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1. FOR YOUR ACTION!

Date for Diary - UKSIF 2009 AGM and Annual Lecture: 9 September

The deadline for receipt of proxy papers is close of business 7 September. To register to attend please email events@uksif.org. For further information, see item in UKSIF News or contact louise.hopper@uksif.org.

Start your planning for National Ethical Investment Week: 8-14 November

Thanks to all members who participated in the teleconferences introducing NEIW. Now is the time to plan how to get involved. Some members have already registered their support and begun planning their press work and events. For more information contact adam.ognall@uksif.org.

Examples wanted of information guides and services for private investors: End September

UKSIF is contributing to the 2010 edition of The Handbook of Personal Wealth Management (pub. May). We are seeking examples of information guides and non-regulated services for private investors considering green and ethical investment. These may be free or for a charge. Due to publication deadlines, we need details by end Sep. NB. We are not seeking examples of regulated products or services. Contact penny.shepherd@uksif.org.

ISC Consultation on Statement of Principles: UKSIF recommendations available

UKSIF has produced suggested changes to the Institutional Shareholders' Committee (ISC) paper "The Responsibilities of Institutional Shareholders and Agents – Statement of Principles" (June 2007) to assist UKSIF members responding to ISC internal consultations. For details, contact penny.shepherd@uksif.org.

Global Agreement on Climate Change Statement deadline for signatures: 4 September

The 2009 Investor Statement on a Global Agreement on Climate Change has been produced by IIGCC, UNEP FI, INCR and IGCC. Contact climate@unepfi.org.

Sustainable City Awards 2010 open for entries: 1 September to 2 November

UKSIF is the City of London's partner for the Sustainable Finance category which this year recognises and rewards innovation and best practice in all areas of sustainable investment and finance. For more information and to apply visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sca.

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2. UKSIF NEWS

Further information on AGM and Annual Lecture 2009

The AGM and Annual Lecture is being held on 9 September. The AGM includes board elections. Dr Bernard Bulkin, the Sustainable Development Commission's Energy Commissioner will deliver the Lecture, kindly sponsored by Aviva Investors. This will be followed by a drinks reception. Contact louise.hopper@uksif.org.

Thomson Reuters Extel SRI and Sustainability Awards presented at UKSIF Summer Event

The Event was chaired by Aled Jones (LPFA and UKSIF vice-chair). Speakers were Eija Hietavou (Thomson Reuters), Bozena Jankowska (RCM), Andrew Page (Foresight Group) and Penny Shepherd. The four Awards presented were for leading brokerage individual for SRI research (Sarj Nahal, Société Générale), leading brokerage individual for integrated research on climate change (Nick Robins, HSBC), leading fund management firm for SRI (RCM – Allianz Global Investors) and leading quoted company for sustainability communications (Anglo American). The Event was hosted by Thomson Reuters. Contact adam.ognall@uksif.org.

UKSIF calls for capital markets reform in Green Alliance report

Penny Shepherd contributed a chapter entitled 'Reshaping capital markets for a sustainable recovery' to the recently published Green Alliance report '[From Crisis to Recovery](#)'. The report considers how the economic levers of tax, public spending, capital markets and industrial strategy can be shaped in making the transformation to a low carbon economy. Penny's opinion piece '[Responsible Investment: No more business as usual](#)' has also been published by Ethical Corporation. Contact penny.shepherd@uksif.org.

UKSIF champions seventeen year ethical fund sales record against misleading data

UKSIF highlighted to the press that positive net sales continued for UK ethical funds open to investment, in spite of Investment Management Association (IMA) statistics suggesting a net outflow from ethical funds in second quarter this year. According to the IMA, an unbroken track record of positive net quarterly sales stretching back to 1992 had therefore ended. Following research with our members, we identified that the apparent downturn was due only to a single fund closing in June. The IMA would otherwise have reported continued positive net sales. We highlighted this in a press release, comments to journalists and a forthcoming UKSIF article in Financial Adviser. Contact penny.shepherd@uksif.org.

UKSIF responds to PADA discussion paper on investment approach

UKSIF has responded to the PADA discussion paper 'Building personal accounts: designing an investment approach'. UKSIF's submission addresses Chapters 7 and 8 of the paper. Contact adam.ognall@uksif.org.

