

# Education Session No. 664: The Truth about ESG: Incorporating ESG into the Investment Process

September 27, 2016 at 6 PM New York

100WHF invites you to our September 27th education event on the topic of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG). Listen to an interactive panel discussion and network with fellow 100WHF members while enjoying cocktails and light refreshments.

## **Participants**

Manica Piputbundit, TIAA Global Asset Management Jamie Silver, Mariner Anna Snider, Bank of America Linda-Eling Lee, *Moderator*, MSCI

#### **Event Details**

**Date:** September 27, 2016 **Time:** 5 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and canapés will follow.

Host: MSCI

Location: 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, 48th Floor, New York, NY 10007

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the New York Education committee.

This event is NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION. All 100WHF events are private events and we require that no one reports publicly on any aspect of them.

Admission is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend, even if you cancel in advance. No-show proceeds will be donated to the beneficiary of 100WHF's most recent US philanthropic initiatives.

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

## **Biographies**

## Manica Piputbundit, Senior Associate, TIAA Global Asset Management

Manica Piputbundit is a Senior Associate and member of the Responsible Investment team at TIAA Global Asset Management. Her responsibilities include working with the RI team to manage the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategy for TIAA's ESG investment products, including continuous enhancement and oversight of the ESG guidelines. She also provides research, analysis, and support on ESG investing issues, including initiatives related to the development of ESG integration frameworks across asset classes and ESG reporting and disclosure.

Ms. Piputbundit joined the TIAA organization in 2012. Prior to joining TIAA, she worked at Morgan Stanley in the Institutional Equities Division in New York and Hong Kong. Ms. Piputbundit holds a B.A. in Economics and Computer Science from Columbia University and an M.B.A. from New York University's Stern School of Business.

### Jamie Silver, Managing Director, Mariner

Ms. Silver joined Mariner in 2004 and is a Managing Director within the Proprietary Trading and Risk Management Team and a member of the Management Committee. She works with the CIO in managing the Firm's flagship multistrategy fund and is also responsible for managing special projects for Mariner's strategic partners. Additionally, she spearheads Mariner's ESG and Impact initiative. Ms. Silver was formerly a structuring and marketing associate in the Alternative Investments Team with JPMorgan's Private Bank. Prior to joining the Alternative Investments Team in 2000, Ms. Silver was a Credit analyst for Chase Manhattan Private Bank. She successfully completed the Chase Investment Banking Credit analyst Program. Ms. Silver received a B.S. / B.A. concentrating in Finance and Accounting from American University.

### Anna Snider, Managing Director, Bank of America

Anna Snider is a Managing Director and Head of Due Diligence for the Chief Investment Office within Global Wealth & Investment Management (GWIM), a division of Bank of America Corporation. In this role, she 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.

She 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.

## Linda-Eling Lee, Global Head of Research, MSCI

As Global Head of Research for MSCI's ESG Research group, Linda-Eling Lee oversees all ESG-related content and methodology and chairs MSCI's ESG Ratings Review Committee. She leads one of the largest teams of research analysts in the world who are dedicated to identifying risks and opportunities arising from material ESG issues. The team, located in 12 offices globally, provides ESG ratings of 6,000+ issuers; industry and thematic research; and analysis used by investors for positive and negative screening.

Linda joined MSCI in 2010 following the acquisition of RiskMetrics, where she led ESG ratings research and was head of consumer sector analysis. Linda joined RiskMetrics Group in 2009 through the acquisition of Innovest. Prior to joining Innovest, Linda was the Research Director at the Center for Research on Corporate Performance, developing academic research at Harvard Business School into management tools to drive long-term corporate performance. Previously, she was a strategy consultant with Monitor Group in Europe and in Asia, where she worked with Fortune 500 clients in industries ranging from beverages to telecommunications.

Linda received her AB from Harvard, MSt from Oxford, and PhD in Organizational Behavior from Harvard University.

Linda has published research both in management journals such as the Harvard Business Review and MIT's Sloan Management Review, as well as in top academic peer-reviewed journals such as Management Science and Journal of Organizational Behavior.



#### **About MSCI**

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Since the MSCI indexes were launched over 40 years ago, the company has grown both organically and through acquisition to become one of the world's leading players in the provision of products and services to institutional investors.

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