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Speaker Overview

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Morning Session

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09.15 – 12.00 – Room Auditorium / English



John Cook, Rock Lake Associates

John Cook is Chairman of Rock Lake Associates and Director of KCL Invest. Rock Lake Associates is a Swiss-based investment advisory firm focused on private equity, venture capital, real estate and direct investments. The firm works actively with private, institutional and corporate clients in Europe, Asia, the U.S. and the Middle East. Additionally, John is a director of KCL Invest (Mauritius), Wishpoint, Inc (Delaware) and Teritree Technologies (Bangalore); and a co-founder of ACS Venture Capital Partners (Vienna), and Kyron Global Accelerator (Bangalore). John previously held senior positions with International Harvester, Univestors S.A., Merrill Lynch International, Security Pacific Merchant Bank and WJ Hopper & Co. He is on the advisory boards of Auxesia Holdings (Vietnam), Sustainia (Copenhagen). He is also active in a variety of thought leadership organizations including Thunderbird School of Global Management, Horasis, EVCA and SECA. John is the founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Thunderbird Global Private Equity Centre, was awarded the Thunderbird Jonas Mayer Award, is a distinguished member of the Thunderbird Global Council and past president of the European Thunderbird Alumni Association. He has a BSIM cum-laude (1974) from the Krannert School at Purdue University, an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management (1979), and has completed advanced management studies at Oxford University (England) and the University of Washington (Seattle). John lives in Zurich with his wife Tania and their daughter is based in Seattle, Washington.



Annalise Eggimann, Innosuisse

Annalise Eggimann studied law at the University of Bern and passed the bar exam for the canton of Bern in 1987. In 2003, she obtained an Executive MBA from the University of Zurich. She served as director of CTI from August 2015 and, as of January 2018, is now CEO of its successor organisation, Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency. In the last years, she has held several positions at the Federal Office of Communications OFCOM, amongst others as vice director and co-head of the Telecom Services and Post Division. From 1991 – 2005, she held various positions at the Swiss National Science Foundation, including head of International Relations and deputy director and head of Central Services. Annalise Eggimann is the president of the Swiss Red Cross Cantonal Association in Bern and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Cantonal Red Cross Associations. From 2007 to 2011, she lectured telecommunications law at the International Institute of Management in Technology (iimt) in Fribourg.



Andreas Thors, Partners Group

Andreas Thors is part of the Industry Value Creation business unit, based in Zug. He is a member of the Global Direct Debt Investment Committee and the Private Equity Growth Investment Committee. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the firm's portfolio company Softonic International. He has 13 years of industry experience. Prior to joining Partners Group, he worked as Head of Operations for Appear Here (VC backed company with operations in UK, France and US), and held positions at Hennes & Mauritz AB and Investment Kinnevik AB. He has been a board member of several digital companies and he is currently advising a few start-ups on operations and scalability. He holds a master's degree in finance and accounting from Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden.



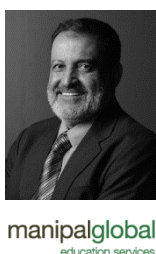
Bernard Moon, SparkLabs

Bernard Moon is a Co-founder & Partner at SparkLabs Global Ventures. He is also a Co-founder & Partner at SparkLabs, a startup accelerator in Korea. Previously, he was Co-founder & CEO of Vidquik, a web conferencing & sales solutions platform. Bernard was a Managing Director at the Lunsford Group, which is a private investment firm with holdings in real estate, healthcare and other industries. Bernard was Co-founder & VP of Business Development of GoingOn Networks, a social media platform for companies, and also led their product development where BusinessWeek recognized them in their "Best of the Web" list. Previously, Bernard was a Director at iRG, a leading boutique investment bank in Asia, where he focused on TMT companies. Bernard co-founded a couple of other startups, raised over \$50 million in venture capital, and enjoys helping other entrepreneurs as much as possible. He serves as a mentor to MuckerLab, a startup accelerator in LA, and SixThirty, a fintech accelerator in St. Louis.. He is a frequent guest writer to various technology journals, such as VentureBeat, Mashable, TechCrunch, and ReadWrite, and has been published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other publications. Bernard has spoke and lectured about startups and entrepreneurship at Stanford University, Global Entrepreneurship Congress, American Chamber of Commerce in Korea and other organizations. He was selected as one of 8 global judges for EDF's innovation contest (EDF is the world's biggest electricity producer based in France). He completed a post-graduate fellowship with the Coro Foundation. He received his MPA in Telecom and New Media Policy from Columbia University and a BA in English and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Dr. Michl Binderbauer, TAE Technologies

