee of the Chesonis Family Foundation, a grantmaking organization that supports transformational energy research, development and deployment. Based on her work, Sarah has been inducted into the Raven Society at the University of Virginia, and awarded the 2012 MIT Ronald Heller Entrepreneurship Award, 2014 Caltech Resonate Award, 2014 Echoing Green Fellowship, the MIT Technology Review’s 2014 35 Innovators Under 35, and the 2015 Forbes 30 Under 30.

Sarah holds a B.S. in Commerce from the University of Virginia and an M.S. in Technology and Policy from MIT’s Engineering Systems Division. She volunteers for the Big Sister Association of Boston and serves on the Leadership Council for Cyclotron Road, a California-based nonprofit partnering with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab to promote outstanding scientists in pursuit of energy hardware solutions. In 2015, she co-founded the Aligned Intermediary, a public benefit corporation that serves long-term investors – sovereign funds, pension funds, endowments, and insurance companies – to deploy capital directly into large-scale climate infrastructure projects.
Charlotte Kim, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati

Charlotte Kim is a partner in the New York office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where her practice focuses on global corporate finance with particular expertise in the energy, healthcare, life sciences and biotech, software, retail, manufacturing, aviation, materials science, foodtech, agtech, and technology sectors. Charlotte has structured, negotiated, and closed more than 180 transactions with a total value exceeding $20 billion.

Charlotte specializes in corporate finance, energy efficiency finance, project finance, acquisition finance, healthcare finance, and related merger and acquisition transactions. She has extensive experience advising public and private companies, private equity investors, growth capital investors, venture capital funds, family offices, financial institutions, institutional investors, and multilateral agencies on debt capital structures and financing needs throughout the life cycle of the enterprise, from start-up through operations, acquisitions, joint ventures, restructurings, and investments. She also works with companies, financial institutions and equity investors on all aspects of cash-flow and asset-based financings. Charlotte’s transactional experience includes senior, mezzanine, subordinated, and other junior financings; buyout and acquisition finance; private placements and debt securities offerings; venture debt; project finance; energy efficiency finance; securitizations; lease financings; related derivative transactions; joint ventures and other equity investments; and restructure transactions, both in and out of bankruptcy. In addition, she has completed numerous cross-border transactions and investments involving the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Prior to joining the firm, Charlotte was a partner at Choate Hall & Stewart in Boston. Earlier in her career, she practiced at both Chadbourne & Parke and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York. Before attending law school, Charlotte was a Fulbright Scholar at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, Belgium. Charlotte is fluent in French and has knowledge of Korean and Spanish.

Zachary Knight, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Blue Forest Conservation

Zach Knight is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Blue Forest Conservation. Prior to founding BFC, Mr. Knight started his career in finance at Merrill Lynch where he specialized in structured finance, credit derivative structuring and correlation trading. Zach also served as a high-yield and distressed corporate bond trader before leaving Wall Street to pursue an MBA at UC-Berkeley’s Haas School of Business with a focus on sustainability and environmental impact investing. Mr. Knight holds an MBA with honors from UC-Berkeley and a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University.

Kristin Koch, Director, Investor Relations, Jonathan Rose Companies

Ms. Koch joined Jonathan Rose Companies in 2015 as Director of Investor Relations. She is responsible for business development and investor communication and reporting, including the Firm’s impact reporting. She sits on the Firm’s Compliance Committee and Impact Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Koch worked in residential real estate sales with Elegran Real Estate and Development. She previously served as Vice President of Investor Relations at Solus Alternative Asset Management (formerly Stanfield Capital Partners), an SEC-registered investment adviser.

Ms. Koch received a B.S. in Technical and Scientific Communication, James Madison University.
Sanjeev Krishnan, Managing Director & CIO, Seed 2 Growth Ventures

Sanjeev is Chief Investment Officer and managing director of S2G Ventures, and he has been with the firm since its inception. Sanjeev has nearly 20 years of experience in sourcing, executing, managing and exiting venture and private equity investments, including a focus in agriculture and food companies. As Managing Director, Sanjeev is active in developing investments and managing portfolio companies including, serving on many portfolio company boards. His portfolio work ranges from genetics, crop protection, soil health, digital/IOT, crop insurance, merchandising, indoor agriculture, novel flavor and ingredients, new protein development, unique processors and brands that will feed this changing consumer.

He is passionate about the role of innovation, entrepreneurship, markets and system investing as a theory of change. Sanjeev has worked in the intersection of sustainability, technology and health in many regions, including Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. He has invested over $500 mm in venture and growth stage firms throughout his career. Sanjeev began investing as a co-founder of the life sciences practice of the IFC, the $20 billion private investment arm of the World Bank. His previous investment roles include CLSA Capital Partners, Global Environment Fund, World Bank Group’s IFC and JPMorgan. Sanjeev is a graduate of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Roelfien Kuijpers, Head of Responsible Investments & Strategic Relationships, DWS

Roelfien Kuijpers is a Managing Director in DWS (formerly Deutsche Asset Management), one of the world’s leading asset managers. Based in New York, she is the Head of Responsible Investments and Strategic Relationships. She is also a member of DWS’ Global Executive Committee.

From 2006-2012, she was the Global Head of DB Advisors, the Institutional business of Deutsche Asset Management. She joined Deutsche Asset Management in 2004 as Global Head of Strategy, Marketing and Communications. She was a member of the Global Operating Committee of Deutsche Asset Management from 2004-2012.

From 1995-2004, she served in Deutsche Bank’s Global Equity division in a number of different roles, including Head of European Equities Sales, Global Head of Relationship Management, and Global Head of Strategy, Marketing and Communications. From 2002-2004 she served on the Global Equities Executive Management Committee.

During her tenure at Deutsche Bank, she has served as Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Asset Management Investmentgesellschaft mbH in Germany (2006-2013) and as Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of DWS Investments, France (2006-2007). She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation and chairs the Investment Committee.

Known as a strong supporter of women and diversity, she served as Chairwoman of Women on Wall Street (WOWS) for many years, and helped establish the Women in European Business (WEB) chapters in the UK and Germany. She was also one of the founders of Deutsche Bank’s ATLAS program to develop senior female talent in the Bank. She has served on the diversity committee for the Americas for over a decade, is the diversity champion for DWS in the Americas, and is an Executive Sponsor for the LGBT network.


