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Sonia Artuso, CEFA, CIIA, CESGA

Sonia is an ESG Specialist, member of the Investment Strategy Team at Fideuram Asset Management. She has a bachelor's degree from Università di Torino, majoring in Economics and Business, and holds the CIIA, CESGA and CEFA. She is a member of the AIAF's Sustainability and ESG Observatory in which she collaborates in various working groups. The main ones relate to the study and in-depth look at topics such as: Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and sustainability; ESG integration in Funds' investment processes and; ESG integration in the financial analysis of Equity. Among her latest publications is EU Energy in Transition: Frameworks and Ambitions (2021), published in the Encyclopaedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Springer.



Aurélie de Barochez, CIIA

Aurélie de Barochez has been the Head of ESG Integration for Groupama Asset Management since May 2018. She is currently implementing a new ESG Strategy aiming to develop ESG integration into investment decisions. Therefore, she has created an ESG training programme for portfolio managers. She joined Groupama AM in 2015 as financial and ESG analyst, in charge of the energy sector and as specialist in environmental issues.

From 2012 to 2015 she was an analyst at Novethic, responsible for the certification of SRI funds, for developing sustainable investment training and for conducting statistical studies.

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Aurélie holds a master's degree in management from Audencia Nantes and a master's degree in International Law from Université Paris 2 Panthéon Assas. She graduated from the SFAF (CIIA) in 2017 and is a member of the Commission in charge of Extra-financial analysis.



Corinne Baudoin, CEFA

Corinne Baudoin has been a member of the SFAF board in charge of ESG topics since 2017. She participates in the Commission in charge of extra-financial analysis. She began her career as an equity fund manager at CCR Actions from 1997 to 2002. Then she participated in the creation of the “value investing” asset management company Metropole gestion in 2002, where she stayed until 2014. As an equity fund manager, she worked on the development of an ESG criteria integration tool into financial analysis and fund management. She is now a financial and ESG reporting consultant and teaches ESG analysis and reporting at the Dauphine University and PPA Business School in Paris.

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Dr Donato Calace

Dr Calace is Senior Vice President of Innovation and Accounts at Datamaran. He contributes to global innovation projects for the firm and heads the business development and account strategy. He speaks frequently at expert-conferences worldwide and is invited as guest lecturer in top business schools such as London Business School.

In 2019 he participated in the European Commission DG FISMA expert session on materiality. He is a member of the EFRAG Task Force on reporting of non-financial risks and opportunities and linkage to the business model and from 2021 a member of the EFRAG Working Group reviewing the EU Sustainability Reporting Standards. He is Co-Chair with Prof. Riccardo Stacchezzini of the working group on Operationalizing Materiality launched by the Organismo Italiano Business Reporting (OIBR). He is also a member of the UK's Financial Reporting Council (FRC) Stakeholder Insights Group.

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Anthony Cheung, CESGA, FCPA

Anthony Cheung is Managing Director of ESG for PAG's Polymer Capital Management, and is primarily responsible for driving sustainable investment and ESG integration within the group. Prior to joining Polymer, Anthony held various asset management roles in London, Singapore and Hong Kong, including Gartmore, Pictet and BNP Paribas.

Anthony was the first person in Asia to attain the Certified ESG Analyst® designation. He holds various industry positions including Stakeholder Council Member of the Global Reporting Initiatives (GRI) and SRI Professional Assessment Panel member at the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI). Anthony actively advocates sustainability governance best practice; he is an Executive Council Member of the Hong Kong Independent Non-Executive Directors (INED) Association, a Board Governor at Friends of the Earth (HK), and acts as INED for three Hong Kong listed companies.

Anthony is a Visiting Fellow at University of Hamburg. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Economics from the London School of Economics (LSE) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Business from the University of Cambridge. Anthony is a Fellow of CPA Australia. He was awarded the Regional ESG Leader Award by Insights and Mandate (I&M) in 2019.



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Andrea is a member of the EFFAS Commission of ESG issues (CESG), part of the Expert team of the EFFAS Certified ESG Analyst (CESGA), member of the EFFAS ESG Review Panel and former member European Lab@EFRAG Project Task Force on Climate-related Reporting.

His professional commitments concern all matters related to Sustainable Finance, particularly the non-financial risks and opportunities connected to the transition to a low carbon economy resilient to climate change in line with the recommendations of the FSB Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), the European non-financial directive (NFRD) adopted in Italy D.Lgs. 254/2016, the Regulation SFDR (2019/2088) and the EU Taxonomy (2020/852) and lastly the new proposal directive CSRD.



Patricia Moles

Patricia has more than 25 years of experience in international capital markets and the development of sustainable corporate strategies, mainly in Latin America. She has advised Banco de México in the development of a sustainable finance agenda since 2018. She joined the team of advisors to the Governor of Banco de México in 2020, promoting the agenda of the Network of Central Banks to green the financial system (NGFS) of which Banco de México is a founding member. She has also acted as Alternate Secretary in the Committee of Sustainable Finance, of the Financial System Stability Council and coordinated the Sustainable Finance Executive training at the ITAM in Mexico, in 2020 and 2021.

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Susana is Head of ESG Integration – Active at DWS. She joined DWS in 2001 after 3 years of experience as salesperson for fixed income sales at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. From 2007 till 2020, she has been equity portfolio manager for European ESG retail and institutional funds as well as for Global Infrastructure. In 2020 she was awarded by Handelsblatt “die renommiertesten portfolio manager 2020 in the category sustainable equities”.

She has a Master's degree ("Licenciada en Económicas") in economics from the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Madrid and additional studies at: Leeds Polytechnic (UK); Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft (Pforzheim) and Hochschule für Bankwirtschaft (Frankfurt); Dresdner Bank Training Program; and INSEAD (Fontainebleau). In 2005 and 2006 the Institutional Investor Magazine awarded her “Best of European Buy side Analyst”. Furthermore, in 2010 and 2011 she was recorded in the 75 so called “TopGun” most influential Buy side specialists in Europe. She is also: a Member of the Arbeitskreis “Integrated Reporting und Sustainable Management” of the Schmalenbach Gesellschaft; EFFAS Faculty of the CESGA and ESG Essentials Programmes.



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