Dr. Michl Binderbauer is the Chief Executive Officer of TAE Technologies and is a co-inventor of many of the company's technological advancements. Dr. Binderbauer has dedicated the past two decades to evolving the knowledge and technology of TAE. He is an expert in reactor kinetics, equilibrium, and stability of advanced beam-driven Field-Reversed Configurations and aneutronic fusion systems. Recently, he has focused on reactor physics, engineering and enabling technologies, and a wide array of applications of the core TAE technologies — from medicine to isotope production and chemical processing. He holds more than 40 issued and pending U.S. patents and numerous international technology patents, and he has authored or co-authored many peer-reviewed publications in the areas of plasma physics and fusion. Dr. Binderbauer holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California, Irvine.



Mohandas Pai, Manipal Global Education

Before joining Manipal Global, Mohan was a member of the Infosys Board of Directors and Head – Administration, Education & Research, Finance, Human Resources and Infosys Leadership Institute. He joined Infosys in 1994 and served on its Board from May 2000 onwards. He was the Chief Financial Officer from 1994 to 2006 and was instrumental in transforming Infosys into one of the world's most respected and widely known software service companies. In 2006, he voluntarily stepped down from the office of CFO to lead efforts in the areas of human resources, education and research.

Lunch Session

13.00 – 14.15 – Room Auditorium



Prof Dr Maurice Pedergrana, SECA General Secretary

Pedergrana studied economics at the University of St. Gallen from 1984 to 1988. From 1992 to 1993 he was a scholarship holder at Sophia University in Tokyo. Back at the University of St. Gallen, he finished his doctorate with a thesis on "Competitiveness and success factors of Swiss companies in foreign markets (using Japan as an example)". From 1989 to 1991 he worked as an assistant at the Malik Management Center in St. Gallen. He then worked as a management consultant in the area of small and medium-sized enterprises 2000. He also lectured at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Winterthur between 1997 and 2001, and at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts since 2000, where he holds a part-time professorship. He is also Managing Director of the Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association SECA and is a member of various boards of directors (Viability Consulting AG, IG Bank (Switzerland) and Uniserv AG). From 1999 to 2011 he was a member of the Bank Council of the Zürcher Kantonalbank. Today, his focus is on his executive function at Zugerberg Finanz AG in Zug, where he heads the investment committee and acts as chief economist.



Paros Capital AG

Dr Bernd Pfister, Paros Capital AG (Chairman SECA)

Bernd Pfister is Managing Director of Paros Capital AG, a Swiss private equity firm focussed on small and midmarket buyouts. The company invests capital from a limited number of family offices. He was founder and for twelve years managing director of Invision Private Equity AG. Bernd is founder of Aureus Private Equity AG and build up a corporate private equity programme for the Metro Holding AG, Zug. He worked for Schroders PLC. In various positions in the Asian investment banking business. Bernd holds a degree in finance from St. Gall University (lic. oec. HSG) and a doctoral degree from St. Gall University. He graduated in the European Ph.D. Programme on Entrepreneurship and Venture Management at Durham University, which a European Erasmus Scholarship.



SIX

Gregor Braun, SIX Swiss Exchange

Gregor Braun is Head Sales Switzerland & Europe. In this role, he is responsible for the distribution of all products, asset classes and services of the Securities & Exchanges business unit at SIX. He is also responsible for the acquisition of new trading participants. Gregor Braun has been with SIX since 2007. During his first years at SIX, he was responsible for the development of the ETF segment as a product manager, followed by account and relationship management functions before setting up the sales department in 2010. Before joining SIX, Braun was responsible for marketing for a Swiss online broker. Gregor Braun is of German nationality and holds a BBA in International Management from the University of Karlsruhe and an Executive MBA from the University of Zurich.