Roelfien is a member of the Women’s Leadership Board at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, and serves on the President’s Advisory Council at Oberlin College and the Parent’s Committee at Middlebury College. She has also served on the Board of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, the Pratt Institute Board of Trustees, and Sculpture Center NY. In 2011, she received the Fulbright Award for Global Business Leadership for building understanding and cooperation across cultures. A Dutch native, Roelfien received a Master’s Degree in History and International Politics from Leiden University in the Netherlands.
Laura LaRosa, Executive Director, Client Development, Glenmede

Laura LaRosa is Glenmede’s Executive Director of Client Development. As one of two executive members of the Company’s Management Committee, she is responsible for setting the strategy and practices that guide the Company’s business development professionals. Ms. LaRosa and her team spearhead initiatives to broaden relationships with individuals, families, endowments and foundations.

Ms. LaRosa joined Glenmede in 1994 and has over 30 years of experience in fixed income trading, sales and client development, and is a member of Glenmede’s Investment Policy Committee. Prior to her current role, Ms. LaRosa served as Director of Portfolio Management, overseeing a team of investment professionals responsible for managing $17 billion of assets for clients, and was previously Director of Fixed Income, managing over $7 billion in assets.

A frequent speaker on portfolio management, fixed income, impact and gender-lens investing and investment strategy, Ms. LaRosa was recognized as one of 2017’s 100 Corporate Women Leaders in STEM by STEMconnector. Active in her community, Ms. LaRosa is a member of the Board of the Committee of Seventy, the Barnes Foundation’s Corporate Leadership Board, Friends of Rittenhouse Square, the Williamson College of the Trades, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children as well as the Friends of the Avenue of the Arts. She is also a member of the Forum of Executive Women. Ms. LaRosa received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Jessica Matthews, Managing Director, Head of Sustainable Investing, JP Morgan

Jessica Matthews is the Global Head of Sustainable Investing at J.P. Morgan Private Bank and brings over a decade of sustainable and impact investing expertise. In this role she leads the development and execution of the Private Bank’s sustainable investing offering with a focus on expanding the platform of managers, developing thought leadership, and working with clients to integrate their social and environmental goals with their long-term investment objectives.

Prior to joining J.P. Morgan, Jessica was Cambridge Associates’ Global Head of Mission-Related Investing (MRI), where she oversaw and coordinated the activities of all MRI resources across the firm and advised clients on their MRI programs. Jessica previously worked with government clients in the Financial Services sector at Booz Allen Hamilton, in the Investment Office at the American Red Cross, and in the Global Consultant Relations Group at BlackRock. Jessica began her career with Cambridge Associates as a consulting analyst. Jessica graduated from the University of Virginia with a BA in Government and a Minor in Economics.

Asha Mehta, CFA, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager, Acadian Asset Management

Asha joined Acadian in 2007 and is Lead Portfolio Manager and Director of Responsible Investing. In her role, Asha is responsible for leading ESG research and execution and serving as the chair of our Responsible Investment Committee.

Prior to joining Acadian, Asha worked as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs and at Johnson & Johnson in a strategy role. Early in her career, she conducted microfinance lending in India. She is a Steering Committee member of the High Meadows Institute, board member of Compass Working Capital, and Global Angel of 100 Women in Finance. Asha holds an MBA with Honors from The Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) and undergraduate degrees from Stanford University. Asha is a CFA charterholder and a member of CFA Society Boston. She was named one of the Top 10 Women in Asset Management by Money Management Executive in 2016.
P. Quinn Moss, Partner, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe

Quinn Moss is a corporate partner in the New York office of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, co-head of Orrick’s global Private Investment Funds Group and on the leadership committee for Orrick’s Impact Finance and Investment Group. Quinn represents sponsors of impact funds and public pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign funds and other institutional investors in alternative investments, including private equity, mezzanine and hedge fund formation and co-investments. Over the past 30 years, Quinn has also gained extensive experience representing financial institutions in connection with private placements, bank loans, and mezzanine investments.

Quinn received her B.A. from Harvard University, her J.D. from the Fordham School of Law and is admitted in New York. She is a member of the SEC Working Group for the National Association of Public Plan Attorneys (NAPPA), a member and former Trustee of the American College of Investment Counsel (ACIC), a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and a director, corporate secretary and volunteer for High Water Women Foundation. In recent years, Quinn has frequently presented and moderated panels focusing on impact finance and investment, the negotiation of fund terms and the impact of regulation on funds, and also was lead author of “Fundraising Terms and Conditions: Legal Developments in Key Countries” published in Private Equity and Venture Capital – Regulation and Good Practice (Risk Books, 2014).

Rehana Nathoo, Founder & CEO, Spectrum Impact

Rehana is the Founder and CEO of Spectrum Impact, and serves as an advisor to a range of organizations that are looking to expand their impact investing footprint.

Previously, Rehana led the Impact Investing program at the Case Foundation, worked at Bank of New York Mellon to help design the firm’s Social Finance program and pilot impact investment fund, served as a program associate for the Rockefeller Foundation’s impact investing pathway, and supported partnerships and fundraising at the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

Rehana also serves as an Adjunct Faculty member within Georgetown University’s Global Human Development Program, teaching on Impact Investing and Social Finance in Emerging Markets. You can often find her nose-deep in a good book or arguing with herself as to whether she’s more of a New Yorker or a Canadian.

Aaron Niederhelman, CEO & Co-Founder, OneHealthAg

Aaron Niederhelman is CEO & co-founder of OneHealthAg. He hosts the widely listened to podcast on iTunes: SourcingMatters.show, and is a fishmonger focused on preserving the unique values of the region he is from with HINGELINE (monger.fish).

A life-long advocate of healthier and cleaner food, Niederhelman was selected as a 2015 Eisenhower Fellow to explore the impact of good and bad management practice on an ever shrinking planet. At home, collaborating with diverse stakeholders to promote economic growth from well sourced food with regional provenance – Niederhelman previously co-founded the EAF Agrarian Fund. Now, along with his efforts to modernize meat supply through OneHealthAg, Aaron co-founded HINGELINE to promote anchor brands in North Atlantic fisheries towards becoming standard bearers for clean and healthy seafood across the globe. Aaron enjoys spending time with his family, and participates in initiatives and boards for passions ranging from food security to climate change to social responsibility.
Paul O’Connell, CEO, Sanolas LLC

Paul O’Connell is CEO of Sanolas, LLC, a family office based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prior to founding Sanolas, he spent over 20 years as President and Managing Partner of FDO Partners, LLC, an institutional asset management firm.

