



## Getting to know our Speakers



### **Prof. Dr. Ewald Aschauer,**

WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

**Prof. Dr. Ewald Aschauer**, professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, head of the department for corporate accounting and auditing, member of the Senate for Business Administration and Organization and the working group for company valuation of the Chamber of Tax Consultants and Auditors, scientific advisory board of the Institute of Auditors and member of the Austrian Financial Reporting and Auditing Committee (AFRAC). Additional functions in supervisory boards.



### **Florian Beckermann,**

Managing Director, IVA

**Florian Beckermann** is Board Member of the Austrian Shareholder Association IVA since 2012, as well as active member since 2009.

In his professional career he has worked for international banks and law firms in management functions. He focuses on restructuring, finance, real estate and ESG.

As a member of the Austrian corporate governance working committee, he brings in his experiences as supervisory board member, stock trader and ESG-Analyst.

Florian holds university degrees in law (Bonn, Germany), economics (Hagen, Germany) and international tax law (Vienna, Austria).



## Jella Benner-Heinacher,

Chief Managing Director, DSW

**Jella Benner-Heinacher** is the Chief Managing Director (Deputy) of DSW, the leading shareholder association in Germany with more than 30.000 members.

She is an attorney having studied in France, Switzerland and the U.S.A. (Master of Law). Jella Benner-Heinacher joined DSW in 1991 and works as its Chief Managing Director (Deputy) since 2011. Her responsibilities are:

- International activities: BETTER FINANCE (formerly EuroFinuse) in Brussels, European Corporate Governance Services (ECGS), London/Paris.
- Corporate Governance issues in commissions inside of Germany such as the German Corporate Governance Commission, and abroad in speeches and international conferences.
- DSW's participation in the legislation procedure at a national and international level.
- Shareholders' representation at Annual General Meetings such as SAP, Metro, and Henkel in Germany, but also in France, Spain and U.K. (EuroStoxx50).

Jella Benner-Heinacher is also member of the German Stock Exchange Expert Committee and of the Stock Exchange Board in Düsseldorf. She sits on the Germany consumer panel at the German BaFin. She is member of the supervisory boards of K + S AG and the small cap company A.S. Creation AG.



## Quirijn Bongaerts,

Lead Counsel, SILC

**Quirijn Bongaerts** is one of the founding partners of Birkway, an Amsterdam-based litigation boutique with a strong focus on mass claims and collective redress. Quirijn litigates on behalf of representative groups in relation to the diesel emissions scandal, business to business claims against energy providers, and against listed entities in relation to shareholder claims.

He has also acted as counsel to shareholder representative groups in well-known securities litigation situations, such as Fortis and Steinhoff, matters which led to ground-breaking settlements. Quirijn acts as counsel to Stichting Investor Loss Compensation in relation to the Airbus-matter, a shareholder organisation supported by BETTER FINANCE and some of its member organisations.



## Christoph Boschan,

CEO, Wiener Börse AG

**Christoph Boschan** has been CEO of the Vienna and Prague exchange group since September 2016. Over the past twenty years, he has worked for various stock exchanges, his last positions being joint CEO of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange and member of the board of directors of Euwax. The trained securities trader previously worked for Equiduct-Trading London, Börse Berlin and Tradegate.



## Eric Breiteneder,

Lawyer

**Eric Breiteneder** has been practicing law in Vienna for 20 years. His law firm [www.breiteneder.pro](http://www.breiteneder.pro) represents international and national, institutional and private clients who have been harmed by the largest white collar crime cases (including Meinel European Land, Wirecard, dieselgate, Austrian Construction Cartel) in Europe in recent years. Breiteneder is restless and innovative. This is precisely why his law firm is a pioneer in Austria in many aspects of the successful enforcement of mass claims. It is precisely this energy and innovative strength that every client can expect from BREITENEDER Rechtsanwalt GmbH.