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Markus Benzler, Swiss Entrepreneurs Fund

Markus heads the Private Equity team of Multi-Managers Real Estate & Private Markets (REPM-MM), a business which forms a part of Real Estate & Private Markets (REPM) within UBS Asset Management. The role includes investment selection and portfolio management of several diversified international private equity mandates as well as UBS' Private Equity fund-of-fund businesses. Markus is a voting member of the Multi-Managers Private Equity and Infrastructure Investment Committees. Markus joined UBS in 2005 in his current position. Prior to joining UBS, Markus worked at Bain & Company in Munich for six years, where he conducted a full range of projects mainly in private equity, banking, and the industrial area. Project types included commercial due diligence projects for private equity funds, corporate strategy design, company restructuring, and operational improvement.



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Simon Enderli, Swiss Entrepreneurs Fund

Simon Enderli has been Deputy Managing Director and Project Manager of the Swiss Entrepreneurs Foundation since April 2019. Simon studied business economics with a focus on marketing at the School of Applied Sciences in Bern. After graduating, he worked for several years for a major Swiss bank, mainly in the area of segment management for Wealth Management clients. After several years as Sales Manager for APAC and Northern Europe in the area of design furniture, he returned to the financial industry in late 2010, where he held a leading position in the commercial clients division.



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Matthias Gögele, Swiss Entrepreneurs Fund

Matthias heads the European team of Multi-Managers Private Equity (MM-PE) in Zurich and London. MM-PE is part of Multi-Managers, a business which forms part of Real Estate & Private Markets (REPM) within UBS Asset Management. The role includes overseeing the investment selection of European fund opportunities, monitoring, and portfolio management responsibilities for international private equity mandates as well as UBS's Private Equity fund-of-fund businesses. Matthias is based in Zurich. Matthias is a voting member of the Multi-Managers Private Equity Investment Committee. Matthias joined UBS in March 2011 in his prior role as an in-house strategy consultant covering strategy projects for the CEO of UBS Switzerland. Matthias transferred to Multi-Managers Private Equity in 2013. While completing his MSc at ESCP Europe, he gained experience as an intern with RBS Investment Banking, EY M&A Transaction Services, NEF Bloomberg and the Commercial office of the Austrian Embassy in Argentina. He speaks fluent German, English, Italian and Spanish.



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Roman Gaus, Swiss Future Fund

Roman is the Head of the Future Fund (Zukunftsfonds Schweiz), a Venture Fund initiative at Bank Reichmuth & Co. The goal of the Zukunftsfonds is to launch a multi-manager venture capital fund for Swiss institutional investors such as insurances and pension funds and provide capital for high-growth Swiss technology companies. Roman gained hands-on "machine room" operational experience at large corporates such as P&G, Novartis and Franke Group, where Roman was last appointed General Manager & President for Franke Coffee Systems North America. Since 2011, Roman was a technology entrepreneur and the founder & CEO of UrbanFarmers AG, a pioneering Swiss start-up champion in the area of agri-tech and urban food production systems with operations in Switzerland, Netherlands, US, Brazil and China.

Reichmuth & Co and the Zukunftsfonds Schweiz - Reichmuth & Co is the "youngest" Swiss private bank based in Lucerne and subsidiaries in Zürich, St.Gallen and Munich. The bank serves private & institutional investors with an integrated, personal and future-oriented approach. The bank is launching the Zukunftsfonds Schweiz, a multi-manager venture capital fund serving institutional clients. The fund targets a fund size of CHF 300m will invest very broadly into attractive high-technology ventures seeking growth capital. Besides a solid return and best possible security for its investors, the fund's three desired outcomes are the (i) strengthening the Swiss high-tech ecosystem, the (ii) build-up of a strong venture capital culture in Switzerland and (iii) sustainable job creation in high-tech industries such as robotics, biotech & life sciences, digital and industry 4.0.



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Dr Rolf Kutos, Swiss Future Fund

Dr. Rolf Kutos (1961) is Head of Clients & Marketing and Member of the Executive Board at Reichmuth & Co Investment Management AG in Lucerne. Trained as a mathematician and lawyer, Rolf works since 1990 in the financial service industry. Thanks to his long-standing track record in asset management, amongst other as Member of the Executive Board at Vontobel Asset Management AG, Winterthur Investment Management AG and the LGT Capital Management AG as well as Fundamenta Real Estate AG, Rolf has in-depth expertise in portfolio management and client servicing.