Paul has deep experience in the research and practice of international finance, and has published a variety of articles on related topics including exchange rate behavior, international capital flows and labor migration. He served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Emerging Markets Review and a member of the Review Board for the Research Foundation of the CFA Institute. Paul has spoken at TED about using the capital markets to help fund sustainable development in poor countries.

Paul serves on the Boards of Water.org and WaterEquity, Inc., organizations which work to expand access to clean water and sanitation worldwide, and formerly was Chairman of the GAVI Campaign, which is dedicated to expanding vaccine availability in poor countries. An Irish native, he received his B.A. from Trinity College, Dublin in 1992, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 1997.

Veronica Olazabal, Director, Measurement, Evaluation & Organizational Performance, Rockefeller Foundation

Veronica Olazabal, Director of Measurement, Evaluation and Organizational Performance at The Rockefeller Foundation is an award-winning impact measurement and management expert with a professional portfolio ranging 15 years and four continents (Africa, Asia, North and South America).

Previously, she led social impact measurement and evaluation at the MasterCard Foundation, social venture Nuru International and non-profits the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the Food Bank for New York City. In addition to serving on a number of boards and funding committees, Ms. Olazabal serves on the American Evaluation Association’s (AEA) Board of Directors and is founder of AEA’s Social Impact Measurement (SIM) Group. Recent publications include “Putting the Impact in Impact Investing: The Rising Demand for Data and Evidence of Social Outcomes” published in the American Journal of Evaluation.

Athena Ole, CAIA, Head of Private Funds, Nasdaq Private Market

Athena is responsible for driving the development of the Private Funds business at Nasdaq Private Market (NPM). NPM is addressing the challenges of liquidity in alternative investment funds by creating opportunities for new product vehicles and broadening access to new sources of capital through their technology powered marketplace.

Athena joined Nasdaq in 2018, bringing over 20 years of experience in financial services. At Merrill Lynch, she was a leader across various roles in the Alternative Investments (AI) business for almost 10 years. In addition to managing relationships with the firm’s AI fund partners, she also hired and led a team who championed adoption of hedge funds and private equity with the largest and most sophisticated clients of the firm. Before joining Merrill Lynch in 2007, she spent over ten years at Citigroup where she was a Director of Alternative Investment Sales at Citigroup Alternative Investments, driving third party distribution of proprietary hedge funds and private equity. Athena started her career in Citigroup’s Global Corporate & Investment Bank, and spent seven years in NYC, London and Dublin, working in Corporate Finance.

Athena is a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst, and received her B.A. in Economics from Columbia College at Columbia University. She lives in Montebello, NY with her husband Rich and their three boys. Outside of her career and being a hockey mom, she enjoys her directorship on the board of High Water Women, and is an accomplished musician and recording artist.
Priya Parrish, CIO, Impact Engine

Priya Parrish is a Partner and Chief Investment Officer at Impact Engine, an investment firm managing venture capital and private equity funds focused on companies that generate positive outcomes in education, health, economic empowerment, and resource efficiency. Prior to joining Impact Engine, Priya gained over a decade of experience managing institutional investment portfolios across asset classes. Most recently, she was the Chief Investment Officer at Schwartz Capital Group, a single family office investing its capital across public and private markets on a global basis.

Previously, Priya was a senior member of the investment team at Aurora Investment Management, a multi-billion dollar manager of hedge fund portfolios. Priya began her career developing impact investing strategies in public markets, leading efforts to create investment products that integrate environmental, social, and governance factors at Northern Trust Asset Management and KLD Research & Analytics. Priya currently serves as an Impact Investor in Residence at the University of Chicago, where she teaches, mentors, and supports impact investing programs at the Booth School of Business. She earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a BS from Babson College.

Amie Patel, Director, Elevar Equity

Amie Patel is a Director with Elevar Equity and manages and cultivates Elevar’s global partnerships including LP and co-investor relationships. Amie was previously a Vice President with Goldman Sachs Asset Management which she joined through the acquisition of Imprint Capital. Amie focused on the firm’s ESG and Impact Investing capabilities within the emerging markets.

Prior to Imprint, she was with the Soros Economic Development Fund (SEDF) where she concentrated her efforts on early to growth stage investments. She managed SEDF’s investments in Haiti and worked on several other investment opportunities in Palestine, India and parts of Africa. Amie also was with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation as a Presidential Management Fellow in the Investment Funds department responsible for developing and evaluating top-quartile and first-time emerging market private equity fund managers.

Amie began her career as an M&A analyst with Merrill Lynch and First Union Securities. She also volunteered in Nepal with Students Partnership Worldwide as a Program Manager working on environmental education and women’s issues. She holds an MBA from Georgetown University and a BS in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, MO undergraduate degree in Economics from Smith College.

Nadja Pinnavaia, Founder & CEO, Euphebe Healthcare

Nadja Pinnavaia has an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from King’s College, London, and a Ph.D. in Quantum Chemistry from St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge.

Prior to founding Euphebe, Nadja was a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs in London, and subsequently founded WhiteCap, working with a number of large consumer goods companies, reviving under-performing brands. She is a board member of the Institute of Responsible Nutrition and holds the Certificate in Culinary Nutrition from the Natural Gourmet Institute.

Nadja lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two children.
**Speakers & Discussion Leaders**

**K. Shelly Porges, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, The Billion Dollar Fund for Women™**

K. Shelly Porges is Managing Director of Reservoir Q Global LLC and Co-Founder of The Billion Dollar Fund for Women, mobilizing funding for women-founded firms. She is also President of the North American Jury for the Cartier Women’s Initiative Awards, a Board Member of the Global Banking Alliance for Women, and on the Advisory Board for Cornerstone Capital, Global Invest Her, Mindshift Capital and Different Funds. She is also an Expert on Call for Georgetown University’s Entrepreneurship Program.

Ms. Porges also served as the former Senior Advisor, Global Entrepreneurship Program (GEP) at the U.S. State Department, a program she expanded to almost 150 countries, under Secretary Hillary Clinton. Before joining the State Department, she had a distinguished career in the private sector, including both corporate and entrepreneurial ventures. She served as executive head of marketing for American Express Canada and as chief retail marketing officer for Bank of America during a historic turn-around. Ms. Porges then founded or co-founded a number of start-up ventures including one sold to Wachovia Bank; Third Age Media, the leading Internet portal for baby boomers; Scudder Weisel Capital LLC, a joint venture between Thomas Weisel Partners and Zurich Scudder Investments; and Global Payments Experts LLC, a payments industry advisory firm.