## Nastassja Cernko,

Director Sustainability, Project Analyses and Strategy, OeKB

**Nastassja Cernko** has been Sustainability Manager at the OeKB since 2017. The focus of her work is to integrate sustainability into the core business, further develop existing activities and initiate new measures, including in the area of Sustainable Finance. In 2019, she was project leader for the creation of the OeKB Sustainable Financing Framework and the issuance of the first OeKB Sustainability Bond. The development and re-certification of the internal environmental management system, diversity and inclusion management and intensive stakeholder management are focal points of her sustainability management. Since July 2021, she is Director for Sustainability, Project Analyses And Strategy at the OeKB and launched the OeKB > ESG Data Hub, which she has been (further) developing with her team ever since. Prior to that,  
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Cernko worked for internationally operating consulting companies in the areas of sustainability management and as an expert for sustainability reporting and management systems at OMV.



### Sébastien Commain,

Senior Research Officer at BETTER FINANCE

**Sébastien Commain** is Research and Policy Officer at BETTER FINANCE. He specialises in Financial Services Regulation and Capital Markets Research.

Sébastien holds a Master's degree in European affairs from Sciences Po Paris and a Ph.D. in political science from the Université du Luxembourg. Before joining BETTER FINANCE, Sébastien worked as an interest representative, a role in which he initially developed a strong taste for financial regulation issues as well as advocacy and policy analysis skills. He then turned to academia, working at the College of Europe for several years, before undertaking a Ph.D. on the influence of financial interest groups in EU and international policy making and the reform of bank capital requirements.



### Fabrice Demarigny,

Global Head of Financial Advisory Services and Capital Markets Activities,  
Mazars

**Fabrice Demarigny**, a French attorney, Ph.D. in Political Sciences, is a graduate in Law and Economics. Fabrice worked for eleven years in the French Securities Market Authority (AMF) where he was member of the Steering Committee of the College of Supervisors of Euronext and one of the drafters of the IOSCO Principles of Securities Regulation. From 2002 to 2008 he has been the Secretary General of the European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA - formerly CESR). During his tenure, he contributed to the adoption of all EU Directives and Regulations regarding Markets of financial instruments (Mifid), Prospectuses, Transparency obligations of listed companies, Takeover bids, Market Abuse and UCITS. Since 2008, Fabrice is a member of Mazars' international partnership and a Partner of the Law Firm member of Mazars in France - *Mazars Société d'Avocats*. He is currently the Global Head of Financial Markets and member of the Group Governing Council of Mazars. Fabrice is the Chair of the Next CMU High-Level Group established by the Ministers of Finance of France (Bruno Le Maire), Germany (Olaf Scholz) and the Netherlands (Wopke Hoekstra). At the request of the French Minister of Finance, he published a report for an "EU listing Small Business Act" (2010 – Mme. Christine

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Lagarde) and “25 Investing and Financing Recommendations for the forthcoming Capital Markets Union” (2015 – Mr. Michel Sapin). In 2012/13, he chaired the Strategic Committee for Small and Midcaps of Euronext. Fabrice is the founder of Securities Lawyers Association (ADB) and is currently the Chairman of the European Capital Markets Institute (ECMI) as well as member of the Board of Paris-Europlace. He is knight of the French National Merit Order and of the *Légion d'honneur*.



### Patrick de Cambourg,

Chair of the EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board

**Patrick de Cambourg** is the Chair of the EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board since November 2022.

Between 2015 and November 2022, he was President of the Autorité des normes comptables (ANC), the French accounting standard-setting Public Authority. As such, he was also a member of the Boards of Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de Résolution (ACPR), CNOCP and a member of the Haut Conseil de Stabilité Financière.

Patrick was a member of the EFRAG Financial Reporting Board and chaired the EFRAG Project Task Force on preparatory work for the elaboration of possible EU non-financial reporting standards from September 2020 until April 2022.

Patrick, a graduate from Sciences Po Paris, holds degrees in public and business law and has a Bachelor of Arts. As chartered accountant and auditor, he spent his entire career within the Mazars Group, successively as junior, manager, partner and senior partner (1983-2014). Since late 2014, he is Honorary President of the Mazars Group.



### Carmine Di Noia,

Director of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**Carmine Di Noia** is the Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs at the OECD since 2022.