UKSIF holds briefing event on Corporate Pension Fund Report

A breakfast event was hosted by FTSE to present the findings of our 2009 survey to an audience of pension fund and CSR managers. Speakers at the seminar were Helen Innes (BP Pension Fund), David Harris (FTSE) and Adam Ognall. Contact adam.ognall@uksif.org.

UKSIF media and conference highlights

Penny Shepherd participated in an SRI Roundtable reported in the July issue of 'European Pensions'. August's Moneyfacts Investment Life and Pensions featured an interview with Penny. She also spoke at July's Access 2 Islamic Finance conference and was part of a panel discussion at WWF's launch event for its report on carbon risks in UK equity funds. Contact penny.shepherd@uksif.org.

UKSIF holds carbon capture and storage seminar

Speakers at the event, hosted by Aviva Investors, were Gardiner Hill (BP and Chairman of the CCSA), Meg Brown (Citi Investment Research) and Nick Mabey (E3G). Contact louise.hopper@uksif.org.

UKSIF welcomes new members

The following organisations and individuals have recently joined UKSIF: Active Earth Research; Aspen Financial Services; Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group; Graham Walton; Invicta Capital and Stewart Investment Planning.

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3. PEOPLE MOVES

- Graham Bennett has been appointed Chair of Unity Trust Bank. Graham was the chief executive of Southern Co-operatives for 25 years and served as chairman of the Co-operative Bank until June last year.
- Michelle Edkins has joined Barclays Global Investors as head of its European corporate governance team. Michelle was previously a partner at Governance for Owners.
- Zoe Knight has joined Cheviot Asset Management as senior analyst and fund adviser at Cheviot Sustainable Investments. Zoe is a former senior director of SRI research at Merrill Lynch.
- Ed Mayo has been appointed chief executive of Co-operatives^{UK}. Ed was previously at Consumer Focus.
- Sir Mark Moody-Stuart has been appointed chairman of Hermes Equity Ownership Services. Sir Mark was previously chairman of Anglo American.
- Guiseppe van der Helm has been appointed President of Eurosif. Guiseppe has been a Eurosif board member

and the director of VBDO since November 2006.

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4. INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT NEWS

Members News

Jupiter awarded Joseph Rowntree Foundation mandate

Jupiter has won a multi-asset equity mandate from the Foundation. The portfolio will predominantly include UK equities and will be managed with ethical restrictions. Visit www.jupiteronline.co.uk.

RCM wins £100 million sustainability focused equity mandate

The £687 million Church of England Pension Board has awarded the mandate, which will have a strong focus on company engagement. Visit www.rcm.co.uk.

Sarasin launches Sustainable Equity-Real Estate Global Fund

The fund will invest in a broad spread of listed property companies and Real Estate Investment Trusts while taking environmental and social criteria into account. Visit www.sarasin.ch.

Environment Agency pension fund publishes RI Review

'[Responsible Investment Review: Active Pension Fund](#)' outlines the responsible management strategy of the £1.2 billion fund and how it is implementing the PRI. The Review is the first of its kind for a public pension fund in the UK. Visit www.environment-agency.co.uk.

Non-Member News

APG Asset Management makes €150 million alternative energy investment

APG has bought 40 companies entirely or partly involved in green energy production. Visit www.apggroep.com.

Norwegian Government Pension Fund – Global raises its level of active ownership

The \$380 billion fund has published a report about its expectations for companies' environmental impact and performance. The fund has announced that water management issues are a particular priority as water shortages present a significant environmental risk to its future performance. Visit www.regjeringen.no.

UN Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) seeks proxy voting and RI adviser

The UNJSPF is seeking a firm to act as a consultant for policy on proxy voting services. The fund will also be seeking advice in integrating principles of responsible investing. Visit www.un.org.

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5. RESEARCH, BROKERS & CONSULTANT NEWS

Members & Affiliates News

WWF, Mercer and Trucost produce report on carbon risks in UK equity funds

'Carbon Risks in UK Equity Funds', calls for improvements in managing the carbon footprint of investment portfolios. The report found a seven-fold difference in the carbon footprints of UK institutional equity portfolios and concludes that footprints could be substantially reduced through stock selection. Visit www.mercer.com/ri.