Porges is a compelling speaker who has inspired audiences globally at gatherings such as The Web Summit (Lisbon), Inspirefest (Dublin), WOMEN UP/McKinsey (Stockholm), The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (Istanbul, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur), Disrupt Conference (Athens), The Women’s Forum on the Economy (Deauville), WEConnect International (London), The UnConference (Israel), The Women’s Leadership Summit (Bali) and at universities such as American, Babson, Columbia, Cornell, Georgetown, George Washington and Harvard in the U.S. and many others outside the U.S.. Ms. Porgesholds both a BS with Honors and MPS degree from Cornell University.

**Anna Pot, Manager, Manager of Responsible Investments, APG | Asset Management**

Anna Pot is Manager of Responsible Investments for APG, which manages €482 billion (July 2018) in Dutch pension assets. Anna started at APG in 2008 and currently works in the New York office with the capital markets teams on engaging U.S. companies and further integrating ESG considerations in the investment process. Anna is responsible for sustainability dialogues with companies and for APG’s inclusion/exclusion policy.

Before joining APG, Anna coordinated the human rights and business sector program of Amnesty International Netherlands and managed a sustainable investment fund at ING.

**Olivia Prentice, COO, Impact Management Project**

Olivia is responsible for delivery of the Impact Management Project, where she leads on norms for portfolio construction, portfolio impact management and stakeholder feedback methods. She specialises in helping financial institutions, investors, corporates, policymakers and entrepreneurs design and enhance their impact measurement and management practices, working across multiple geographies and diverse strategies.

Prior to this, she led Bridges Fund Management’s impact management strategy internally across all fund types (growth equity, social impact bond, social businesses and property), which included developing and implementing tools and software for investment selection and impact accounting.

Olivia previously worked for CDC, the UK’s Development Finance Institution, assessing and measuring the development impact of their investments across Africa and South Asia. She also supported the DFID Impact Fund in the initial stages of its strategy to make impact investments benefiting the poorest people in developing countries. She is currently based in New York.
Diana Propper de Callejon, Managing Director, Cranemere Inc.

Diana has more than twenty years of experience backing and building sustainability and values-led companies. Diana is a Managing Director at Cranemere, a holding company that owns and grows privately held companies for the long term. Cranemere’s permanent capital and indefinite ownership horizon allows its companies to stay private, preserve their culture and values, and continue their growth and development with a long-term view. Diana leads Cranemere’s activities focused on backing sustainability market leaders and purpose-led companies across diverse sectors. Her experience includes energy, green building, organic/natural foods, and healthy living.

Prior to joining Cranemere, Diana was a Partner at Expansion Capital Partners, a sustainability and cleantech growth stage venture fund. Diana is proud to have backed, partnered with and served on the boards of several successful companies including DIRT Environmental Solutions (green building, taken public on the TSX), CPower (energy efficiency and power management, sold to Constellation Energy), and Orion Energy (energy efficient lighting and controls, taken public on NASDAQ).

Diana has also been an Aspen Institute Fellow and a Capital Institute Fellow researching innovative deal terms and investment structures that build stronger and more aligned partnerships between investors and purpose-led enterprises. The research findings have been launched in a web-based toolkit that can be openly accessed by investors and entrepreneurs. Diana serves on the Board of Echoing Green and Duke’s Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Diana has an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA from Duke University.

Eric M. Rice, PhD, Managing Director & Portfolio Manager, Wellington Management

Eric is the architect of Wellington Management’s social impact strategy. He manages our flagship Global Impact Portfolio and is a thought leader for the development of social impact and other thematic investment ideas that support the firm’s portfolio managers and analysts. Eric has a long history as an analyst on multiple investment portfolios, conducting investment research that ranges across all geographies and macro-level issues, and incorporating investment themes into portfolios at the security level.

Eric’s passion for social impact developed through his work as diplomat in Rwanda with the US Department of State, and deepened during his doctoral studies and his position as a country economist at the World Bank. Prior to joining the firm in 1997, Eric was the head of Emerging Markets Research at Standard & Poor’s Global Insight (1995 – 1997). From 1990 to 1995, he worked at the World Bank as country economist for Mexico and Zimbabwe, as well as other assignments on Malaysia, the Philippines, Bulgaria, and Romania. Eric received his PhD (1990) from Harvard University, and his AB from the University of California at Berkeley, both in economics.
Rosemary L. Ripley, Managing Director, NGEN

Rosemary L. Ripley is a Managing Director of NGEN, a venture capital and growth equity investment firm investing in healthy living. She currently sits on the boards of Zevia, Bare Snacks, nlyte and Hyla and is an observer on the boards of Enzymedica and Bright Farms.

Previously, Rosemary spent roughly 25 years in consumer package goods, branding and technology as well as in strategic planning, acquisitions and public and private market transactions. Responsible for Corporate Business Development worldwide at Altria Group (previously Philip Morris Companies) from 1990-2005, her primary role was to help accelerate growth at Kraft Foods and Miller Brewing Company through expansionary growth plans and transformative acquisitions.

Rosemary co-founded Circle Financial Group, a multi-family office, chairs the Board of the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Yale Center for Business and the Environment. She also co-founded the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations. Rosemary received both her BA, cum laude, and MBA at Yale University. In addition to working with creative entrepreneurs, Rosemary is passionate about biodiversity, environmental education and spending time with her husband and four children.

Jonathan F.P. Rose, President, Jonathan Rose Companies

Mr. Rose founded Jonathan Rose Companies in 1989. Known as an innovator in green building and smart growth development, Mr. Rose has over 30 years of experience acquiring, developing and owning large scale multifamily and commercial properties. He provides daily strategic direction to the firm’s management team and chairs its Investment Committee.

