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Dear Rice Energy Finance Summit (REFS) Attendees:

The REFS committee and Rice Business are pleased to welcome you to the 2024 Rice Energy Finance Summit. Celebrating its 16th anniversary, the Summit serves as a distinguished platform for senior executives, investors, advisers and policymakers to share their perspectives with Rice Business students on the most pressing finance, investment and strategy topics affecting the global energy industry.

The COP 28 Climate Conference called on governments to accelerate the transition to renewable energy sources and asked signatories to triple the world's installed renewable energy generation capacity to at least 11,000 GW by 2030. In parallel, the IEA's 2024 STEPS scenario projects that global oil demand will remain resilient at 99.1 mb/day even in 2035. This underscores the need for continued investment in conventional energy resources, as both traditional and renewable energy sources will be necessary to meet the world energy needs. With this in mind, we have chosen "Powering Today While **Energizing Tomorrow**" as the REFS 2024 theme. We aim to explore the complexities of funding the energy transition, its value chain and emerging ideas while maintaining energy security.

Robert D. "Doug" Lawler, CEO of Continental Resources, will begin our program by highlighting his perspective on the importance of the traditional companies to powering today. We will then move into the "Industry Consolidation and Portfolio **Optimization**" topic to understand how oil and gas players are navigating consolidation and how they will offload low-graded assets with fewer independents and headwinds for divestitures like bonding and abandonment liability. Next, our "The New Era of **Energy**" panel will dive into how today's energy companies will energize tomorrow. The morning will conclude with the announcement of the Rice Cleantech Innovation Competition (RCIC) winners. This annual student-led competition brings together MBA student teams from leading graduate business programs across the nation to present investment opportunities on the path to decarbonization.

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The afternoon will begin with **Michael Skelly**, **CEO of Grid United** highlighting the importance of renewable companies and grid infrastructure in energizing tomorrow. The panel on "Accelerating the Future of Energy Infrastructure" will continue the discussion. Our last panel will explore "Capital **Transition: Funding the Energy Transition**" and the flow of private and public capital into both existing and emerging technologies.

Immediately following the day's events, we are pleased to invite you to our annual **Night of Networking** reception in the Anderson Family Commons (AFC). There will be refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and great exchanges of ideas inspired by the day's discussions. Our reception is an excellent opportunity to engage with Rice Business students as they embark on new chapters in their professional careers.

Finally, we are tremendously grateful to our sponsors who made this summit possible. We are thankful for the ideas, discussion and debate between the speakers and the audience that make this event so worthwhile. We hope these discussions will continue and will inspire future leaders as they move these industries into tomorrow. Additionally, we thank all prior REFS committees for their efforts in continuing this tradition at **Rice Business.**

A note on Veterans Day

We would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to all veterans in attendance and elsewhere on this Veterans Day. We are forever grateful for all that you have done for your country.