Alexander Stoeckel, btov Partners AG

Alexander Stoeckel is a Partner and Board Member at btov. He has joined the firm in 2007. Alexander has studied international business administration at the European Business School (ebs) in Oestrich-Winkel and Paris, and at the International School of Management (ISM) in Dortmund and San Diego. He holds an MBA from the University of Oxford. Prior to btov, Alexander has worked as fund-of-fund manager for Hauck & Aufhäuser Private Bankers, and as Assistant Executive Manager (Vorstandsassistent) for KPMG. From May 2015 to May 2017, Alexander was a Board Member for the Seed Money & Venture Capital Chapter of the Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association (SECA). Alexander was born and raised in Berlin, he is married, has two kids and lives with his family in St. Gallen.

Afternoon Session I – Track I

EU Programs aimed at Swiss VCs and Angel Investors

15.00 – 16.15 – Room Auditorium / English



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Michael Sidler, Redalpine

Michael Sidler has co-founded Redalpine Venture Partners AG in Zürich in 2007 and acts as General Partner for the Redalpine funds. Before Redalpine, Michael was responsible for corporate investments and M&A at Prionics AG, a Diagnostics / Biotech company in Schlieren, Switzerland, where under his guidance several acquisitions have been completed. From 1998 to 2003, Michael was with The Boston Consulting Group in Zürich and Toronto as a Consultant and Project Leader in several different industries (e.g. eBanking, Insurance, Automotive etc.) and roles. Michael Sidler holds a PhD in Life Sciences from University of Zürich. He is a member of several organizations, juries and boards for the support of innovation and startups and leads the VC chapter of SECA.



Otto Bruun, SwissCore

Otto Bruun is the European adviser for innovation at SwissCore, the Swiss liaison office to the EU for education, research, and innovation. In this role he works closely with SERI, Innosuisse and swissuniversities. He is national expert in the Swiss delegation to the Horizon 2020 programme committees for SME programmes and for strategic configuration and he represents Innosuisse in TAFTIE at the working group level. Before joining Swisscore, he was a research associate for four years at the Swiss National Centre for Competence in Research for Affective Sciences and then took on the role of head of operations at ID-ch, providing management services to Swiss SMEs and start-ups. Before joining SwissCore, he served as grants adviser at the Swiss Centre for Affective Sciences and project lead at the University of Geneva, promoting participation in EU research and innovation programmes. He holds an M.Phil in Philosophy from the University of Geneva and an M.A. in History from the University of St. Andrews, UK.



Minerva Elias, European Investment Fund

Minerva Elias works at the European Investment Fund managing the equity financial instruments part of the Horizon 2020 programme and EFSI -, and developing innovation and alternative financing programmes in the Mandate Management Department (including blended finance, the EIC-Accelerator, Thematic Investments and crowdfunding). She has worked in both private and public research organisations including universities, technological start-ups, technological centres and governmental institutions, acting as a project, and research manager. She gained valuable experience on EU policy and financial programs as a R&D and Innovation Liaison Officer at the Delegation of the Catalan business agency to the EU. Minerva graduated from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona with a degree in Biology and Postgraduate degree in Forensic Sciences from the same university. She holds an Executive MBA from Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management.



Geir Ove Hansen, Innovation Norway

Geir Ove Hansen is head of risk loans and guarantees at Innovation Norway and is responsible for Innovation Norway's agreements with the European Investment Fund. He also constitutes the national contact point and national expert for access to risk finance in the EU-programmes. Geir Ove came to Innovation Norway from a position as an advisor to the EU-ambassador to Norway. His academic background is from political science and economics. Previously he has also worked as an independent consultant as well as being a founding partner of a failed Norwegian-Finish start-up. Since 2016 he has served as a member and chair of the board of the Nordic Project Fund under the Nordic Council of Ministers.