Mr. Rose is Vice Chair of Enterprise Community Partners and is a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. He chaired the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s Blue Ribbon Sustainability Commission, which developed the nation’s first green transit plan, and serves on the Board of the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Mr. Rose’s book on how to create resilient cities, The Well-Tempered City: What Modern Science, Ancient Civilizations and Human Nature Teach Us About the Future of Urban Life, was published by Harper Wave in 2016, and won the 2017 PROSE Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work by a Trade Publisher. Mr. Rose is a former partner of Rose Associates, a leading owner, developer and investor in New York City since the 1920s. Mr. Rose graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy and received a Master’s in Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Imogen Rose-Smith, Investment Fellow, University of California, Office of the Chief Investment Officer to the Regents

Imogen is an Investment Fellow with the University of California in the Office of the Chief Investment Officer to the UC Regents. As a fellow she focuses on sustainability investing. Reporting directly to the CIO, helps the $110 billion investment office craft and execute its innovative sustainable investment approach. Prior to joining the UC, Imogen had more than 15 years experience as a financial journalist most recently as an award winning senior writer for Institutional Investor magazine.

Imogen serves on the Advisory Board of Girls Who Invest, a not-for-profit focused on increasing the number of women in investment management roles. Imogen is a member of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 content planning committees for High Water Women’s annual Investing for Impact Symposium. From 2013 to 2015 she served as a consultant to the Robert F Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights on its Compass conference program, a high-level conference aimed at engaging asset owners in issues relating to the environment, social responsibility and corporate governance. She represented the RFK Center in negotiations with the Department of Labor with regards to the November 2015 DOL guidance concerning impact investing and shareholder engagement. Imogen is based in New York, she lives in Fort Greene, Brooklyn with her partner Pierre and her dog George. Sometimes she is funny on Twitter.
David Sand, Chief Impact Strategist, Community Capital Management

As chief impact strategist, David is responsible for furthering the scope of the firm’s impact reporting and outcomes metrics, business development, and creating new impact investing products to meet the needs of existing and future clients. He is also involved in developing the macro-economic and impact investing outlook applied in the construction of the firm’s investment strategies. David is a well-regarded and sought-after speaker on the topic of impact investing and represents the firm in client meetings and media requests. He is a frequent guest lecturer on impact investing at college campuses around the country. David is chair of the Investment Strategy Committee and a member of the firm’s Management Committee, Investment Management and Trading Committee, and Valuation Committee.

David has more than 35 years of investment management experience and is a trailblazer in the socially responsible/impact investing arena. In 1994, he co-founded Access Capital Strategies and served as its president and chief investment officer from 1994 to 2010. In this capacity, he pioneered the development of market-rate, fixed income impact investments for institutional investors. He then worked as a consultant to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI’s), non-profits and social enterprises. David serves on the following boards: New York Advisory Board for Enterprise Community Partners, Croatan Institute, and AERIS®: The Information Service for Community Investors. He is also a former board member of U.S. SIF: The Forum for Sustainable Investment. David received his A.B. in American History from Princeton University and an M.P.A from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He holds FINRA licenses: Series 7 & 63.

Hannah Schiff, Director, Impact Responsible Investing, Nuveen

Hannah Schiff is Director of Impact for Nuveen’s Responsible Investing team. In this role, Hannah leads efforts to pursue, measure, and manage positive social and environmental impact from investments across asset classes for Nuveen’s $970 billion AUM.

Previously, Hannah managed research at the Global Impact Investing Network, where her publications included the Roadmap for the Future of Impact Investing: Reshaping Financial Markets, several Annual Impact Investor Surveys, and The Business Value of Impact Measurement. Having worked in more than 15 countries in roles spanning the public, nonprofit, and business sectors, Hannah is adept at finding synergies in a world of increasing interconnectedness among these realms. Hannah earned a Masters degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, where she specialized in International Business Relations and Development Economics. She also holds a Bachelors degree from Brown University in International Relations.

Lori Scott, Chief Credit Officer, Impact Investments, MacArthur Foundation

Lori is responsible for providing oversight, credit information, and investment policies to ensure the overall quality of the Foundation’s impact investing portfolio. The Foundation has committed $500 million to impact investments - loans, bonds, stock, equity, deposits, and guarantees that directly meet the capital needs of special-purpose funds, for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations tackling environmental and social challenges around the world. Lori has connected impact investors with investment opportunities that meet their social and financial goals for over 20 years. She has developed and implemented a wide range of impact strategies including post-Katrina recovery, reaching bottom of the pyramid customers in developing markets, and a national, faith-based focus.

Prior to joining MacArthur, she provided investors with strategic advice and custom tools to build and operate high-performing impact funds, including Department of Treasury CDFI Fund Bond Guaranty program, the Aeris financial institution rating agency, and the launch of a European family offices’ first impact investing fund. Lori grew Community Investment Partners, a subsidiary of Calvert Impact Capital, to over $250 million in investments under management and provided advisory services to leading institutions to build and grow their impact investment programs. She developed the strategy, designed the capitalization structure, launched, and managed the assets over several years, of five high performing impact intermediaries. Prior to joining Calvert Foundation, she was a real estate lender at the IFF, a community development finance institution.
Lisa Sebasta, Founder, Sitari Capital

Lisa is the Founder of Sitari Capital, which consults to investors focused on private companies in the sustainable food and agriculture sector. She is also a Managing Partner at Fresh Source Capital, LLC, and a General Partner in Fresh Source Capital Fund 1.

Previously, Lisa served as a consultant to the Fair Food Fund, and spent 15 years as an equity analyst and portfolio manager for investment firms Batterymarch Financial Management and Boston Advisors.

Lisa is an advisor and/or board observer to several companies in the sustainable food sector, including portfolio companies in Fresh Source Capital Fund 1. She is also on the leadership team of Slow Money Boston. Lisa holds an undergraduate degree from Holy Cross and earned her Masters at the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She is a CFA® Charterholder and member of the Boston Security Analysts Society.

Kim Leslie Shafer, Vice-Chair, Aeris

Kim Leslie Shafer is Vice-Chair of Aeris, a social enterprise that "guides capital to good." She currently works as an expert witness in litigation, consults in financial services and fin-tech and serves on the Advisory Committee of a credit hedge fund. She was a Senior Managing Director in Strategic Finance at Bear Stearns until its 2008 merger, working with alternative asset managers and various structured fixed income products. Subsequently, she assisted the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission in DC create its report and archives. In earlier professional chapters, Kim was a public finance investment banker, served as Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Banking Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee, worked on the national staffs of two Presidential campaigns and practiced corporate law at White & Case. Her policy work in Washington engendered a lifelong interest in the beneficial power of finance and the challenge of effective regulation.

Kim has a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.A. from Vanderbilt University. Post-graduate she was awarded a Corning World Travel Fellowship to explore foreign private investment and economic development issues in Asia and Africa.