Sincerely,

Aman Mandair, Co-Chair Nate Hall, Co-Chair Greg Hoffman, Program Chair

AGENDA

		SUMMIT 2024	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration and Light Breakfast		
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks		
	George Andrews, Associate Dean of Degree Programs, Rice Business		
9:15 - 10:00 am	Keynote		
	Doug Lawler , President and Chief Executive Officer, Continental Resources Moderator: Jim Hackett , Previous Partner & Advisor, Riverstone Holdings, LL Previous Chairman and CEO, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	.С,	
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break		
10:15 - 11:00 am	Panel 1 – Industry Consolidation and Portfolio Optimization		
	Eric Broussard , General Manager of Commercial Negotiations: Divestments-North America, Chevron Jaime Gualy , Managing Partner, Brittmore Advisors Konnie Haynes-Welsh , Vice President and Treasurer, ConocoPhillips Daniel Lopus , Senior Vice President of Acquisitions and Divestitures, Hilcorp Moderator: Mike King , Partner, Latham & Watkins	1	
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break		
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Panel 2 – The New Era of Energy: How Today's Energy Companies Are Er	nergizing Tomo	rrow
	 Randy Bhatia, Vice President of Investor Relations, Cheniere Energy Matthieu Giard, CEO Americas and Board Member, Air Liquide Nazia Mohammed, General Manager of Strategy, Technology and Investm Emerging Energy, Phillips 66 Rich Voorberg, President, Siemens Energy North America, Siemens Energy Moderator: Rahul Vashi, Partner, Gibson Dunn 		
12:00 - 12:10 pm	Announcement of Rice Cleantech Innovation Competition (RCIC) Winner	rs	
12:10 - 1:30 pm	Lunch		
1:30 - 2:15 pm	Keynote		
	Michael Skelly, Co-Founder and CEO, Grid United Moderator: Hillary H. Holmes, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP		
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break		
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Panel 3 – Accelerating the Future of Energy Infrastructure		
	Michael Brock, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company Sarah Jewett, Vice President of Strategy, Fervo Energy Peter Kucera, Head of Energy Transition Activities, Trafigura Surya Mohan, Senior Vice President M&A and Investments, energyRe Moderator: Alan J. Alexander, Partner, Vinson & Elkins		
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Break		
3:30 - 4:15 pm	Panel 4 – Capital Transition: Funding the Energy Transition		
	Keila Diamond, Managing Director and Head of ESG, Quantum Capital Gro Paul Goydan, Senior Partner & Managing Director, BCG Jeffrey Tillery, Chief Operating Officer, Veriten Hill Vaden, Executive Director, Financial & Capital Markets, S&P Moderator: Geraldine Nash, Partner Investment Funds Practice Group, Kirk		
4:15 - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks		
4:30 - 7:00 pm	Night of Networking		

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GEORGE ANDREWS – Welcome Remarks

George Andrews joined Rice Business in the fall of 2014 as associate dean of degree programs, leading each of the MBA programs, the Career Development Office, Student Program Office, and Recruiting and Admissions. He served seven years at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business where he was associate dean for evening MBA and weekend MBA programs. Prior to Booth, he was executive director of the executive development programs at William E. Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester. He earned his MBA from the William E. Simon School of Business and his Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M.

MORNING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

DOUG LAWLER

President & Chief Executive Officer, Continental Resources



Robert D. "Doug" Lawler is the president and CEO at Continental Resources. Lawler joined Continental as chief operating officer and executive vice president in 2022, following three decades in the oil and gas industry. He began his career with Kerr-McGee in 1988 and joined Anadarko Petroleum after its acquisition of Kerr-McGee in 2006. During his tenure at Anadarko, he held several senior leadership roles, serving as senior vice president of international and deepwater operations and member of Anadarko's executive committee from 2012 to 2013; vice president of international operations from 2011 to 2012; vice president of operations for the Southern and Appalachian region from 2009 to 2012; and vice president of corporate planning from 2008 to 2009.

Most recently, Lawler was president and CEO of Chesapeake Energy Corp., serving on the board of directors until 2021. He has served as a director of Pilot Travel Centers LLC, doing business as Pilot/Flying J, since 2016. Lawler earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1988 and an MBA from Rice University in 2002.

JIM HACKETT – Moderator

Previous Partner & Advisor, Riverstone Holdings, LLC Previous Chairman and CEO, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation



James (Jim) T. Hackett served as a partner and advisor to private energy investing firm Riverstone Holdings, LLC and was chairman of Alta Mesa Resources, Inc., a public company sponsored by Riverstone, from 2013 to 2020. Previously, he served as chairman and CEO of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, an international energy production and midstream company. Before joining Anadarko, Hackett held leadership roles at Devon Energy Corporation, Ocean Energy, Seagull and Duke Energy. His experience spans engineering, finance and marketing across conventional, renewable and nuclear energy sectors. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the National Petroleum Council, and currently serves as a director of Fluor Corporation and chairman for both Enterprise Products Partners L.P., SLB and NuScale Power. Hackett is also a board member of Baylor College of Medicine and was a longstanding member of the Rice University board of trustees until this past June.

Hackett has served on the faculties at Rice University and the University of Texas at Austin and has chaired numerous civic organizations, including serving as Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas during the financial crisis of 2008. Hackett holds a bachelor's from the University of Illinois, an MBA, a master's in theological studies from Harvard University and an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of St. Thomas.