Prior to his appointment, he was Commissioner of the Italian Securities and Exchange Commission (CONSOB) from 2016 until 2022. In this capacity, he was also an alternate member of the Board of Supervisors of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and chair of its Committee for Economic and Markets Analysis (CEMA) and Post-Trading Standing Committee, and vice chair of the Corporate Governance Committee at OECD.

Carmine Di Noia was previously Deputy Director General and Head of Capital Markets and Listed Companies at Assonime (the Association of Italian Corporations) and served two terms as a member of the Securities and Markets Stakeholders Group at ESMA. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Italian Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana).

He is Full Professor of Financial Markets and Banking at the Business School of Luiss University in Rome.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, a Doctorate in Economic Theory and Institutions from Tor Vergata University in Rome (Italy), and a bachelor's degree in business economics from La Sapienza University in Rome.



### Dr. Tatiana Fic,

Director, Central Banks and Public Policy, World Gold Council

Tatiana Fic, Ph.D., is Director, Central Banks and Public Policy at the WGC. She regularly engages with policy makers on gold investment regulations, and with central bankers on the role of gold as a reserve asset. Currently, her primary area of focus is centred on the national and international regulations of tokenised gold. She joined the WGC from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. She started her career at the National Bank of Poland.



### Edgar Flagg,

CFO, Addiko Bank AG

**Edgar Flagg** is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Addiko Bank AG, a Vienna-listed bank that operates in five countries in South-Eastern Europe. Edgar oversees Accounting, Controlling, Investor Relations and Corporate Development for the entire banking group. He has held leadership positions at Addiko and its predecessor

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since 2012. Notably, he played a pivotal role in Addiko's successful IPO in 2019 and has led a number of strategic initiatives for the consumer- and SME-focused bank with its 800 thousand customers.

Edgar has been working in the financial services industry as a consultant and executive across Europe, Africa and the US for more than two decades. He holds a master's degree in Polymer Science & Engineering from the University of Leoben, Austria, which included education at the Imperial College London and Harvard University.



### Salvatore Gnoni,

Head of Investor Protection and Intermediaries Unit, ESMA

**Mr. Salvatore Gnoni** is the Head of the Investor Protection and Intermediaries Unit at the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), in charge of policy and supervisory convergence work on MiFID II and the Crowdfunding Regulation. His areas of responsibility include investment firms' authorisation, conduct of business and organisational requirements, cross-border provision of services and product intervention. Before joining ESMA, Salvatore has worked for the European Commission, the Italian securities regulator (Consob) and Banca d'Italia. As a seconded national expert in the European Commission he has been part of the team in charge of the MiFID I review and other legislative and non-legislative actions arising from the 2008 crisis. As Senior Officer in Consob, he had assignments in different areas of the supervision on banks and investment firms: authorisations, on-going supervision, enforcement and regulatory work. Before this experience, he worked as Officer in the Bank of Italy in the field of the supervision of financial institutions. He qualified as an attorney and has cooperated with various professors of Civil Law at the Università Cattolica of Milan.



### Eero Olavi Heinäluoma

Member of European Parliament & ECON Committee Member

**Mr. Eero Heinäluoma** is a Member of the European parliament and a bureau member of the Group of Socialists and Democrats. He is the Treasurer of the Group, and a member of the ECON and the Budget committees, as well as the tax subcommittee FISC. In the Parliament, he is also member of the Russia and Turkey delegations.



Mr. Heinäluoma is a former party leader and secretary general of the Social Democratic Party of Finland (2002-2008). He acted as the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament 2011-2015 and Minister of Finance (2005-2007). He was the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Parliament (2015-19).



## Christiane Hölz,

Managing Director, DSW

**Christiane Hölz** is an attorney having studied in Germany and in France and Managing Director of Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V. (DSW), the leading German investor association with more than 30.000 individual investors as members. Christiane has an extended and international experience in securities law, sustainability and corporate governance issues. She is currently Vice Chair of ESMA's Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group (SMSG) and member of EFRAG's Sustainability Reporting Expert Working Group on Governance+ as well as board and audit committee member of two listed German companies.