Rita Kakati Shah, Founder & CEO, Uma

Rita Kakati Shah is Founder and CEO of Uma and has been a dedicated advocate for diversity and inclusion issues in the workplace. She was awarded the prestigious Excellence in Citizenship and Diversity Award for her outstanding contributions during her 10-year career at Goldman Sachs in London. She started Uma to empower individuals to return to work after a career break or transition through networking events, confidence building workshops and curated job placements. Through Uma, Rita is creating an international movement by identifying pain points and challenging the status quo. From income disparity to paid family leave, she is not afraid of asking tough questions and making bold suggestions to help companies retain their employees. With offices in New York, London, and San Francisco, the community continues to grow every day.

Rita graduated from King’s College London with a B.Sc. in Mathematics and Management, and an M.Sc. in Financial Mathematics and is a trained and accomplished classical Indian dancer and oil painter. She lives with her husband and two small children in New York City.
Ridge Shinn, Founder & CEO, Big Picture Beef

Ridge Shinn is the Founder and CEO of Big Picture Beef, and a leader in the shift away from feedlot beef to 100% grass-fed and grass finished beef—no corn ever. Shinn’s goal is to revive the Northeast rural economy with grassfed beef. Big Picture Beef uses regenerative pasture and grazing management that sequesters carbon, enriches farmland, and protects against drought. The year-old company is currently working with more than 50 small farms in the region to provide Northeast customers with Northeast beef, and has accounts with large vendors, such as The Big Y (70 New England stores), and institutions, such as Smith College.

An experienced cattleman, Shinn has consulted all over the US, and in New Zealand, Uruguay, and Argentina on beef production and ecosystem restoration through grazing. Time Magazine featured him as “carbon cowboy” in an article titled, “How Cows (Grass-fed Only) Could Save the Planet.” His work has also been recognized in Atlantic, New York Times, Wine Spectator, and Smithsonian.

Jennifer Signori, SVP, ESG and Impact Investing, Neuberger Berman

Jennifer Signori is a Senior Vice President and Principal at Neuberger Berman. Jennifer is leading the development and execution of impact strategies across asset classes with a focus on private equity investing.

Previously, Jennifer was a Director at Bridges Fund Management, a specialist impact investing private equity fund manager, where she played a key role in establishing the U.S. presence, including new fund development, leading the impact diligence and management of growth equity and real estate investments, investing in social impact bonds, and driving strategic initiatives globally. Jennifer began her career in investment banking at J.P. Morgan, where she originated and structured syndicated leveraged loans and bonds, working on over $18 billion in transactions, in addition to conducting credit analysis and portfolio management. Jennifer also worked in a number of investment and strategic advisory roles focused on impact investing, including at Imprint Capital and Next Street.

Jennifer received a BS of Foreign Service in International Economics from Georgetown University and an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurial Management from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Jennifer is on the board of the Wharton Private Equity Venture Capital Association and an advisor to the Impact Management Project and MBA Impact Investing Network and Training.

Derwin Sisnett, Managing Partner, Rethink Community

Derwin Sisnett is the Managing Partner of Rethink Community, a social impact investment fund that provides capital for real estate assets collectively centered on education, housing, healthcare, and the workforce. Derwin is also the founder of Maslow Development Inc. (Maslow), a real estate development company that co-designs and develops community ecosystems anchored by high performing schools.

Prior to Rethink Community and Maslow, Derwin co-founded and served as the CEO of Gestalt Community Schools (GCS), a charter management organization that develops high-performing, community-based charter schools in Memphis, Tennessee. Under his leadership, GCS grew into one of the highest-performing networks of schools in Tennessee. Derwin has held numerous board seats at healthcare, foundation, and education-based organizations. Derwin is also a Pahara-Aspen Fellow and a Broad Academy Fellow.
**Anna Snider**, Managing Director & Head of Due Diligence for the Chief Investment Office within Global Wealth & Management, Bank of America Board Chair, High Water Women

Anna Snider is Managing Director and Head of Due Diligence for the Chief Investment Office within Global Wealth & Investment Management, Bank of America. In this role, Anna is responsible for manager research across all asset classes for the wealth management businesses. She also defines and executes investment strategies focusing on impact strategy research, thought leadership and investment implementation.

Prior to this role, Anna was part of the alternative investments group where she advised clients on hedge fund and private assets portfolio construction and became head of research for externally managed alternative investment fund of funds. She was also a senior analyst in the risk management division at U.S. Trust. Anna offers many years of investment and risk analysis experience, having held positions at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, JP Morgan and UBS focusing on market, credit and operational risk management. Anna graduated from Connecticut College. She holds the Chartered Alternative Investment AnalystSM (CAIASM) designation. Anna serves as chair of the board for High Water Women, a foundation based in New York City.

**Katherine St. Onge**, Director, Syndications and Institutional Partnerships, Calvert Impact Capital

Katherine St. Onge is Director of Syndications and Institutional Partnerships at Calvert Impact Capital. She helps institutions structure fixed-income investments to support Calvert Impact Capital and the mission-driven organizations within CIC's portfolio, through a variety of investments including subordinated debt, the Community Investment Note and syndication transactions.

Prior to Calvert Impact Capital, Katherine worked at the Aspen Institute where she focused on building entrepreneurial and early-stage investment ecosystems in the Middle East and North Africa. She also worked for Louisiana Economic Development, crafting policies and strategies to enhance the state’s economic competitiveness, and Goldman Sachs, managing both equity and fixed-income investment products. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in economics and mathematics from Bucknell University and her M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Gitanjali Swamy**, Managing Partner, Io Task

Dr. Gitanjali Swamy is Managing Partner at IoTask, an “Innovation of Things” (IoT) company. She currently serves as Founder/Advisor to the Berkeley’s Witi@UC Women in Technology Initiative, Representative to the UN’s EQUALS Leadership Coalition, Research Fellow-Director at Harvard’s Private Capital Research Institute.

Dr. Swamy has founded, built, served as board director in successful innovation enterprises, led investment execution from seed stage to over a Billion USD and held investment/strategy professional roles at global leaders Carlyle Group, Booz-Allen & Hamilton or operating-roles at MathWorks, Mentor Graphics. Her projects include MIT’s Open courseware, the Auto-ID Consortium and the MIT Engine investment vehicle.