Insight Investment report outlines principles for effective ESG integration

'[ESG Integration: Facing the Challenges](#)' highlights the importance of effective integration of ESG issues into investment decision-making. Visit www.insightinvestment.co.uk.

RiskMetrics research finds notable sustainability reporters outperform MSCI World Index

The research, commissioned by the UN Global Compact, has found that publicly listed Global Compact participants whose annual Communications on Progress were recognised as 'notable' have outperformed the Index by an average of 7.3% since March 2007. Visit www.unglobalcompact.org.

EIRIS report outlines companies' progress in addressing climate change

'[Climate Change Compass: The road to Copenhagen](#)' analyses the 300 largest companies on the FTSE All World Index. The report found that although the quality of climate change risk management has improved, over a third of the companies are failing to address the risks posed by climate change. Visit www.eiris.org.

EIRIS Foundation research finds the majority of large charities are investing ethically

The survey, conducted in conjunction with the Charity Finance Director's Group (CDFG), found that 60% of charities with over £1m in investments have an ethical investment policy. Visit www.charitysri.org.

Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) reports call for increased emissions reductions

'[Global Electric Utilities – Building business resilience to inevitable climate change](#)' was prepared by Acclimatise and sponsored by IBM. '[The Carbon Chasm](#)' calls for the world's largest companies to double their rate of CO2 reduction. Visit www.cdproject.net.

WWF publishes report on water risks and opportunities for the finance sector

'21st Century Water: Views from the finance sector on water risk and opportunity' presents the results of a finance sector survey. For a copy of the report contact mnattero@wwf.org.uk.

Upstream launches sustainability risk mapping service for property investors

The service, 'The Third Dimension', is designed to assist property services to identify and manage their exposure to current and future sustainability risks. Visit www.joneslanglasalle.co.uk/sustainability.

Non-Member News

JCA Group produces shareholder engagement report for the Financial Reporting Council (FRC)

'[Corporate Governance and the Effectiveness of Shareholder Engagement](#)' considers investor, company and adviser perspectives. The report draws on research JCA undertook for the FRC as background to the 2009 review of the Combined Code. Visit www.jcagroup.net.

IFC report shows rise of importance of ESG in emerging markets

'[Sustainable Investing in Emerging Markets: Unscathed by the Financial Crisis](#)' found that 78% of asset owners believe ESG factors are more important since the financial crisis and 46% (a 10% increase since 2007) strongly agree that ESG issues are an important consideration when investing in emerging markets. Visit www.ifc.org.

IFC publishes reports on sustainable investment in Brazil and India

'[Sustainable Investment in Brazil 2009](#)' and '[Sustainable Investment in India 2009](#)', written by Ritu Kumar and Dan Siddy, have been produced for the IFC Sustainable Investment Country Report series. Visit www.ifc.org.

Novethic private equity survey finds 66% of respondents take ESG into consideration

'[Integration of ESG Issues into Private Equity: The spread of best practices](#)' found that the majority of French private equity firms who responded to the survey do consider ESG as part of their financial decisions. The survey concluded that extra-financial research tools need further development. Visit www.novethic.com.

Environmental Investment Network (EIN) publishes study on environmental technology finance

'[The Green Funding Challenge: Environmental investment goes missing in the recession](#)' involved a survey of 151 UK-based environmental technology companies. Visit www.environmentalinvest.com.

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6. INDEX DEVELOPMENTS

<i>Index</i>	<i>Price return index value on 27/08/2009</i>	<i>Change on quarter to 27/08/2009 (%)</i>
FTSE100	4869.35	+10.26
FTSE4Good UK Index	4124.75	+10.75
Dow Jones STOXX 50	2394.84	+11.99
Dow Jones Sustainability Index STOXX	79.08	+12.23

FTSE environmental and HSBC climate change indices licensed to New York pension plan

The FTSE Environmental Technology 50 Index has been licensed to the New York State Common Retirement Fund. The fund will benchmark \$100 million to the index. The fund has also benchmarked \$100 million to the HSBC Global Climate Change Index. Visit www.ftse.com.