Nicolas Sabatier, European Commission

Nicolas Sabatier is currently Adviser to the Director of the EIC Task-Force in the European Commission, in charge of the design, the testing and the future establishment of the European Innovation Council (EIC) under Horizon Europe, the Framework programme for research and technological development for the period 2021-2028. He is a trained lawyer and political scientist with a keen interest in economics. He has joined the Commission in 1995 and has worked since then in DG Research and Innovation. He has been Assistant to the Director for international cooperation, Head of the SME programme, and Adviser to directors for Health, for Energy and for Innovation and Financial instruments. He has authored the first financial instrument for research (RSFF with the EIB) and the Participants Guarantee Fund (mutual insurance mechanism for Framework programmes beneficiaries to be soon extended to all Union policies). More recently, he has designed the EIC Accelerator and the strategy for the European ecosystems of innovation. His current activities in the EIC Task-Force include outreach policy, and General Counsel tasks regarding management philosophy and implementing modalities.



Dominik Zunt-Radot, European Investment Bank

Dominik Zunt-Radot is involved in the management of mandates that the European Investment Bank receives from the European Commission to support financing of investment in the European Union and neighbouring countries. Based in Luxembourg, Dominik particularly focuses on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the Research and Innovation mandate InnovFin. Prior to joining the EIB Group, Dominik worked as a Policy Officer at the European Commission, Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs focusing on the infrastructure financing market. Dominik started his career in Mergers & Acquisitions with Lazard Frères Paris. Dominik also worked as a Private Equity investment professional with the Paris buyout team of 3i. Dominik holds a Master's degree in Finance and Business Strategy from Sciences Po Paris.

Afternoon Session I – Track II

Real Estate & Infrastructure

15.00 – 16.15 – Room Connect / English



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Prof Dr John Davidson, Hochschule Luzern - Wirtschaft / IFZ

Prof. Dr. John Davidson, CAIA, ist seit 2009 am Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen Zug, ein Institut der Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Hochschule Luzern – Wirtschaft) im Bereich Real Estate und Private Equity als Dozent und Studien-leiter MAS Immobilienmanagement tätig. Zudem ist er bei der Deutschen Finance Group, einem Real Estate / Infrastructure FoF auf dem Asset Management Board. Zuvor war John Davidson von 2005 bis 2009 bei der Swiss Re für den Aufbau und das Management eines globalen indirekten Real Estate Immobilienportfolios mitverantwortlich. Neben der Auswahl und Fund Due Diligence vertrat er die Swiss Re auf verschiedenen Advisory Boards und an Investmentkonferenzen. Von 2002 bis 2005 war John Davidson bei UBS Asset Management im Bereich Private Equity tätig. John Davidson promovierte an der Universität Zürich zum Thema „MBO mittels Private Equity“. Zudem ist er seit 2009 Mitglied der CAIA (Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst) - Association. Seine neusten Publikationen sind „Private Equity Real Estate“ und „Indirect Real Estate Investments“, welche 2011/2014 im SECA Verlag publiziert wurden.



ARDIAN

Nico Rheims, Ardian

Nico joined Ardian in March 2017 with 7 years of real estate experience. Prior to joining Ardian, Nico was Investment Manager at Quincap Investment Partners (formerly Quantum Capital). Prior to that, he was Transaction Associate at Fortress Investment Group.



CREDIT SUISSE

Sven Schaltegger, Credit Suisse

Sven Schaltegger, Director, Head Multi-Manager Real Estate, ist Senior Portfolio Manager im Team Indirect Real Estate bei Credit Suisse Asset Management. Er verfügt über einen Master in Finance mit dem Prädikat 'magna cum laude' der Universität Zürich und ist CFA und CAIA Charterholder sowie Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS). Vor seinem Eintritt in die Credit Suisse 2016 leitete er als Senior Manager den Bereich Real Estate M&A bei PricewaterhouseCoopers in der Schweiz. Davor arbeitete Sven Schaltegger bei SCM Strategic Capital Management (heute Mercer Private Markets) und bei Partners Group (PG) als Real Estate Investment Manager. Bei PG war er Mitglied des Investment Committee für einen Listed Real Estate Fund. Nach seinem Studium war Sven Schaltegger zunächst bei UBS Global Asset Management tätig, wo er im Bereich Global Real Estate Product Development & Management in Zürich und später als Junior Portfolio Manager eines Core+ Funds bei UBS Realty Investors in Hartford, Connecticut, USA arbeitete.