Dr. Swamy received her Bachelors in Electrical Engineering (B. Tech) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, her doctorate in EECS (Ph.D.) from U.C. Berkeley, her Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from Harvard University. She has nearly 25 publications and patents in data sciences, algorithms, technology and policy.
Shen Tong, Founder & Managing Partner, FoodFutureCo

Shen Tong is the Founder and Managing Partner of FoodFutureCo. He has been a serial entrepreneur since the 1990s, co-founding B&B Media, and founding VFinity among other ventures.

Shen also served as venture partner of SOSV, a global multi-stage venture capital fund, after acting as general partner. His thesis of cultivating tasty, sustainable, healthy, accessible, and affordable food and agriculture businesses comes to life in his work with social entrepreneurs, building financially sustainable and impactful businesses.

Shen is a long time social activist beginning with his student protest days at Tiananmen in 1989. He was actively involved in the 2011 Occupy Wall Street movement, and continues to advocate for other human rights movements and social justice causes.

John Townsend, Board of Trustees, Vice President, Treasurer, Head of the Finance Committee, Altman Foundation

John Townsend is Vice President, Treasurer, and Head of the Finance Committee of the 105-year old Altman Foundation in New York. Over the last 35 years, he has served on numerous non-profit boards, including several as investment, finance, and audit committee chairman. Currently, in addition to Altman, he is the Head of the Investment and Finance Committee of the Boyce-Thompson Institute in Ithaca, NY.

John’s career includes over twenty years on Wall Street - eight years as a Vice President in International Corporate Finance at Goldman Sachs, and another eight as Head of Investment Banking and Global Derivatives at UBS in New York. Subsequently, in the mid-90’s, he founded J.W. Townsend & Co., an executive recruiting and financial institutions consultancy, which eventually became Gardiner Townsend and Associates, a nationally ranked firm. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.A.) and holds an M.B.A. from Penn’s Wharton School. He is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey and served in U.S. Army Intelligence in Munich during the Vietnam-War era.

Diana van Maasdijk, Co-Founder & CEO, Equileap

Diana van Maasdijk is Co-Founder and CEO at Equileap, the leading organisation providing data and insights on gender equality in the corporate sector. Equileap aims to accelerate progress towards gender equality in the workplace and its products & services are tailored for companies, governments and investors. Equilea's Gender Equality Scorecard is a comprehensive methodology that scores and ranks corporations, and it offers investors numerous tools including gender equality indices, company reports and a database scoring over 3000 companies.

Previously, Diana was Head of Philanthropy at ABN AMRO Private Bank and was the Director of Development at Mama Cash, the world’s oldest international grantmaking organization for women’s rights. Diana is also the author of Goed Geven- a Dutch guide to effective giving. She has a BA in Liberal Arts from Hamilton College and an MA in International Development from American University. She is of both Dutch and Ecuadorian background and lives in Amsterdam with her 3 sons and husband.
Renee Vassilos, Founder, Banyan Innovation Group

Renée Vassilos is a Dutch-American Agricultural Economist with over fifteen years of agriculture industry experience. Her expertise ranges from strategic business and market intelligence to product development to sales, marketing and distribution strategy. She has lived and worked abroad- in Amsterdam and Beijing- contributing to her robust global experience, cultural competence, and network.

Today, Vassilos shares her expertise through her consulting business, Banyan Innovation Group. She utilizes her global cross-functional experience from working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and John Deere to support industry incumbents including investors with innovation strategy and intelligence research and growth-stage agribusinesses with business development strategy and implementation. She has a BS and MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and University of California, Davis, respectively. Her robust global network is leveraged to deliver project results beyond expectation.

Tim Volk, Principal, T. Volk & Company

Tim Volk is an experienced business executive and seasoned board member with a strong financial background in real estate, wealth management, mortgage banking and insurance. He is the Founder and Principal of T. Volk & Company, a boutique advisory firm that specializes in assisting closely-held businesses, family offices (single and multi-family) and family-controlled enterprises. Following his family’s legacy, he is also the Founder and President of Teton Tack & Feed, a privately-held, award winning real estate development company focused on residential real estate. Under the brand Modernity Homes, Teton Tack & Feed acquires, builds and rehabs residential properties.

Mr. Volk has also been Director of Business Development at BMO Harris myCFO, where he was instrumental in strategically expanding the firm and growing assets under advisement by over $2 billion dollars. He helped anchor the business with a new office in the New York area by acquiring a key family office client and developing its management team. During his 8 years with BMO Harris, he also assisted with the expansion of the consumer lending division specifically tailored to High Net Worth and Ultra High Net Worth. His innovative approach encompassed everything from product development to client engagement, leading to Mr. Volk being honored with the firm’s highest achievement awards.

Prior to that, Mr. Volk was at PNC Bank, where as Sales Vice President, he led the growth of 10 new mortgage banking offices across the Rocky Mountain Region. His team generated over $100 million dollars in new loan volume in less than two years. His most notable contribution was the dramatic turn-around of the regional headquarters office in Denver, which received the company’s highest achievement award for growth and outstanding customer service.

Mr. Volk began his career at Wallick and Volk, a family business, quickly gaining experience in a broad array of financial services including insurance, mortgage banking and real estate while holding key roles in various divisions. Wallick and Volk, founded in 1932 by his great-grandfather, is today nationally recognized as one of oldest, most successful, mortgage banking firms in the country. Mr. Volk still participates in his family business council, overseeing various operating interests.

Mr. Volk has also held key leadership positions over the past 25 years with several not-for-profit boards focused in community service, education, health and well-being. This includes the Collaboration for Families Flourishing as a board member; the Abzyme Research Foundation in New York as a board member; the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center, as a past trustee; Children’s Hospital at University of Illinois, former member of the Advisory Board; Aspen Center for Integral Health as a former board member; Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association, as a former board member; and the United Way of Laramie County, Wyoming, where he served on the Allocation committee, as Campaign Chairman and as a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Volk holds a CFP designation. He earned a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor’s degree in Finance from Oregon State University.
Jennifer von Bismarck, Managing Director, Arena Investments

Ms. von Bismarck serves as a founding partner and Managing Director for Arena Investments. Ms. von Bismarck provides advisory services to a number of investment vehicles dedicated to investing in clean energy, energy efficiency and sustainability. These vehicles include a platform to invest in Commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) as well as a lending vehicle that provides capital to small businesses that develop clean power and energy efficiency projects.

