

GREEN BONDS ROUNDTABLE

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This year will mark a record high for the issuance of green, climate-themed and socially responsible bonds, as more varied issuers from more different geographies take advantage of investors' appetite for debt instruments that do good. Following EMEA Finance's cover story on this topic in our June-July edition, we're holding a roundtable in September to gather more views on the outstanding growth of this market.

The event will gather players from across this fast-growing, evolving DCM space to discuss the trends shaping

deal flow, standout transactions and the development of and outlook for the market. An edited transcript of the conversation will appear in the October-November edition of EMEA Finance magazine, distributed at the annual IMF / World Bank meetings in Washington DC in October.

The roundtable will be held at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED. Attendees are asked to arrive at 8.15am for an 8.30am start, and the discussion will last for about an hour. Coffee and a light breakfast will be available.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE:

Deal flow

In what is already a record year for green bonds, what have been the standout transactions and in what ways have these helped to introduce innovation and maturity to the market? How is the mix of issuer type developing and what trends can be pointed to in the most successful deals?

The Green Bond Principles

As greater numbers of banks sign up in support of these voluntary guidelines for structuring and selling green bonds, how should the success of the principles be gauged? What have they brought to the market and, as a work-in-progress, how might they be broadened or adapted to stimulate even more deals?

Bond types

How do our guests expect to see the different types of green bond – use-of-proceed bonds, project bonds, securitised bonds and beyond – develop?

Encouraging investment

What conversations are taking place between issuers, underwriters and investors? How are pricing expectations affecting demand? How rapidly are mainstream investors joining those with socially responsible mandates in the rush to go green?

Outlook

What trends do our guests expect to see shape the market in 2015 and beyond? Which bond type and issuer type are likely to offer the greatest deal flow, and what steps would our guests like to see taken to deepen and develop this market?