SAM and Dow Jones Indexes launch Japanese sustainability index

The Dow Jones Sustainability Japan 40 Index measures the performance of the largest 40 sustainability leaders in Japan. Visit www.djindexes.com.

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7. POLICY & COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE NEWS

UNEP FI Fiduciary II report highlights the legal responsibility to consider ESG issues

'[Fiduciary responsibility: Legal and practical aspects of integrating environmental, social and governance issues into institutional investment](#)' has been produced by the Asset Management Working Group of the UNEP Finance Initiative. The report is a follow on to its 2005 'Freshfields Report' and highlights the potential legal risks facing investment consultants and managers who do not take ESG factors into consideration. Visit www.unepfi.org.

Walker Review publishes consultation document

'[A review of corporate governance in UK banks and other financial industry entities](#)' has been published and is under consultation until 1 October 2009. Recommendations currently in the review include a set of Principles of Stewardship which would require fund managers to reveal whether they have a policy on engagement with investee companies. UKSIF will be responding to the consultation. Visit www.hm-treasury.gov.uk.

US Social Investment Forum encourages SEC's consideration of mandatory ESG reporting

The US SIF has submitted a proposal, endorsed by over 80 investor groups, outlining the need for mandatory ESG disclosure and recommendations on what the disclosure should include. Visit www.socialinvest.org.

Eurosif and FEE call for improvements in sustainability disclosures

Following on from their Sustainability Roundtable, Eurosif and the Federation of European Accountants (FEE) have published a 'Call for Action'. The call highlights the need for improved sustainability disclosures in financial information and the importance of transparency in helping to restore investor trust. Visit www.eurosif.org.

ASRIA report predicts Asian pensions could become leaders in the use of ESG guidelines

'[The Time to Lead is Now: The Adoption of ESG Analysis by Asian Government Pensions Funds](#)' provides an overview of how Asian pension funds are adopting ESG guidelines and outlines a roadmap to encourage all investment managers to do so. Visit www.asria.org.

PRI reports over 560 signatories representing over \$18 trillion AuM

'[PRI Report on Progress 2009](#)' key findings include significant growth in active ownership and investor collaboration. The PRI has recently delisted five financial institutions. Visit www.unpri.org.

PRI issues guidance documents on RI in private equity

'[Responsible Investment in Private Equity: A Guide for Limited Partners](#)' outlines how to apply the PRI to private equity investing. '[Responsible Investment in Private Equity: Case Studies](#)' highlights nine cases that demonstrate how effective management of ESG issues can improve returns. Visit www.unpri.org.

Marathon Club calls for dialogue regarding accounting standards for pension schemes

In a paper submitted to the International Accounting Standards Board the Marathon Club highlights concerns that current accounting standards encourage unnecessary short-term behaviour. Visit www.marathonclub.co.uk.

Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation publishes 'Long Finance'

'[The Road to Long Finance: A Systems View of the Credit Crunch](#)' by Michael Mainelli and Bob Giffords analyses the causes of the financial crisis and suggests potential reforms. Visit www.zyen.com.

DECC launches call for evidence on decarbonising the GB electricity system

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has launched a call for evidence on how to deliver secure low carbon electricity. DECC is keen for evidence from the finance sector. Visit www.decc.gov.uk.

Social Investment Wholesale Bank (SIWB) consultation period opens

The Office of the Third Sector is conducting a consultation on a SIWB which sets out the vision and economic case for the SIWB. The consultation period ends 7 October. Visit www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/thirdsector.

Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical letter addresses financial reform and ethical funds

The Pope's July encyclical letter cites the need for ethics in the global economy in order for it to function correctly and mentions the use of ethical funds as one way of addressing this. Visit www.vatican.va.

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8. RETAIL PRODUCTS AND BANKING NEWS

Member and Affiliate News

Co-operative Investments launches Sustainable Diversified Trust

The fund aims to invest in a wide range of asset classes. Companies chosen by the Fund will be involved in working to address global changes in issues such as ageing populations, climate change and the global power shortage. Visit www.co-operativeinvestments.co.uk.