He and his wife Maureen funded and founded the Hackett Center for Mental Health to advocate for policy analysis and legislation in Texas, following an Emmy® Award for the Mental Health Channel they created. Together, they have four children and three grandchildren.





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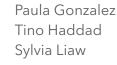
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PANEL 1: INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION AND PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION

As the oil and gas industry rides the wave of consolidation, how will companies offload low-graded assets with less independents and headwinds for divestitures like bonding and abandonment liability?

Eric Broussard

General Manager of Commercial Negotiations: Divestments-North America, Chevron

Eric Broussard is the general manager of corporate negotiations for Chevron Corporate Business Development. Since 2020, he has overseen asset divestments, acquisitions and major midstream agreements in Chevron Americas. Broussard has held positions as the general manager of price forecasting for Chevron Corp., exploration and production commercial manager for North America and commercial manager for the midcontinent U.S., including Permian assets and deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Broussard's experience in commercial, operations, project management and technical roles has taken him to California, Louisiana, Texas, Australia, the United Kingdom and the former Soviet Union. He has 35 years of experience in oil and gas since he first joined Chevron in 1989 as a field engineer in New Orleans, Louisiana. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Louisiana Lafayette and an MBA from Sam Houston State University.

Jaime Gualy

Managing Partner, Brittmore Advisors

Jaime E. Gualy, founder and managing partner of Brittmoore Advisors, LLC, has over 28 years of experience in the energy and financial industries. At Brittmoore, he delivers strategic solutions to a diverse range of clients, focusing on business development, growth strategy, capital markets and energy transition planning. Before founding Brittmoore, Gualy was co-founder and chief commercial officer of Stagecoach Renewables, LLC, an Apollo Global Management-backed company in Houston, where he spearheaded a successful capital raise with Apollo's infrastructure and renewables fund. He also served as managing director of energy investment banking at KLR Group, LLC, founded global energy-focused hedge fund 1859 Partners, LLC, and has held numerous senior positions in the industry. Gualy holds a BBA in finance and marketing from the University of Houston and an MBA from Rice University.

Konnie Haynes-Welsh

VP and Treasurer, ConocoPhillips

Konnie Haynes-Welsh is the vice president and treasurer at ConocoPhillips. She joined the company in 2012 and has since held various leadership roles in reporting, planning, strategy and accounting, including chief accounting officer. Prior to ConocoPhillips, Haynes-Welsh worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers in their energy assurance practice, where she was selected for a global leadership program. She left in 2008 to join Mariner Energy, where she served as assistant controller through their 2011 acquisition by Apache. Haynes-Welsh started her career with a B.S. and MPA in accounting from The University of Texas at Austin. She is a CPA in Texas and serves on the dean's advisory council for the McCombs School of Business. With her extensive experience across accounting, reporting, planning and strategy, Haynes-Welsh brings financial leadership to her current role as treasurer of ConocoPhillips.

Daniel Lopus

Senior Vice President of Acquisitions and Divestitures, Hilcorp

Daniel Lopus is senior vice president of acquisitions and divestitures for Hilcorp Energy Company, where he has responsibility for A&D activity, business development, new ventures, and new business opportunities. Prior to his current role, Lopus was vice president of finance, heading Hilcorp's strategic planning, corporate finance, risk and treasury activities. Prior to joining Hilcorp, Lopus worked for Wells Fargo Securities in their investment banking and A&D group, and in various engineering and finance roles for ConocoPhillips in Houston, Doha, Aberdeen and Perth. Lopus holds a B.S. in petroleum and natural gas engineering with honors from the Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from Rice University.

Moderator: Mike King Partner, Latham & Watkins

Mike King is a partner in the Houston office of Latham & Watkins. He represents oil and gas companies and private equity sponsors in upstream and midstream transactional matters. His upstream practice includes acquisitions and divestitures of oil and gas properties, as well as farm-ins, drillcos and other joint ventures and related arrangements. His midstream practice includes matters relating to midstream joint ventures, gathering and transportation agreements, processing agreements, water sourcing and disposal agreements.