## Oswald Huber,

Head of Group Markets, Erste Group Bank AG

**Oswald Huber** is heading Group Markets in Erste Group since 2016, after being Deputy Head of the division since 2013.

Oswald led Capital Markets and Treasury Trading in Erste Group from 1999, with responsibility for the subsidiaries in CEE as well as New York, Hong Kong and

London as of 2008.

He joined Erste in 1995, holding various functions in the treasury business. Before that he worked at Österreichische Investitionskredit AG.





## Othmar Karas,

First Vice-President, European Parliament

**Othmar Karas** (\*1957, Ybbs/Donau) is an Austrian politician and, since 1999, Member of the European Parliament. In 2022 Karas was elected First Vice-President of the European Parliament. It is his third term (2012-2014, 2019-2022, Since 2022) as a Vice-President. Furthermore, he was head of the ÖVP-delegation in the European Parliament from 2006 to 2009 and from 2011 to 2019.

Karas holds a diploma and doctoral degree in political science (University of Vienna) and a Master's degree in European and international business law (University of St. Gallen) and has worked intermittently as a lecturer at Austrian universities since 2007.

Since 1998, Karas has been the president of Hilfswerk Österreich, the No. 1 home care organisation in Austria. He is also chairman of the BürgerInnen Forum Europa, which he founded in 2009 and which aims to strengthen the role of Austrians in European politics.



## Petr Kobic,

CEO Prague Stock Exchange and President of FESE

**Petr Kobic** studied physics and finance on universities in Prague. He began his career in investment banking in 1993. He served on middle management levels and later top management levels in a number of domestic and international investment banks.

Peter was elected Chairman and CEO of Prague Stock Exchange in September 2004. He is also the Chairman of the Central Securities Depository Prague and Power Exchange Central Europe. On the group level he is Member of the Board of Vienna Stock Exchange.

Peter was elected the President of FESE in 2018. In 2019 he was selected as a member of the High Level Forum on the Capital Markets Union.

During his career he was a member of the Board of the Czech Broker Dealer Association, President of Ljubljana Stock Exchange, Member of the Board of Budapest Stock Exchange, and he was the Chairman of Czech Investor Compensation Fund.



## Anna Kulik,

Secretary General, ECSDA

**Anna Kulik** is Secretary General of the European Central Securities Depositories Association, ECSDA.

She is a lawyer by background and holds a Master in European law and a multidisciplinary Master in Law and Economics and is also trained in managing strategic projects by the University of Oxford Saïd Business School.

Anna combines an extensive post-trade knowledge with the policy-making experience. She started her career at the general secretariat of one of the political parties at the European Parliament. Then having worked in the Business Transformation and Service Excellence department of an ICSD as well as for their group in Strategy and Government Relations. She is leading the European CSD industry association since 2017.



## Karel Lannoo,

CEO, CEPS

### Professional Experience

Chief executive of the CEPS, one of the leading independent European think tanks, Karel is managing a team of about 80.

Specialised in financial regulation, European economic governance and single market issues, his recent publications cover EU health care sector policy, anti-money laundering, Russia financial sanctions, crypto-currency regulation and Europe's geopolitical ambitions.

Karel is a regular speaker at hearings of EU, national and international institutions, at international conferences and in executive programmes. He directs studies for national, multilateral and private sector organisations. His writings regularly appear in media. Karel is a member of company and foundation boards, and of advisory councils.

### Study Path



Karel Lannoo holds a baccalaureate in philosophy (1984) and an MA in history (1985) from the University of Leuven, Belgium and obtained a postgraduate in European studies (CEE) from the University of Nancy, France (1986). He is fluent in Dutch, English, French and Spanish, with good notions of German.

### Andrea Liesenfeld,

Deputy Head of Retail Financial Services Unit, DG FISMA, European Commission

**Dr. Andrea Liesenfeld** is deputy head of the retail financial services unit in DG FISMA and is responsible for the retail investment strategy. She joined the Commission in 2004 and has worked on a variety of different economic topics. She is a lawyer by training and holds a PhD from the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich as well as an LL.M. from the College of Europe.