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Dr Casper Studer, Ernst & Young AG

Casper Studer is a real estate M&A expert based in Zurich. In his role as Senior Manager at EY, he is responsible for structuring, executing and/or managing a broad range of transaction focused mandates within the real estate, hospitality and construction sectors. His clients range from large corporates to sovereign wealth funds, as well as a number of international UHNW families. Prior to joining EY, he was heading the Switzerland based commercial property transactions division of a global real estate company. He started his career as a corporate trainee at Hyatt International Hotels and Resorts. Casper holds an honors Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, a Master Degree in Real Estate and completed his Doctorate Degree specializing in Real Estate Finance. He is a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and President of the Law & Economics Club Switzerland.



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Jürg Syz, Asia Green Real Estate

Juerg Syz is responsible for finance and risk management at Asia Green Real Estate. He has 16 years of experience in banking, real estate, and risk management. Before co-founding the company, he worked for Credit Suisse and later as member of the senior management for Zurich Cantonal Bank, heading the department for real estate research, risk modeling and investment product development. Juerg Syz holds a PhD in Finance from the University of Zurich, a CFA Charter and an MBA from INSEAD. He publishes regularly in internationally renowned journals and lectures on Real Estate Finance at the University of Zurich.

Afternoon Session II – Track I

Global Venture Capital

16.25 – 17.30 – Room Auditorium / English



Prof Dr Martin Haemmig, CeTIM & GLORAD

Dr. Martin Haemmig is an Adjunct Professor at CeTIM in The Netherlands and a global academic network partner for GLORAD on venture capital, incubation and hi-tech startups. He is a former 'Senior Advisor on Venture Capital' for Stanford University - SPRIE on these global topics. His research benchmarks the 'Global VC & CVC Industry' in 15 countries and 'Startups Going Global', as well as collaboration between startups and global corporates. Martin Haemmig was asked to setup the VC community at the World Economic Forum (WEF-Davos). He lectured and/or researched at Stanford University, UC Berkeley, INSEAD, UniBW Muenich, ETH Zurich, as well as at China's Peking University, Tsinghua, Renmin, Fudan and JiaoTong University, plus India's IITs IIMs and ISB. Furthermore, he is a global 'deep-tech' angel investor in emerging market startups and also a Global Seed FoF partner at 'Vidian Ventures' for investments in the United States, Europe, Israel and Asia and links their best startups to Silicon Valley and/or to high-growth markets in Asia.



Kurt Kaltenecker, ABB Technology Ventures

Kurt holds two graduate degrees in solid state physics, a MSc from Karl-Franzens University Graz and a PhD from Montanische Universität Leoben, and is the holder of more than 30 patents and was awarded for different technical publications. Prior to joining ATV, he spent three years as ABB CTO China and as Director of the ABB Corporate Research Center in China. He was involved in future technology R&D. From 2000 till 2007 he was Global ABB Technology Manager for Medium Voltage products development, with responsibility for 14 Development Centers worldwide. Kurt is leading investments in Europe, Israel and China and was involved in about 20 investments so far. He is a frequent speaker at conferences worldwide and has been recognized as Global Corporate Venturing GCV Rising Star 2017 as well as made it on the list of "Most Influential Investors 2019" from Venture360. Kurt serves as thought leader with long term technology visions for ABB R&D.



Dr Beat Steffen, Novartis Venture Fund

Dr. Beat Steffen is a Principal at NVF in Basel, Switzerland. Prior to joining NVF, he worked at Novartis Pharmaceuticals in commercial roles in the US and in Switzerland launching several products mainly in the cardiovascular area. Beat joined Novartis from Wellington Partners Venture Capital where he worked with biotech and medical device startup companies. Prior to that, he was at McKinsey & Company in Zurich working with clients in the pharmaceutical industry. Beat is a Swiss-trained physician having focused in cardiovascular surgery and intensive care. He graduated from the University of Zurich Medical School and qualified as a Medical Doctor in Basel. Beat holds an MBA with distinction from INSEAD.



Aniruddha Sharma, Carbon Clean Solutions Ltd.

As the company's CEO, Aniruddha Sharma is responsible for all day-to-day operations and leads the company's product and customer development strategy. While pursuing his Masters Degree in Statistics at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, Aniruddha co-founded Carbon Clean Solutions in the year 2009. Selected as one of the Top 50 Brightest Young Climate Leaders, he was a part of the youth delegation to COP15 and COP/MOP5 (Kyoto Protocol), held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009. He has also been selected as one of the top 27 entrepreneurs working on accelerated commercialization of Technology & Innovation by Accelerator India. Currently working towards tying partnerships for 'Carbon capture and reuse/sequestration', he was invited to the esteemed World Economic Forum's India summit in 2011, followed by the nomination of CCS Ltd. as WEF Technology Pioneer in 2015. Aniruddha works closely on all policy issues related to CCS and also looks into hiring talent for the company.