Michael Skelly is the founder and CEO of Grid United, a transmission development company dedicated to strengthening the US transmission grid and adapting it for the evolving generation mix. Prior to starting Grid United, he was the founder and president of Clean Line Energy, a company that successfully permitted some of the longest transmission lines in the U.S. Skelly also led the growth of Horizon Wind Energy, now part of EDPR, as one of the largest U.S. renewable energy providers.

Other entrepreneurial ventures include his role as a founding partner and general manager of Rain Forest Aerial Tram, where he led the development, construction and operations of the first large-scale canopy tourism project in the Americas, and his advocacy for local green spaces through the "Parks By You" campaign in 2012, which secured \$150 million to fund trails along bayous in his adopted hometown of Houston. Skelly sits on the boards of Form Energy and Greentown Labs in Houston, and has experience in public service, including his time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central America and a run for U.S. Congress in 2008, where he was the Democratic nominee for the 7th Congressional District of Texas. He remains deeply involved in local politics today.

Skelly is the protagonist in Superpower, a book by Wall Street Journal reporter and Pulitzer Prize finalist Russell Gold, which chronicles the growth and development of renewable energy in the 21st century. He holds a bachelor's in economics from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Named one of the 29 Most Influential Couples in town by the Houston Chronicle in 2021, Skelly and his wife Anne Whitlock currently reside in a 110-year-old fire station and regularly host nonprofit events throughout the year.

HILLARY HOLMES – Moderator

Partner, Gibson Dunn



Hillary H. Holmes brings over 20 years of experience in counseling clients in mergers and acquisitions and capital raising in the energy industry. She is cohead of the Houston office of the global law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and co-chair of the Capital Markets Practice Group. She advises corporations, boards and investors on all forms of capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings, M&A deals, governance issues and public company best practices.

Holmes is a leader in her industry and has received numerous national awards for her work: She was named the Energy MVP by Law360, Most Effective Dealmaker in the US by Texas Lawyer, and one of the 25 Most Influential Women in Energy by Hart Energy. Clients and peers attest Hillary is "a phenomenal lawyer who is very engaged," "extremely talented and has excellent judgment," "highly effective in negotiating for her clients" and a "very thoughtful and very thorough practitioner."









PANEL 2: HOW TODAY'S ENERGY COMPANIES ARE ENERGIZING TOMORROW

Every company has a unique approach to expanding into new energy ventures. Some technologies can be combined with what they already have, while others will need to stand alone or require new infrastructure to grow big enough to make a significant impact.



Randy Bhatia

Vice President of Investor Relations, Cheniere Energy

Randy Bhatia is vice president of investor relations at Cheniere Energy, Inc. In this role, he manages all aspects of the investor relations function for Cheniere and its related entities. Bhatia joined the company in 2013 from Capital One Securities, where he was a senior equity research analyst covering energy infrastructure companies, including Cheniere. Previously, he held positions in the commodity trading industry at Citigroup, UBS and Enron, primarily focused on the financial and physical trading of natural gas and natural gas derivatives in the domestic market. Bhatia received a B.S. in economics from Louisiana State University and an MBA from Rice University.



Matthieu Giard CEO Americas and Board Member, Air Liquide

Matthieu Giard is the CEO and president of American Air Liquide Holdings and a member of Air Liquide Group's executive committee. He joined Air Liquide in 2004 and has held leadership roles in various regions, including the U.S., Canada, and the Africa, Middle East and India hub. He was appointed vice president of the industrial merchant world business line in 2019 and gained oversight of hydrogen activities in 2021. In 2023, Giard became CEO of the Americas hub of Air Liquide. He holds an engineering degree from the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon and a management degree from Harvard Business School.