### Aleksandra Mączyńska,

Acting Managing Director, BETTER FINANCE

**Aleksandra Mączyńska** joined BETTER FINANCE in 2017 as Executive Director responsible for policy and research. She has been the vice chair of the EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group since 2018 and is part of the EC Consumer Policy Advisory Group. She represents individual investors and financial services users in the United Nations Civil Society Advisory Body of the Principles for Responsible Banking (UNEPFI) as well as ESMA's Consultative Working Group for the Coordination Network on Sustainability.

Prior to joining BETTER FINANCE, she worked at the Polish consumer and competition watchdog. She studied at the Faculty of Management at the Poznan University of Economics and at the Warsaw School of Economics. She has vast experience in the management of international projects, e.g. EU funded capacity building projects. As a Fellow of the Robert Bosch Foundation Programme for Young Executives from the Public Sector, she worked for the Division for World Bank International Monetary Fund, Debt Issues and International Finance Structure at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. She was an expert in various EU Council Working Groups (WP on Financial Services) as well as the European Commission's Advisory Committees.



## Harald Müller,

Head of Group Capital Markets, Raiffeisen Bank International

**Harald Müller** is a banking professional with a strong background in financial markets.

Currently serving as Head of Group Capital Markets at Raiffeisenbank International in Vienna, he has been instrumental in reshaping the financial markets division since joining the institution in the summer of 2019.

Prior to his current position at RBI, he led various units in the Capital Markets areas of Erste Group and Landesbank Baden Württemberg. In these roles, he oversaw trading, sales, structuring and investment teams.

His journey in the banking industry commenced in the dynamic world of interest rate derivatives at SüdwestLB in Stuttgart.

Harald holds a Ph.D. in Physics from Heidelberg University, which has helped him in developing analytical and problem-solving skills.

Outside work, he enjoys sailing, motorcycling and good discussions with friends and family on politics, people, and culture.



## Mark Northway,

Chair, World Federation of Investors

**Mark Northway** is chair of the World Federation of Investors, and past chair of ShareSoc, the UK Individual Shareholders Society. He is also an investment manager at Sparrows Capital, an evidence-based asset management firm. Mark's investment experience spans credit, fixed income, equity and treasury markets. He has previously worked for Brookfield, LBBW, Rabobank and Standard Chartered Bank. Mark holds a BA (Exeter), an MBA (Open) and the IMC.



## Gertrude Pils,

Deputy Chairwoman, PEKABE

**Gertrude Anna Pils**, born 1955 in the lovely wine region of Southern Austria, is a veteran in the European Financial industries and nowadays a passionate lawyer for the interests of pensioners and elderly people. Gertrude is Vice Chair of PEKABE, the Austrian Federation of the Occupational Pension Fund Participants ([www.pekabe.at](http://www.pekabe.at)), Member of the Board of the Austrian Association of Bank and Savings Banks Pensioners (VBSP) as well as Chair of the Supervisory Board of Wiener Sozialdienste (mobile health and elderly care for the City of Vienna). On an international level she is Member of the EIOPA OPSG (Occupational Pension Stakeholder Group of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority). In 2019 she retired as Senior Vice President and Director of UniCredit Bank Austria Group where she held various managerial positions in International Banking, CEE Holding, Controlling, Corporate Clients, Equity Interest, Distressed Asset and Real Estate Fund Management for 28 years. Prior to UniCredit she managed the reorganization and digitalisation of Life Insurance, Distribution and Controlling at MERKUR Insurance, Graz. Gertrude started her professional career in 1980 at SIEMENS Software Development. She is Graduated Engineer in Technical Mathematics from the Technical University Graz and studied Business Administration at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. Gertrude is married, likes reading daily international news and is an experienced private stock investor. [www.linkedin.com/in/gertrude-pils/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/gertrude-pils/)



## Sirpa Pietikäinen,

MEP, Vice President, European Parliament

**Sirpa Pietikäinen** is a member of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. She is a former Minister of the Environment in Finland (1991-1995), and a Member of the parliament from 1983 to 2003.

At the European Parliament, Ms. Pietikäinen is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee as well as a substitute member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee. Within her work, she seeks to combine her two specialities, that of environment and economics. Ms. Pietikäinen is a strong advocate of a transition to a circular economy and sustainable finance, and served as the lead negotiator on



behalf of European Parliament and the EPP group on the first Sustainable Finances legislative initiatives. She is active in several organisations, her positions of trust including Chairmanship of the Globe EU.



