

IJGlobal Investor Awards 2025 – London judging panel

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We are delighted today to announce the London judging panel for IJGlobal Investor Awards 2025 to celebrate achievements in EMEA fundraising and deployment as well as M&A across the energy and infrastructure asset classes.

Now in their seventh year – having rebranded from IJInvestor Awards – the London panel of judges for IJGlobal Investor Awards 2025 will assess all submissions: companies, transactions and individuals.

The awards recognise developments by infrastructure funds, investors and infra/energy M&A that made it over the line during the judging period that runs from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.



The submissions portal is currently open and will be open to entries until mid-August. It can be [accessed here...](#)

The EMEA panel will meet for Judgment Day on Tuesday 16 September to weigh up all submissions, while the awards night will be hosted in London on Thursday 27 November.

IJGlobal prides itself on the peer-review nature of our awards, ensuring a transparent process that (we believe) makes them the most highly valued in the sector – submitted by the industry and reviewed by peers at the highest level. As always, judges are recused from voting on awards where they have an interest.

The judging line-up includes:

- Sarah Beament – Cantor Fitzgerald
- Kinga Charpentier – EY-Parthenon
- Spence Clunie – Ancala Partners
- Jamie Doyle – Jefferies
- Jean-Francis Dusch – Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management
- Ingrid Edmund – Downing
- Craig Forrest – Alvarez & Marsal
- Hamish Mackenzie – DWS
- Charlotte Madden – Clifford Chance
- Darryl Murphy – Aviva Investors
- Purvi Sapre – Sustainable Development Capital

Sarah Beament

Cantor Fitzgerald

An investment banker of a good number of years' standing, Sarah was promoted to managing director for infrastructure M&A at Cantor Fitzgerald last summer ([August 2024](#)).

Sarah was one of the Jefferies exodus team from 2017 that upped sticks, following Hari Chandra and Kevin Phillips (now leading the show at PEI Global in New York) exited en masse to set up the Cantor Fitz team in a move that rattled the market.

Back then, Sarah was an associate at Jefferies, joining Cantor at VP level in February 2018 and was promoted to director in 2021 with a primary focus on energy transition and sustainability investment banking.

This is the first time that Sarah has served on an IJGlobal judging panel.



Kinga Charpentier

EY-Parthenon

A first-time judge on an IJGlobal awards panel, Kinga operates out of Helsinki and is best known to the infra community for co-leading the EY-Parthenon Nordics renewable energy team.

She is a partner in the Europe central energy and industrials leader for strategy and transactions advisory group at the firm, while also being on the energy and infrastructure corporate finance (M&A and debt advisory) group, as well as being on the EY global renewables/low carbon team.

Kinga has more than 17 years' global experience supporting clients across strategy, M&A and debt advisory.

Prior to joining EY-Parthenon, Kinga spent 8 years in investment banking in London and Dublin, advising energy and infrastructure clients globally.

Kinga's roots reach back to the market highs of 2005 and the troubling time of 2007-09 during which she was working at Depfa Bank. From there, she moved to the much more stable environment of MUFG where she worked as a VP for energy and infra structured finance.

This was followed by a stint at KfW IPEX-Bank before making the leap to the Big 4 in London, relocating to Helsinki in the summer of 2016 and being promoted to head of corporate finance in June 2020.

Spence Clunie

Ancala

Spence served on the judging panel for the first time last year and is back by popular demand having won the award of [outstanding individual](#) for the EMEA region in the 2023 celebration.

He is managing partner of Ancala that he founded in 2010 with the objective "to deliver infrastructure investment differently".



Ancala's strategy focuses on sourcing bilateral investment opportunities, providing downside protection, inflation linkage and delivering value add active asset management.

Spence is involved in all aspects of Ancala's business including overall business management, originating and executing investments, asset management, investor relations, operations and on-going business development and strategy. He sits on all the fund manager's committees including management, investment, valuation and risk.

He has more than 30 years' experience in the infrastructure industry having served as a senior managing director at Macquarie prior to launching the fund.