Nazia Mohammed

General Manager of Strategy, Technology and Investment, Emerging Energy, Phillips 66

Nazia Mohammed is general manager of strategy, technology and investment for Phillips 66, a diversified energy company. She has nearly 20 years of professional experience in the oil and gas industry, with expertise in energy asset and corporate development, M&A, A&D, investments and strategy. Before assuming her current role in 2023, Mohammed served as an executive director at global investment bank Moelis & Company advising clients across the conventional, unconventional and new energy sectors. Prior to joining Moelis in 2019, she held a variety of roles in technical, commercial, corporate development and strategy at Shell. Mohammed holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, a master's in petroleum and natural gas engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



Richard Voorberg

President, Siemens Energy North America, Siemens Energy

Richard Voorberg is the president of the North America hub of Siemens Energy, overseeing its operations in the Americas, including generation, industrial applications, renewables and transmission. He has over 30 years of experience with Siemens Energy, managing power generation projects and leading initiatives like the construction of a gas turbine factory in Charlotte, N.C. Voorberg has worked in various countries, including Canada, Argentina and Germany. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Waterloo and an MBA from ESMT in Berlin. He resides in Winter Springs, Fla., with his wife and four children.



Moderator: Rahul D. Vashi Partner, Gibson Dunn

Rahul D. Vashi is a partner in the Houston office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and co-chair of the firm's oil and gas practice group. He focuses on acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures in the energy sector, with an emphasis on upstream and midstream assets. Vashi is recognized by Chambers Global (2022-2024) and Chambers USA (2019-2024) for his expertise in energy. He earned his J.D. from NYU School of Law and his B.A. and B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. Vashi is a member of the Houston Bar Association in the oil, gas and mineral law section. He is admitted to practice in the state of Texas.

PANEL 3: ACCELERATING THE FUTURE OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Building the renewable energy infrastructure of tomorrow demands coordinated efforts across sectors, agile regulatory practices and a skilled workforce. This panel will explore the path forward, identifying the critical steps needed to unlock the full potential of renewable energy and secure a sustainable future for all.



Michael Brock

Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company

Michael Brock is a leader in McKinsey's Renewables practice. In his current role, he advises clients on developing a reliable, cost-effective pipeline of projects and forming strategies that navigate the latest market trends. He previously worked as subsea product design engineer for Cameron and OneSubsea. Brock received a bachelor's in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA from Rice University in 2017.

Peter Kucera

Head of Energy Transition Activities, Trafigura

Peter Kucera has served as head of Energy Transition activities at Trafigura in Houston since 2021, leading strategy, investment, origination and structuring across the company's low-carbon portfolio. Previously, he worked in several roles on the refined products and crude oil desks. Prior to joining Trafigura in 2017, Kucera worked as a market and technical consultant for IHS Markit, performing diligence and advisory work in downstream oil, infrastructure and energy markets for oil and gas operators, private equity and hedge fund clients. He holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.

Sarah Jewett

Vice President of Strategy, Fervo Energy

Sarah Jewett is Fervo's vice president of strategy. In this role, she runs multiple corporate functions, including corporate strategy, policy and regulatory engagement, external affairs, people operations and future business lines. Prior to joining Fervo, she worked in corporate development and strategic initiatives for Select Energy Services, now Select Water Solutions, Inc. Jewett started her career in the oilfield, running hydraulic fracturing crews across the Western U.S. and Alaska for Schlumberger. She holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's of engineering from Dartmouth College.

Surya Mohan

Senior Vice President M&A and Investments, energyRe

Surya Mohan, senior vice president of M&A and investments at energyRe, leads all mergers and acquisitions, investment and divestment activities across various business divisions, including onshore renewables, offshore wind, transmission assets and distributed generation. Prior to his current role, Mohan held a variety of senior roles in mergers and acquisitions, financing, investments and development at Deutsche Bank, Nomura Securities, EDP Renewables and an affiliate of Denham Capital. He has overseen and executed over \$10 billion equity investments in energy and energy-related infrastructure assets..

Moderator: Alan J. Alexander Partner, Vinson & Elkins

Alan Alexander's work at Vinson & Elkins LLP focuses on project development, project financing and joint ventures. He has experience working with petrochemical companies, midstream developers, exploration and production companies, project developers and financial investors on complex projects and transactions in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors. In particular, Alexander has expertise in complex downstream projects, as well as experience assisting clients in energy transition matters involving renewable fuels, carbon capture, clean ammonia, low-carbon hydrogen, carbon monetization and grid resilience. Alexander also has significant experience advising on energy projects in Latin America.