### Erik Podzuweit,

Co-founder and Co-CEO, Scalable Capital

**Erik Podzuweit** is co-founder and co-CEO of Scalable Capital, a fast-growing online broker and Europe's largest digital wealth manager. He has many years of experience in the finance sector and in building digital business models. Erik Podzuweit was previously responsible for the German business of Westwing Home & Living as Co-CEO. Prior to that, he worked as an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs in London and Frankfurt for seven years. There he advised financial institutions in the area of capital investments and was responsible for an electronic trading platform. Podzuweit studied business administration and economics in Kiel and Warwick and lectured as a tutor in statistics and econometrics.



### Guillaume Prache,

Founder and Senior Advisor, BETTER FINANCE

Guillaume Prache is the Founder and Senior Advisor of BETTER FINANCE, the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users. He was its managing director until June 2023, and is also one of the experts representing financial services users at the European Commission (lately as member of the High Level Forum on the CMU), at ESMA (Securities & Markets Stakeholder Group), at EIOPA (Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group), and at the French financial regulator AMF. He has been the first chair of the ESMA Stakeholder Group, and former vice chair of the European Commission's FSUG (Financial Services User Group) and member of the EIOPA Pensions and EBA Banking Stakeholder Groups. He started as a magistrate at the French Court of Auditors and has extended and international experience in financial matters, most recently as Chief Financial Officer of Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, Inc., a "Fortune 500" publicly-listed pharmaceutical company (today Sanofi) from 1997 to 2000, and then as Managing Director of the European affiliate of the Vanguard Group, Inc., a global leader in asset management, from 2000 to 2006.



He has taught asset management for the CIWM (Certified International Wealth Manager) program and wrote two books (*Politique économique contemporaine* in 1989, *Les Scandales de l'épargne retraite* in 2008) and various articles on economics and finance.



### Dieter Pscheidl,

Head of European Affairs, Vienna Insurance Group

**Dieter Pscheidl** has served for around 30 years in the insurance sector, 20 of these at a European level. He started his professional career in various positions with Austrian, German and Italian insurance groups.

From 2004 to 2015 he has been the representative to the European Union of the Austrian Insurance Association (VVO).

In addition he served as a deputy member of the Executive Committee (Board of Directors General) of the European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation "Insurance Europe" from 2008 to 2015.

In 2016 he was appointed Head of European Affairs of Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) and is based in Vienna and Brussels. His responsibilities include the group's interest representation vis-à-vis the European Institutions and the support of all business areas facing EU issues.

Dieter has a master's degree in insurance law and economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business and holds an insurance broker certificate. At university level he teaches in LL.M. and MBA programmes on European insurance law.



### Dr. Arik Röschke,

Secretary General of the Swiss Association for the Protection of Investors

Doctorate in Management (Business Innovation) with experience in the financial industry. Two Master's degrees in International Affairs and Governance (University of St. Gallen) and International Management (Warsaw School of Economics). Also an additional certificate in Business Education (University of St. Gallen).

Former research associate at the Swiss Institute for SME and Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Gallen. Currently regular lecturer at the University of St. Gallen and the International University of Monaco as well

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as engagement in Swiss Family Office. General Secretary of the "Swiss Investor Protection Association" (Schweizerische Anlegerschutzverein, SASV).



## Jennifer Bofinger-Schuster,

Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)

**Jenny Bofinger-Schuster** was appointed as a full-time member of the [International Sustainability Standards Board \(ISSB\)](#) in August 2022, effective 1 December 2022.

Prior to joining the ISSB, Ms. Bofinger-Schuster served as Senior Vice President for sustainability and operational excellence at Siemens. In this role she was also responsible for developing the company's sustainability strategy and for implementing new disclosure requirements.

Prior to this she held senior positions at Siemens Management Consulting and at Horváth.

Jenny Bofinger-Schuster holds a Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Augsburg and an MBA from the University of Dayton, Ohio.