Spence's career dates back to the mid-1990s when he started off at Royal Bank of Scotland before a brief stint at Toronto Dominion and then serving at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein as head of acquisition finance... before his famed time at Macquarie.



Jamie Doyle

Jefferies

Another first time judge for the IJGlobal Investor Awards, Jamie is a well-known figure across the European infrastructure scene.

He [exited the NatWest](#) infrastructure and energy team in London in the summer of 2023 to join Jefferies that September as head of debt advisory for the EMEA region on the infrastructure investment banking team.

He stepped away from NatWest where he was a senior figure on the infrastructure and energy team in London – managing director and head of infrastructure finance. He also serves as head of debt capital structuring.

Jamie had been at Royal Bank of Scotland – then NatWest – since 2005 and was promoted to managing director in April 2017.

He replaced Peter Rawlings who joined Jefferies from Deutsche Bank in the summer of 2018 and had exited the investment bank to return to his native Australia.

JF Dusch

EDRAM

An old friend of IJGlobal and an occasional member of the judging panels – he was on the [2024 team](#) – Jean-Francis is an infrastructure specialist with more than 30 years' experience in infrastructure investment.

He comes from a solid background of actually having built things at Bouygues Construction where he worked in its international finance engineering department.

However, he evolved that into a banking career, switching to join UBS in Zurich, then relocating to the London project finance team to lead landmark European infrastructure, energy and telecoms projects.

He then went to work at Citigroup before switching over to the famed – some might be unkind enough to say “infamous” – WestLB team as a director in London and New York.



JF joined the Edmond de Rothschild Group in 2004 in London as co-head and global head of the project finance team advising governments, private consortia and structuring in house private equity real assets funds.

Then in 2013, JF was promoted to global head of Edmond de Rothschild's infrastructure, real assets and structured finance.



Ingrid Edmund

Downing

Ingrid was last a judge on this panel [back in 2022](#) at which time she was working at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, but a lot's happened since then – including CTI [pulling the plug](#) on its infra venture.

Since the demise of that team, Ingrid shifted to take on the role of senior investment director [at Downing](#) with a primary focus on renewable energy, data centres and sustainable infrastructure.

Ingrid has around 20 years of experience in infrastructure across transportation, digital infra, renewable energy and social infrastructure, with early roles held at Hastings Funds Management, HSBC Asset Management, SMBC and Standard & Poor's.

Ingrid joined CTI in 2018 to launch the European Sustainable Infrastructure Fund, an open-ended fund focused on mid-market equity investments.

In that role, she led on the financing of ESIF's portfolio companies, with additional responsibility for sourcing, execution and asset management activities.

At Downing, Ingrid leverages her experience in infrastructure private equity with broad exposure to acquiring, financing and managing infra investments across EMEA.

She has an extensive global LP and direct investors network, having successfully raised capital for different funds and mandates.

Craig Forrest

Alvarez & Marsal

An established member of the IJGlobal judging panels, Craig was until last summer (August 2024) a dyed-in-the-wool Arup leader... but he switched horses to take on a new challenge to build out the team at Alvarez & Marsal.

Since last summer Craig has been building the A&M capabilities to an impressive fighting weight with a curious number of them having Arup on their CVs.

Beyond being a regular on IJ judging panels, Craig last year picked up the [Infra Pioneer](#) award, recognising his impact on the global infrastructure market.

Currently serving as managing director at A&M for European infrastructure and capital projects, operating out of London, his exposure to this sector dates back to the late 1990s.

Towards the end of his 17+ years at Arup, Craig took on the role of strategic partner having spent the previous 3 years in



Canada (most of that under lockdown) where he was chief executive of Arup Corporate Finance until March 2022, when he returned to London.

Craig worked at Arup from the spring of 2007, and – from 2008-10 – he operated out of Dubai as commercial director for the region.

From 2010 to 2013, he was advisory lead for the UK, the Middle East and Africa; and then from 2013-19 he was global leader of business and investor advisory.