Pankaj Sharma, LeadInvent Pharma Inc.

Pankaj is a life science start-up tech entrepreneur and scientist with over 17 years of experience in Drug Discovery, Biotech/Pharma science and nanotechnology. He is the Managing Director & Co-founder of LeadInvent Pharma Inc. a US-based drug delivery company developing advanced nanotechnology-based drugs in the area of oncology. Earlier to starting LeadInvent, Pankaj was a scientist with IIT Delhi. Pankaj spearheads fundraising, alliance - partnership and research strategy at LeadInvent Pharma. Pankaj has degrees in computer science and Biotechnology. He has successfully built a computational biology company earlier to LeadInvent Pharma which he spun off from IIT Delhi and has the distinction of growing his company from a lab start-up to being awarded as Asia Pacific Emerging Company of the Year within 4 years. Pankaj has published his research in leading international journals with teams from IIT and Harvard Medical School.

Afternoon Session II – Track II – Young SECA

Urgency of Climate Change: Generation Z calls for tangible Climate Solutions

16.25 – 17.30 – Room Link



Admir Trnjanin, Pioneering Ventures / Young SECA

Admir Trnjanin is the Head of Investor Relations at Pioneering Ventures Ltd., a leading venture builder with focus on food quality and supply chain in India. Prior to that, Admir was Associate Vice President at BlueOrchard Finance Ltd, a global impact investment manager. He was responsible for fundraising with global institutional investors as well as client relationship management and market expansion activities of the firm together with the Head Business Development. He also co-founded rentnrado.ch, the largest online platform for retirees in Switzerland, held the position of Research Assistant at the Institute for Financial Services Zug of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and was a Visiting Fellow at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire USA. Admir is board member of Young SECA and member of the organization committee of the SECA Annual Conference. He holds a BSc in Business Administration (Controlling & Accounting) from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts.



Daniel Egger, Climeworks AG

Daniel Egger holds a Master of Science in industrial engineering from the ETH in Zurich. During his career he had different positions in Quality Management, Product and Process Development and Marketing & Sales in different industrial companies. Now he is the head of marketing and sales at Climeworks in Switzerland.



Diego Liechti, Nest Sammelstiftung

Diego is CIO at Nest Sammelstiftung, a Swiss pension fund that is a pioneer in sustainable investing. In addition, he is an associate lecturer for Risk Management at the University of Bern and a lecturer at the AZEK, at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences, and the Nordwestschweiz University of Applied Sciences. Previously, he was a senior investment consultant and head research at PPCmetrics, a researcher at the University of Berne, at Columbia Business School in New York, and at INSEAD Business School in France. Diego has a PhD in finance from the University of Berne as well as a master's degree in corporate finance and asset pricing.



Anja Ludzuweit, Carbon Delta AG

As Director of Business Development, Anja is involved with the firm's marketing and business development activities such as market strategy, branding activities, new client acquisition and relationship management. She previously worked 15 years for global market data provider FactSet where she was active in various sales management roles across different territories. As a multilingual sales and business development professional, Anja assisted clients with the evaluation of financial content and quantitative analytics solutions. During her time in the FactSet Strategic Partnership team she also successfully set up a number of data partnerships in the Fintech sector, driving innovation in the financial sector first-hand.



Carmela Mondino Borromeo, Partners Group

Carmela Mondino, Associate, ESG & Sustainability, Industry Value Creation

Carmela Mondino is part of the Industry Value Creation business unit's ESG & Sustainability team, based in Zug. Prior to joining Partners Group, she worked at Total, adidas and Lonza. She holds a master's degree in petroleum engineering from the Buenos Aires Institute Technology, Argentina, and an MBA from the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland. Partners Group is a global private markets investment management firm with EUR 72.8 billion in investment programs under management in private equity, private real estate, private infrastructure and private debt. The firm manages a broad range of customized portfolios for an international clientele of institutional investors