New Big Issue Invest fund attracts funding from NESTA and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Social Enterprise Investment Fund aims to provide long-term, growth capital for social enterprises. The fund has received £1.75 million from NESTA and Esmée Fairbairn. Visit www.bigissueinvest.com.

Non-Member News

European SRI fund sales recovery continues

According to [research by Lipper FERI](#), published in Responsible Investor, sales of European SRI funds in June

were over €760m. This followed on from sales of €1,068.3m in May. Visit www.responsible-investor.com.

New depositors double for Charity Bank

Charity Bank, the UK's only bank that is also a registered charity, had 654 new depositors in the first half of this year. This represents double the number for the same period last year. Visit www.charitybank.org.

Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation publishes first FairBanking study

'Fair Banking: The road to redemption for UK banks' is the first study by the research-based charity. The study establishes a 'Financial Well-Being Index'. Visit www.fairbanking.org.uk.

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9. JOBS, EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Jobs

CCLA, Ethical & Responsible Investment Team: Research Assistant

This new position, which would suit a recent graduate, has been created to support CCLA's commitment to aligning their church and charity clients' values with their investments in a variety of ways. Closing date 14 September. Click 'Vacancies' at www.ccla.co.uk for more details.

EIRIS, Research Analysts (x3)

EIRIS is looking to recruit three Research Analysts to analyse companies in allocated sectors and maintain and develop various research areas. Closing date 20 September. Contact jobs@eiris.org.

F&C, Governance and Sustainable Investment Analyst

F&C are seeking someone interested in pursuing a career in corporate governance and the social, environmental and ethical dimensions of investment to join their 15-strong GSI team. Closing date 15 September. Contact sevim.hodge@fandc.com.

Treasurer, The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility

The post (approximately 4 to 5 hours per month) is honorary. Expenses will be paid and the role is supported by ECCR's Administrator. Contact info@eccr.org.uk.

PRI, Various opportunities

The PRI is currently recruiting for several positions including: Business Manager/Finance Director; Clearinghouse Project Manager and Assistant Manager, Training and Assessment. Visit www.unpri.org/jobs.

Events & Conferences

- **09 Sep:** *Ethical Investment Association Autumn Conference*, London. An EIA IFA Event. Contact lisa.wootton@uksif.org
- **09 Sep:** *UKSIF AGM and Annual Lecture*, London. Contact events@uksif.org
- **10 & 15 Sep:** *NEIW/AIFA Green and Ethical Investment Seminar for Financial Advisers*, Manchester on the 10th and London on the 15th. Contact lisa.wootton@uksif.org
- **21-22 Sep:** *11th Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum*, London. UKSIF is part of the judging panel at this event. Visit www.reff-london.com
- **24 Sep:** *ClearlySo Investor Speed Dating Event*, London. Visit www.clearlyso.com
- **06-07 Oct:** *Microfinance Investment Summit*, London. Visit www.microfinancesummit.com
- **15 Oct:** *The London Accord Autumn Conference*, London. UKSIF is co-hosting this event. Visit <http://www.gresham.ac.uk/event.asp?PageId=45&EventId=945>
- **25-28 Oct:** *SRI in the Rockies*, Tucson, AZ. Visit www.sriintherockies.com
- **29 Oct:** *Good Deals 2009: The National Social Investment Conference*, London. UKSIF members are eligible for a 30% discount. Quote UKSIF09 in the IDCODE field when booking. Visit www.good-dealsuk.com
- **08-14 Nov:** *National Ethical Investment Week 2009*. Visit www.neiw.org
- **12-13 Nov:** *TBLI Conference Europe 2009*, Amsterdam. Visit www.tbliconference.com
- **27 Nov:** *ESG Strategies for Responsible Investors*, Paris. Novethic's annual conference is exclusively for European Asset Owners. Visit www.novethic.com/novethic/v3_uk/pop-colloque.jsp
- **28 Jan 2010:** *Rushlight Awards 2009 Gala Dinner*, London. The Rushlight Awards are open to entries until 31 October 2009. UKSIF is a partner of these awards. Visit www.rushlightevents.com

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