Prior to this work, Ms. von Bismarck served as a founding partner of TowPath Partners where she led the Company’s efforts to develop investments in renewable energy and originate asset backed securities. She has helped value billions of dollars of assets, including over 5,000 MW of operating clean energy assets, and worked with rating agencies, government agencies and investors to create attractive debt and equity securities across a number of asset classes. Ms. von Bismarck has helped lead the company’s acquisition of $2 billion in financial assets, including a portfolio of commercial energy efficiency assets, and issuance of over $1 billion in debt and private placements. One such placement won the US Asset-Backed Securities Deal of the Year Award by the International Securitization Report.

Prior to commencing her career in structured finance, Ms. von Bismarck founded a Washington, DC-based company which imported products from Asia and marketed and distributed them throughout the United States. Prior to launching her company, Ms. von Bismarck was based in Kirkland, Washington where she was the second team member hired to manage the personal net worth of Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates. Ms. von Bismarck holds a BA from Mount Holyoke College and an MBA from Cornell University.

Briana Warner, CEO, Ocean Approved

Briana has forged a career path focused on social entrepreneurship and has done well by doing good. She is the CEO of Ocean Approved, the domestic leader in line-grown sea vegetable food products. Her company is hyper-focused on sourcing product from fishermen looking to diversify their income stream by starting ocean farms and growing kelp, a vegetable that improves the health of the ocean and provides huge nutritional benefits to the consumer.

Prior to joining Ocean Approved in 2018, Bri was the Economic Development Director at the Island Institute, a non-profit that works to sustain Maine’s island and coastal communities. Before her tenure at the Island Institute, Briana founded and sold a successful wholesale bakery based in Portland, Maine that only employed newly resettled refugees. Bri also served as a diplomat with the U.S. Department of State serving in Guinea, Libya, and the U.S. Mission to the European Union. She lives in a romantically shabby historic farmhouse in Cumberland, Maine and she and her family of boys play in the incredible Maine woods and waters surrounding their home.
Tom Woelfel, Director, Impact Advisory Services, Pacific Community Ventures

Tom Woelfel is the Director of PCV Insight – Pacific Community Ventures' global research and consulting practice in impact investing. In this role, Tom manages PCV InSight’s research and consulting services for prominent institutional investors, corporations, foundations, fund managers, and CDFIs. Tom leads PCV’s field-building research focused on impact measurement and management, the advancement of quality job creation, and the role of public policy in impact investing.

Prior to joining PCV, Tom served as an Associate at Development Planning and Financing Group, where he advised clients on real estate development projects and worked with developers and municipalities on a wide-range of development-related issues. Prior to his work at DPFG, Tom worked for the Federal Office of the California Governor where he conducted federal policy research on issues of importance to the State of California.

Tom serves on the foundation research committee of The Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (US SIF), a US membership association for professionals, firms, institutions and organizations engaged in sustainable and responsible investing. He holds a BS with honors in Managerial Economics from the University of California, Davis.

Leah Wood, Associate Director, Business Development and Client Service, Impax Asset Management

Leah joined Impax’s East Coast office in 2016, focusing on business development and client service. Having started her career in 2008, Leah brings experience in both equity research and institutional asset management, most recently working with Russell Investments' Multi-Asset portfolio management team based in New York. Previously she worked with Russell’s institutional clients, providing asset allocation advice, investment review and performance evaluation.

Leah began her career at Renaissance Capital LLC, a boutique research and investment firm focused on initial public offerings (IPOs) where she worked for four years in equity research and index design, construction and support. She received a BS in Mathematics and Finance from Sacred Heart University (2008) and a MS in Sustainability Management with a concentration in Sustainable Finance from Columbia University (2017). Leah is also a CFA® Charterholder.

Miriam Wrobel, Consultant, Miriam Wrobel Consulting

Ms. Miriam Wrobel advises major energy users, electric utilities, investors, lenders, and project developers in identifying, structuring, and executing clean energy projects that maximize financial, strategic, and sustainability outcomes.

As a Director at Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Ms. Wrobel financed $600 million of solar and wind projects and was an underwriter on New York State’s award-winning Green Jobs-Green New York energy efficiency securitization.

Ms. Wrobel has expertise advising utilities and public sector entities on effective use of ratepayer funds and market financing instruments to achieve policy, regulatory, and operational objectives. She similarly advises investors in alignment of financial and sustainability outcomes in projects that include energy conservation and clean energy generation.

Having started her career in institutional real estate investment, Ms. Wrobel is also keenly interested developing markets at the intersection of clean energy and real estate. Ms. Wrobel holds an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
**Rye Young**, Executive Director, Third Wave Fund

Rye Young is Third Wave Fund’s Executive Director. He began his career as an abortion fund hotline intern when the organization was known as Third Wave Foundation. Rye served in various program roles at Third Wave and dedicated himself to developing systems for impact measurement and grantmaking while crafting programs that met the needs of Third Wave’s grassroots, community-based organizations.

Rye strives towards a gender justice movement that is strong and interconnected across other social justice movements. He is passionate about expanding opportunities for communities who are most affected by oppression yet remain marginalized in our movements and in philanthropy.

Rye currently serves on the Board of Directors of Funders for LGBTQ Issues, Funders Concerned About AIDS, and the Groundswell Fund and was a past board member of the New York Abortion Access Fund. He was a Grace Paley Organizing Fellow with Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, and he graduated from Bard College in 2008 with a B.A. in Arabic Language, Culture, and Literature.

**Christie Zarkovich**, Managing Director, Cambridge Associates

Christie is Head of Mission-Related Investment (MRI) Research and a Managing Director in Cambridge Associates’ Arlington office. As a leader in the firm’s Global Investment Research practice, Christie is responsible for defining the firm’s strategy regarding MRI practices and integration throughout the firm. She also oversees ESG and impact manager diligence, impact sector research, and Chairs the firm’s Mission-Related Investing Council responsible for establishing strategy for client, market engagement, and research priorities.

Prior to joining Cambridge Associates, Christie was a Managing Director at Perella Weinberg Partner’s (PWP) Agility outsourced CIO investment organization where she was a member of the Investment Committee, led impact investment activities, and was a senior member of the private real assets and absolute return investment teams. Prior to her role at PWP, Christie contributed to asset allocation, risk management, and manager research across a range of alternative investment strategies at The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the A.I. duPont Testamentary Trust. Christie began her career at the New York Mercantile Exchange as a commodity derivatives research analyst. CFA® Charterholder; Masters of Science in Finance and MBA, University of Denver; Bachelor of Science Economics, The Colorado School of Mines.