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MR JOSEPH NOSS

OLIVER WYMAN

SENIOR ADVISOR, PUBLIC SECTOR AND SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICE
ISO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 322 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
CHAIRPERSON

Mr Noss is currently Senior Advisor at Oliver Wyman in their public sector and sustainability practice. He is also the Chair of ISO/TC 322 Sustainable Finance. He has previously worked for the Financial Stability Board and the Bank of England. He has fifteen years' experience leading technical economic analysis and international policymaking. Deep knowledge of the implications of climate change, sustainable finance, emerging technologies and regulatory policy for the financial sector.

MR MARIOS TANNOUSIS

INVEST CYPRUS

CEO

Mr Tannousis holds the post of CEO at Invest Cyprus. He has more than twenty-five years of international corporate experience, with twelve years in the international banking and financial services group Societe Generale, where he served at various key posts. He is a Member of the Board of the European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA) and co-founder and member of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA). He also served as President of the Cyprus Finance & Leasing Association and Board Member in various other organizations and bodies. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI).

MR FRANZ KNECHT

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MANAGING PARTNER

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CONVENOR OF WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
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Mr Knecht has academic, professional education and business experience in Law, economics, management, communication, Legal practice, finance (15Y), international consulting (24Y) for manufacturing, service, intern. organizations, and finance sector. He has been involved in various international organizations on sustainable development including WBCSD, UNEP FI, GRI, Multilateral Finance Org. Strategy, governance, products, reporting, materiality, transition to SD. Within Sustainable finance, his focus is on SD integration, impact aspects, transition finance, ESG in products and services. Within standardization he has been involved in ISO TC 207 and TC 322, CEN, SNV, DIN and within the private sector, 70 Y, Swiss Citizen, based in Basel, Switzerland.

DR CARSTEN ZIELKE

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MANAGING PARTNER

Dr Carsten has a PhD in insurance economics from University in Göttingen and has been working most of his career as a financial analyst. He was very much involved in the standard setting process for IFRS and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards in the EU. He is a member of the DIN finance committee and of ISO TC 322, WG 3. Since 2013 he is running his own research company, in January 2024 he founded an n ESG rating agency in Aachen.

MR KYRIAKOS PARPOUNAS

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MANAGING DIRECTOR - SUSTAINABILITY

Mr Parpounas is a seasoned and multi-experienced business executive, who served in different top management positions in various organisations and different industries. He is recognized as a key figure in the environmental and waste management sectors in Cyprus and one of the pioneers in the implementation of sustainability strategies in the business sector in Cyprus. He is well connected in the European and international markets, and he is a regular speaker in international events. He was a founding member of the Cyprus CSR network, he is a GRI certified practitioner, a certified social auditor by Austrian Standards, a certified Data Protection Officer and GDPR Trainer by PECB and a Certified Trainer by the Cyprus Human Resource Development Authority (level 5).

MR NICOLAS CHRISTODOULIDES**BANK OF CYPRUS**
SENIOR ESG ANALYST

Mr Christodoulides is a Senior ESG analyst at Bank of Cyprus and is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the ESG agenda of the Organisation. Nicolas is currently responsible for the estimation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions based on Greenhouse Gas protocol and Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions), setting of decarbonization targets based on a climate scenario and designing the strategy to meet those targets. Nicolas is also responsible of the production of ESG Disclosures and Sustainability Report (TCFD, NFRD and GRI standards) and is also involved in several ESG projects currently undertaken by the Bank. Nicolas is an ICAEW Qualified Chartered Accountant with more than six years of experience in a Big Four accounting firm. Nicolas has accumulated significant experience in auditing and has led several long-term cross-functional IFRS 17 consulting projects in Cyprus and abroad.

DR ANA NACVALOVAITE**KELLOGG COLLEGE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY**
RESEARCH FELLOWISO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 322 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
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Dr Nacvalovaite specialises in sustainable finance and sovereign wealth funds. Currently working on a research project at the Centre for Mutual & Co-owned Business (Kellogg College, Oxford University). As an advocate for ethical business and investment practices, Ana serves as an expert advisor to the British Standards Institution on the Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance, where she contributes to the development of the 'Sustainable Finance Framework'. Ana is dedicated to raising awareness about the concept of a 'just transition' and the critical role of sustainable finance in supporting the social aspects (the 'S') within Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks.

MR STEFAN MARINKOVIC**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)**
TECHNICAL PROGRAMME MANAGER – SUSTAINABILITY

Mr Marinkovic is a Technical Programme Manager with more than 20 years' experience. After a previous career in trade development in the United Nations, Stefan joined ISO in 2008 and worked in conformity assessment and standards development. Over the years, Stefan has directly looked after close to 50 different technical committees and now applies his experience in the conduct of climate and sustainability-related projects. Stefan is a French national, graduated in sociology, and a happy father of two.