He is one of the most instantly recognised figures in the global technical advisory space and drove evolution across Arup to include financial and economic advisory. He is now having a similar transformative impact at A&M.



Hamish Mackenzie

DWS

Hamish – who has previously served on IJ awards panels – is managing partner, head of infrastructure, at DWS Group... and is a long-established figure in the industry.

He is responsible for overseeing DWS's investment activity in infrastructure debt and equity globally.

Hamish was responsible for establishing the European infrastructure equity business in 2005 as well as directing the investment activity from its inception.

This includes the flagship Pan European Infrastructure Fund series representing more than €10 billion. The funds have successfully invested in a wide variety of transport, energy and utility, digital and social infrastructure companies across Europe.

Hamish has represented DWS on the boards of Peel Ports, Yorkshire Water, Tank & Rast, Autovia del Camino, Corelink, SAVE (the operator of Venice and Treviso airports) and Stagecoach.

He joined the team from Deutsche Bank's corporate and investment banking division where he was a specialist in the transport sector.

Prior to that he worked as an M&A banker at HSBC having qualified as a chartered accountant with Deloitte & Touche.

Darryl Murphy

Aviva Investors

An old friend of IJGlobal, Darryl served on judging panels a long time back, and we are delighted to welcome him back for the 2025 awards.

He is a managing director at Aviva Investors where he leads the infrastructure debt team... but his history across the infra industry is deep.



Darryl started off in banking at Hambros before switching over to work at Societe Generale, CIT and then a stint at RBC Capital Markets.

From 2006 to 2009, he served as head of European project finance and global infrastructure lead at HSBC [which he left](#) after closing the long-running M25 widening PPP to take up a role as a partner at KPMG.

IJ then reported in 2017 that Darryl was leaving the Big 4 to take on the role of head of infrastructure debt at Aviva Investors where he still leads the debt function.

Darryl is responsible for origination, structuring and execution of new infrastructure debt transactions at Aviva. Transactions are sourced and assessed against the investment strategies of its clients and structured accordingly.

He has more than 27 years’ experience in infrastructure finance and is widely recognised as one of the leading infra financing experts in the UK and has structured, advised and arranged on a wide number of projects globally and has particular expertise in PPPs.

Charlotte Madden

Clifford Chance

Third time lucky for Charlotte who has previously served on this judging panel for the [2024 awards](#) and before that on the [2021 panel](#).

Charlotte is an established figure on the international infrastructure and energy M&A scene, having work on many of the market-shifting transactions to have closed over the years.



She is a Clifford Chance partner of long standing and serves as the law firm’s global co-head of infrastructure.

Charlotte is a time-served lawyer on the Clifford Chance team having started her career there and climbed the ladder at one of the most impressive firms on an international basis.

She specialises in advising private equity houses and infrastructure funds on domestic and cross-border M&A.

Charlotte represents financial investors through all stages of the investment cycle across a range of infrastructure asset classes, including highly regulated transactions.

Having advised on some of the most high-profile infrastructure transactions in Europe, Charlotte is recognised as a market leader within the sector.



Purvi Sapre

Sustainable Development Capital LLP

Purvi is serving as chief investment officer at SDCL and has a history that spans a number of sectors across the infrastructure and energy sectors from the early years of this century.

Having launched her career in Barclays in the mid-market banking team providing debt to private equity transactions, Purvi switched sides of the table to join Octopus Ventures as an investment manager before a 2-year stint at ERM.

This was followed by a year at the Green Investment Bank that was acquired by Macquarie in 2017, followed by a period in consulting and then joining SDCL at the start of 2016.

Purvi is responsible for SDCL’s overall investment strategy and sits on the investment committees across its funds. She was also fund manager for SDCL’s listed fund, SEIT plc, a FTSE 250 company.

Purvi has more than 20 years’ experience in Europe, North America and emerging markets investing on behalf of debt,

equity and impact investment funds.

She has transacted and managed assets across a number of renewable energy technologies including solar, wind, energy efficiency and waste to energy.

Purvi is also a non executive director and investment committee member for British Smaller Companies VCT.

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