Date: 4th May 2023 **Venue:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Bucharest

Romania ESG Forum 2023

10:30-11:00 – REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

11:00-13:20 – SECTION 1: THE BIG PICTURE

11:00 - 11:05 Presentation Welcome remarks

Speaker:

Csanád Csürös, CEO, Property Forum

11:05 - 11:20 Presentation Keynote speech - Opening remarks by the Minister of Environment, Water and Forests

Speaker:

Barna Tánczos, , Minister of Environment, Water and Forests

11:20 - 11:50 Presentation Acting now for a greener future – Lessons from the United Nations' climate report

Diana Ürge-Vorsatz serves as Vice-Chair of Working Group III of the United Nations (UN / ONU) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She is also a Professor at the Central European University (CEU) in Vienna, holding a PhD from the University of California. She'll share the findings of the UN's climate report and provide valuable advice on how both companies and individuals can decrease their carbon footprint.

Speaker:

Diána Ürge-Vorsatz, Professor, CEU / IPCC

11:50 - 12:10 **Presentation** If other industries have done half as much as the energy sector, the next generations could be more assured

We have no time to wait to transition to a net-zero world - and the energy industry is clearly at the heart of this effort. The sector has come a long way, often proving that we need to be more ambitious and rigorous to accelerate the transition. We need holistic solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions across sectors and the past years of the energy industry offer valuable learnings.

Speaker:

Ádám Karakas, Partner, Boston Consulting Group

12:10 - 12:30 **Presentation** Sustainable lending and funding – Observations and success stories

Katsiaryna Souvandjiev will provide insight into the topic of sustainable financing which continues to gain momentum as financial institutions try to meet the growing demand for lending and funding products that combine the “social”, “environmental” and “economic” criteria.

Speaker:

Katsiaryna Souvandjiev, ESG Funding and Innovation Lead, Raiffeisen Bank International AG

12:30 - 13:20 **Panel** Financing the green transition – How do leading lenders approach ESG?

Chair: **Csanád Csürös**, CEO, Property Forum

Panellists:

Gabriel Marosi, Group Sustainability Officer, Erste Group

Cristian Nacu, Senior Country Officer, Romania, IFC

Katsiaryna Souvandjiev, ESG Funding and Innovation Lead, Raiffeisen Bank International AG

Andrei Svoronos, Principal Banker, EBRD

Ioana Voinescu, Head of Sustainability, BCR

13:20-14:20 – NETWORKING LUNCH

14:20-16:00 – SECTION 2: LET'S TALK STRATEGY!

14:20 - 14:35 Presentation (On)boarding the ESG train – A journey of setting and achieving goals

During this presentation, corporate ESG consultant Tjidsger Wierda will take you on a train ride. He'll explain where your journey starts, accounting, legislation etc. He'll move to setting goals, what yo need to keep in mind when doing so. Once this is done, he'll look at how to achieve those goals. The strategies you can think of, with some practical examples.

Speaker:

Tjidsger Wierda, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners

14:35 - 14:55 Presentation Sustainable mobility for people, business and places from Škoda Group

Cities and states are committing to carbon-neutrality goals, including a shift to public transport with zero-emission vehicles. However, not everything labelled „zero-emission" has to be „sustainable" at th same time. The Group's ESG Manager, Lýdia Rosová will share details of their strategy and best practi to inspire others as she believes the most important part of any ESG strategy is to get started.

Speaker:

Lýdia Rosová, Group ESG Manager, Škoda Group

14:55 - 15:45 Panel ESG in practice – Long-term strategies and best practices discussed by business leaders

Chair: **Gabriel Thoumi CFA FRM**, Council Member, S&P Sustainable Finance Scientific Council / CEO, Responsible A

Panellists:

Aurelia Luca, EVP Operations Hungary and Romania, Skanska

Sarah Maria Joițoiu, Head of Sustainability, eMAG

Lýdia Rosová, Group ESG Manager, Škoda Group

Livia Stan, Public Affairs Director, E.ON România

Ciprian Stănescu, President & CEO, Social Innovation Solutions (SIS)

15:45 - 16:00 Presentation EU ESG and sustainability trends in the FMCG sector: 2023-2025

Gabriel Thoumi will discuss financial material policy and business drivers facing the FMCG sector in th EU as the sector faces multiple immediate inflexion points. With more stringent supply chain constrai accelerated by physical risks from climate change, water, and biodiversity risks occurring coupled with increasing corporate and consumer sustainability demands, the sector faces growing risks of greenwashing while EU-required disclosures are driving change and innovation.

Speaker:

Gabriel Thoumi CFA FRM, Council Member, S&P Sustainable Finance Scientific Council / CEO, Responsible Alpha

16:00-16:30 – NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:30 – SECTION 3: FOCUS ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

16:30 - 16:45 **Presentation** The future is efficient and renewable - Diving into the EU's Green Deal

Peter Sweatman, whose company supports the EU Commission, the G20 and various national governments in policy matters, will provide valuable insight into the EU's green energy policy.

Speaker:

Peter Sweatman, Chief Executive, Climate Strategy & Partners

16:45 - 17:00 **Presentation** How can the circular economy help us build a better world?

Tina Paillet is an international real estate executive with over 25 years of experience including 12 years at Generali Real Estate. As President-Elect of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Tina works to create a positive impact in the field of sustainability. Tina is also the Co-Founder of Circotr@de – an innovative start-up creating value by trading second-hand building materials and their embodied carbon. She will talk about combatting the climate change impacts of the built environment through decarbonization and the circular economy.

Speaker:

Tina Paillet FRICS, President-Elect, RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)

17:00 - 17:50 **Panel** Making an impact through buildings – ESG in real estate

Chair: **Steffen Walvius**, Global Lead for Asset Performance & Modelling, Head of Sustainability Services CEE, JLL

Panellists:

Andrei Botis, President, Romania Green Building Council

Carolina De Ávila, ESG & Sustainability Consultant, SEVEN Sustainability

Rafaela Nebreda, Founder, Grupo Demetra / Owner, Imoteca

Antoniu Panait, Managing Director, VASTINT Romania

Daniel Schreiner, Principal ESG Asset Management, Deutsche Investment

Tjidsger Wierda, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners

17:50 - 18:30 **Presentation** Looking for the best deals – Discussion with real estate dealmakers

Chair: **Tim Wilkinson MRICS**, Head of European Acquisitions, Indotek Group

Speaker:

Bogdan Doicescu MRICS, CEO, Bog'Art Holding Management

Cristian Ezri, Head of Investment Eastern Europe & UAE, Yellow Tree

Alex Skouras, Managing Partner, Alesonor

Adi Steiner, Managing Partner, STC Partners

18:30-22:00 – SPRING NETWORKING PARTY 2023 – INTRODUCING "THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE ROMANIAN REAL ESTATE MARKET"

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