MS KALYANI INAMPUDI**INDEPENDENT ESG AND CARBON CONSULTANT**
CONSULTANT

Ms Inampudi is currently consulting in sustainability, ESG and Carbon offsets with clients based in USA, UK, Africa and India. Her background fuses asset management and data analysis. Her experience also includes deep research and writing winning proposals for the Equity and FI funds with leading asset management companies in the world. She has certifications from UNPRI, the Climate Disclosure Standards Board via the TCFD Knowledge Hub and the Associate Chartered Securities Investments (ACSI) for wealth and investment management. Kalyani is currently a committee member for British Standards Institute working towards the development of ISO standard 32211 (sustainable finance products and services).

DR PEDRO BAIZ**CLEARLY**

CTO & CO-FOUNDER

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CONVENOR OF TASK ADVISORY GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE FINTECH

Dr Baiz is an engineer with over 20 years of experience in Digital Technologies (e.g. AI, DLT). He is currently the CTO and Co-founder of Clearly, a startup helping to decarbonise Road Transport across the world with a wide range of innovative financial products (e.g. Sustainability Linked Bonds/Loans, DLT Carbon Credits). Pedro is an international Sustainable FinTech expert which also holds positions in ISO TC322 (FinTech Technical Advisory Group Lead) and Imperial College London (Honorary Senior Research Fellow).

DR WEILUN LAO**GUANGZHOU SOUTHERN INVESTMENT GROUP CO. LTD**

GENERAL MANAGER OF DIGITAL DEPARTMENT

ISO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 322 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
CONVENOR OF AD HOC GROUP ON FINTECH IN CARBON MARKETS

Dr Weilun Lao has comprehensive working experiences in banks, power supply company and investment group. He has been responsible for planning and implementation of international cooperation in recent years, especially in the areas of blockchain, data management and carbon markets. He plays a key role in leading a significant number of projects applying AI/Blockchain/IoT/security technologies, being very active in ISO/IEC/IEEE international standardization. He is currently serving as the convenor for ISO TC307/AHG4 & ISO TC322/AHG3 and the chair of IEEE P3201.

MRS CHRISTIANA ARISTIDOU

CHRISTIANA ARISTIDOU LLC
 CEO, PARTNER, TRANSNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LAWYER

Mrs Aristidou is a Transnational Technology Lawyer, CEO of “The Hybrid LawTech Firm”, empowered by Christiana Aristidou LLC. She has been practicing business and technology law for more than 27 years and is involved in multijurisdictional business and technology legal projects that introduce innovative business models, leverage advanced and emerging technologies, involve a variety of different regulatory regimes and regulators across the globe and require comparative law approach and analysis in their structures. Christiana is the head of the national delegation to the ISO TC/307 Blockchain Committee actively contributing to WG3 as a project leader for the upcoming standard on the taxonomy and categorization of smart contracts, WG5 on Blockchain Governance and WG6 on Blockchain Use Cases. She is also a member of the ISO TC/68 Financial Services Committee as well as the ISO TC/322 Sustainable Finance Committee. Christiana is the Legal Director of the Blockchain Climate Institute (BCI).

MS CAROLINE THOMAS

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 FOUNDER

Ms Thomas brings an international perspective to sustainable finance, as an advisor on fintech innovation, connecting business, entrepreneurs, governments and standards-makers. She has applied emerging technologies to launch innovative financial services at Barclays Bank, American Express and ASX, and develop microcredit and inclusive finance with major NGOs. Engaged in setting EU and international standards, she is Convenor and co-editor of ISO standards in DLT/Blockchain, and the EUOS Artificial Intelligence report on Trust in the European digital landscape.

MR TIM SYKES

FINTECH CONNEX
 FOUNDER

Mr Sykes has 35 years of experience in the financial sector. He began as an investment analyst and had a long career as an investment banker (including the recapitalisation of the Bank of Cyprus). Sandwiched between these periods Tim worked for the UK Government during the financial crisis. He is one of Europe’s leading green angels. He co-founded Fintech Connex to bring this expertise to bear on early stage tech solutions helping the digital transition for established financial services players.

MR JOHN GEORGOULAS

ASSOCIATION OF CYPRUS ELECTRONIC MONEY & PAYMENT INSTITUTIONS (ACEMPI)
 CHAIRMAN

Mr Georgoulas is a Certified Board Director in Banking from INSEAD and Certified in Professional Banking and Green & Sustainable Finance from the Chartered Banker Institute. He has founded companies in the fields of business advisory, marketing and technology, invested in startups and he is specialized in corporate governance, regulation in the financial services and technology. John has served on the board of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers and he was the General Manager of The Economist events for 10 years. Now, he is a Non-Executive Director of EcommBX, TFI Markets, Tradu and Swissquote Capital Markets. He is the President of ACEMPI, member of the advisory council of IMD – Banking Governance Program, member of the board and Chairman of the Economic Growth & fintech Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Cyprus.

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