

A black and white photograph of a wind turbine, viewed from a low angle looking up. The turbine's tower and nacelle are prominent, with one of the blades extending towards the top left. The background is a cloudy sky. The image is framed by a red border that curves around the top and bottom edges.

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Credentials: Sustainable Investing and Impact Funds

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Responsible capital and sustainability are no longer ‘fringe’ concepts. They will (and will need to) underpin strategic decision-making and investment allocations by fund managers in the coming decades, as the global economy grapples with the impact of climate change, other potential environmental damage, rising inequality and political and economic crises.

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors have long been factored into our clients’ strategies and policies, as fund managers or investors. Now, many fund managers are moving beyond ESG screening / ESG reporting on their investments and are creating their own funds with a dedicated investment focus on sustainable investing. Funds dedicated to sustainable or impact investing are becoming far more mainstream in the alternative funds universe as fund managers respond to the concerns of investors, employees and other stakeholders.

We work alongside our clients to launch impact funds and other investment vehicles dedicated to sustainable outcomes.

Our recent experience in this field spans funds focussing on, amongst other projects, property for disadvantaged groups, low carbon technologies and renewable energy projects.

Recent examples:

A renewable energy fund

Establishing a Jersey Limited Partnership fund, on behalf of our client, a privately-owned investment company, to invest in renewable energy projects with an initial focus on onshore and offshore wind energy, specifically targeting projects at various stages of the development cycle.

Clean and sustainable technologies for water-related infrastructure

Advising a listed Hong Kong multinational on the establishment of a Jersey Limited Partnership investing in water-related infrastructure investments, in particular targeting clean and sustainable technologies and desalination infrastructure.

China Tian Lun Gas

Advising on a proposed investment in China Tian Lun Gas Holdings Limited, one of China’s major domestic gas operators, to help expand the supply of natural gas in China’s cities, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving living conditions for millions of people.

Generation Investment Management

Advising Generation Investment Management on a sustainable solutions fund which focuses on investments in growth-stage businesses in planetary health: low carbon solutions transforming mobility, food, energy, and enterprise; people health: enabling health outcomes and a lower-cost, accessible healthcare system; and financial inclusion: supporting access to finance and an equitable future of work.

GCL New Energy Holdings Limited

Advising on the proposed acquisition by GCL New Energy Holdings Limited (a new energy company under the GCL Group whose primary business is solar power generation, covering development, construction and operations) on a 60% stake in a 33MW Linsan Solar Project in Guinea.

JLEN

Advising JLEN (a John Laing fund) which is listed on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange with a market cap over £600million. JLEN is invested in a diversified portfolio of operational environmental infrastructure projects in the UK and France. Its current portfolio includes onshore wind, solar, waste and wastewater processing plants and anaerobic digestion plants.

Social Property Impact Fund

Advising one of Europe’s leading alternative investment managers on the launch of its Social Property Impact Fund which aims to raise up £300m to tackle the chronic shortage of housing solutions for disadvantaged groups in the UK. The fund works with high impact social sector organisations that deliver services including affordable housing, supported living and extra care.

A Hong Kong-based collaborative living company

Advising Weave Co-Living on the US\$181 million initial investment it received from US-based private equity firm Warburg Pincus. Weave Co-Living is a Hong Kong-headquartered collaborative living company whose mission is to provide high quality, modern, comfortable and affordable living spaces for Millennials and young professionals to create a home in key gateway cities across Asia-Pacific.

Urban Regeneration Projects

Advising one of our clients on a listed Jersey property unit trust that invested into two separate and highly successful urban regeneration projects in London, resulting in the development of over 500 residential homes and social housing units.

United Water Corporation

Advising on the proposed investment in China-based United Water Corporation to improve the delivery of clean water in China's less developed regions. United Water Corporation operates water supply and wastewater treatment plants located in five small cities and townships in Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Hubei and Inner Mongolia.

Shanghai Electric Group Company Limited

Advising Shanghai Electric on its proposed acquisition of a 70% stake in a biomass project in Cuba held through Havana Energy Limited, a Guernsey incorporated company, that will join forces with a subsidiary of domestic sugar monopoly, Azcuba, to build five plants attached to sugar mills. The plants are projected to use sugar cane by-product bagasse and fast-growing woody weed marabu as biofuels.

For further information on sustainable investing please get in touch.

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