## Madlen Stottmeyer,

Die Presse

**Madlen Stottmeyer** has been working as a business and finance reporter for the Austrian daily "Die Presse" since 2019. Prior to this, the economist was a stock market reporter for the Austrian Presse Agency (APA) for almost six years.





## Annemarie Straathof,

Chief Risk Officer, EBRD

**Annemarie Straathof** joined EBRD as vice-president, risk and compliance and chief risk officer in 2019. Her responsibilities include managing the bank's Crisis Management Team, which has included the bank's remote-working mode during the covid crisis, and geopolitical crises in EBRD's regions of operation, including the war on Ukraine. As chief risk officer she oversees EBRD's climate risk management activities as its countries of operations transition to a low-carbon economy. Ms Straathof began her career as an options trader in Amsterdam and then worked at Rabobank, becoming the bank's chief financial and risk officer and deputy chief executive officer in Indonesia, and finally chief financial officer for Europe.



## Sergiy Tsivkach,

CEO, UkraineInvest

Sergiy Tsivkach – CEO of UkraineInvest, Investment Promotion Office of the Government of Ukraine, 2020 – currently. Since his appointment UkraineInvest has managed to support attraction, and unlock over 1.5 bln USD in FDIs into Ukraine.

Previously held positions of advisor to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, First President of Ukraine, Members of Parliament of Ukraine. Has worked as Chair of the Board of C.A.S.E.S. International (organisation that cooperates with Ukrainian state and business institutions, UN, World Bank, OECD, US FTC, etc).

Co-author of legislation aimed at improvement of the investment climate in Ukraine, author and co-author of over 20 expert recommendations to state authorities on reforming of strategic markets, i.e. energy, chemical, retail, healthcare, forestry, and agricultural sector.



## Anatoli van der Krans,

Managing Director of European Investors Relations, Berstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossmann LLC

**Anatoli van der Krans** is widely recognized as one of the leading European experts on corporate governance and shareholder litigation. As BLB&G's Managing Director of European Investor Relations, Anatoli guides European institutional investors through the details of U.S. class action litigation as well as securities litigation in Europe and Asia. His experience with securities litigation allows him to translate complex document and discovery requirements into straightforward, practical action. Moreover, he serves as trusted advisor to European investors on developing and implementing shareholder litigation policies, and on the evaluation of new and pending securities fraud and corporate governance litigations. Anatoli has been involved in a number of high profile securities class and private actions, including as a representative of the institutional investor plaintiff. Specifically, in his prior role as senior corporate governance adviser at a large Dutch asset manager, Anatoli served as the client/plaintiff representative in two U.S. class actions and a number of private actions in the U.S., Europe and Asia to recover losses due to fraud, improve corporate governance at portfolio companies, and deter future misconduct.

Based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Anatoli regularly meets European investors personally and provides advice and practical insights when needed. His deep understanding of the regulatory environment for European asset managers and pension schemes enables Anatoli to build cultural bridges and support clients in meeting their fiduciary duty. He holds an LL.M. from the Erasmus University Rotterdam and a Master in Law & Economics. Dr. Van der Krans received a doctorate in law from Utrecht University based on his research and publications concerning the virtual meeting of shareholders. He is a frequent speaker at investor conferences and has written numerous articles on securities litigation, corporate governance and asset protection.

Before joining BLB&G, Anatoli was Senior Corporate Governance Advisor at MN Services (an investment manager with over €180 billion in managed assets) and responsible for MN's shareholder litigation and active ownership and engagement programme. Prior to joining MN, he served as an associate professor of corporate law at Utrecht University and then was a practicing attorney at a major Dutch law firm specializing in corporate and securities law.



## Georg Zinner,

Member of the Management Board, OeKB CSD

**Georg Zinner** has been Managing Director of OeKB CSD, Austria's Central Securities Depository belonging to the OeKB Group, since 2015. Previously, he was Head of Capital Market Services at Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG, responsible for the numerous services OeKB provided in this business field such as acting as CSD in Austria and providing i.a., clearing and risk management services to entities managing the balancing power in the Austrian gas and electricity markets. Mr. Zinner holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Vienna.