PANEL 4: CAPITAL TRANSITION: FUNDING THE ENERGY TRANSITION

The trajectory of the new energy era will largely depend on how the "capital transition" progresses, specifically regarding the flow of private and public capital into both existing and emerging technologies. The increasing focus on energy is drawing significant interest from investors and shareholders who are keen to capitalize on opportunities in the evolving energy landscape.



Keila Diamond

Managing Director and Head of ESG, Quantum Capital Group

Keila Diamond is managing director and head of ESG at Quantum. She leads Quantum's ESG program strategy, ensuring its successful integration throughout the investment lifecycle, focusing on management of ESG material risks through implementation of continuous improvement of portfolio companies. Prior to joining Quantum, Diamond was director of global sustainability and regulatory affairs at Crown Holdings. Prior to Crown Holdings, she was director of environmental sustainability, Asia Pacific, Middle East and North Africa for PepsiCo. Diamond has also held senior sustainability positions at World Wildlife Fund, International Paper Company and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. She holds executive sustainability leadership education from Harvard University, a Master of Environmental & Chemistry Engineering from State University of Campinas (Brazil), a Master of Environmental Management as Fulbright Scholar from Duke University, and an MBA from the Federal University of Rondonia (Brazil).



Paul Goydan

Senior Partner & Managing Director, BCG

Paul Goydan is the global leader of Boston Consulting Group's Accelerated Cost Advantage program, an end-to-end approach to resetting cost structures and enhancing operational efficiency rapidly, precisely, and sustainably. He has over 20 years of experience working closely with senior executives of some of the largest companies in the world as they successfully navigate large-scale functional transformations and solve complex global challenges, such as climate change and energy transition. Prior to leading the Accelerated Cost Advantage program, Goydan helped form BCG's global climate and sustainability practice and led the North American Energy practice. He has also studied climate change in executive programs at Columbia University and Cambridge University.



Jeffrey Tillery

Chief Operating Officer, Veriten

Jeff Tillery is a founding member and chief operating officer of Veriten, an energy-focused knowledge platform that brings diverse perspectives to the energy transition discussion, improving the ability of industry leaders, policy makers and investors to make strategic choices. Prior to his current role, Tillery was a founding partner of Pickering Energy Partners, the predecessor to energy-focused investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., where he spent more than 17 years. During that time, Tillery worked as a senior equity research analyst, head of research, head of securities and head of capital solutions. Prior to joining Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., Tillery was a manager in the Restructuring Group at Huron Consulting Group and an equity research analyst at Simmons & Co. International.



Hill Vaden

Executive Director, Financial & Capital Markets, S&P

Hill Vaden is executive director of financial and capital markets with S&P Global Commodity Insights. He is responsible for leading strategic operations and driving engagement with the global financial sector's investment banking and investment management communities. Vaden has been in the energy sector for nearly 20 years, working in research and consulting, product management and commercial strategy. His expertise spans global energy and financial markets. Vaden joined S&P Global through its 2022 merger with IHS Markit, where he managed a business unit delivering subscription-based energy market analysis to the global investment community. He joined IHS Markit in 2012 after five years of leading North American oil and gas research and asset-valuation services for Wood Mackenzie. Vaden is the creator and co-host of S&P Global Commodity Insights "EnergyCents," a long-form podcast covering topics on the intersection of energy and finance. He received a bachelor's degree from University of the South – Sewanee and an MBA from Rice University.

Moderator: Geraldine Nash

Partner Investment Funds Practice Group, Kirkland & Ellis

Geraldine Nash is a partner in the Investment funds practice group in the Houston office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Nash's practice focuses on advising sponsors in connection with fund formation, capital raising and operation of private investment funds within a broad range of strategies and industries – including real estate, infrastructure, credit and technology. She has handled fund formation matters ranging from first-time funds to funds raising over \$24 billion.

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