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## 2022 INFRAWEEK - INFRASTRUCTURES To DRIVE The GREAT TRANSFORMATION

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Infrastructure is a Key Driver of Economic Growth and Prosperity. The Quality, Access and Affordability of Infrastructure (both Physical and Digital) are Determinants of Growth, Equity and the Access to Opportunities.

Institutional Investors are constantly searching for Stable Opportunities that can match their Long-Term Liabilities. In that context, Infrastructure Assets can be particularly attractive due to their Time Horizons, Synthetic Inflation Hedge, relatively High Expected Yields and Returns that are Uncorrelated with Business Cycles, thereby Providing Opportunities for Portfolio Diversification.

Vision for the Future which collectively prioritises the Societal Outcomes we need, and use Modern Digital Approaches and Technologies, alongside improved Delivery Models to achieve them. Achieving that Vision requires a System for Designing, Constructing and Operating in the Built Environment that is more Resilient, Adaptive and Sustainable, and that can better withstand the Inevitable Shifts and Changes we will see in the Coming Decades.

Actions to combat Climate Change and its Impacts are on the Urgent Agenda of all Countries. The Transport Sector, which accounts for around One-Fifth of Global Carbon Emissions, has always been the Focus of Decarbonization. Electrification of Transport and Decarbonization of the Automotive Industry, powered by Renewable Electricity, is at the Center of Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Efforts. To accelerate this Transition in line with the Paris Agreement, the Mobility Decarbonization Project convenes CEOs at the Nexus of Energy, Mobility and Built Environment. Together, we aim to bridge the Gap to a Net-Zero Scenario for Road Transport by supporting and increasing the Deployment of Charging Infrastructure and Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Technologies.

Some of the World's most pressing Challenges have been given Newfound Attention. The Devotion to issues such as the Climate Change, Water Scarcity, Ocean Pollution (Plastic) Diversity Gaps, Health and Safety, Income Equality, Inclusion, and Human Rights is the Bedrock of the Sustainable Revolution. These are Long-Term Secular Themes and Structural Changes occurring on a Global Scale. We are in the Early Stages of a Multi-Decade Tectonic Shift. The consequences of these Changes are Shifts in how Humans make Basic Decisions, how we consume Resources and how we live on the Planet. The Permanent Shift in Behavior is also reshaping the Investment Landscape.

The Revolution is driven by:

- \* Technological innovation,
- \* Policy shifts (Governments, Corporates),
- \* Demand for positive societal changes (consumers and corporates).

What really matters to Investors is that we are undergoing a Re-Imagining of the Role and Views of Success for Companies, Countries, Technologies and Leaders. The Sustainable Capital Movement has now joined with Employee and Consumer Activism in holding Companies Accountable for their Impact on Society and the Environment, and to reward Sustainable Business Practices.

Panel 1:

- Olivier JAUNET, Managing Director, Infrastructure, Crédit Agricole CIB
- Amir JAHANGUIRI, Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Gwenola CHAMBON, CEO & Founding Partner, Vauban Infrastructure Partners
- Edouard SAUVAGE, Executive Vice President in charge of Networks activities, Engie

Panel 2:

Moderator: Sasha VAKULINA Business Editor, Euronews

- Thierry DEAU, Chief Executive Officer, Meridiam
- Emmanuel GOLDSTEIN, Managing Director, Country Head & CEO, Morgan Stanley France, Head of EMEA Transportation & Infrastructure

Cities are the Engine of the Global Economy and Home to a Growing Majority of the World's Population. In the face of Increasing Global Challenges, from Inequality to Climate Change, how can Cities advance and inform more Inclusive and Sustainable Models of Urban Development?

Cities are Places where both Problems emerge and Solutions are found. They are Fertile Ground for Science and Technology, for Culture and Innovation, for Individual and Collective Creativity, and for mitigating the Impact of Climate Change. However, Cities are also Places where Problems such as Unemployment, Segregation and Poverty are concentrated.

Making Cities 'green and healthy' goes far beyond simply reducing CO 2 Emissions. A Holistic Approach to Environmental and Energy Issues has to be adopted, as the many components of the Natural Ecosystem are interwoven with those of the Social, Economic, Cultural and Political Urban System in a Unique Manner.

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Some of the Themes of 2022 Paris Infraweek Inaugural Day

- \* Infrastructures: Defining a New Roadmap in a Troubled World
- \* Energy Autonomy: The Race to Net-Zero Infrastructure
- \* Building the Path to European Neutrality Carbon
- \* Decarbonising Mobility: Trends and Solutions
- \* Intergenerational collaboration: building the future of the Infrastructure sector together
- \* Financing Models in Emerging Markets
- \* COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT: India: Moving Towards A Sustainable Future
- \* Digital Infrastructure: Stakes & Strategic Autonomy
- \* COP27 and Beyond: The Energy Transition Agenda
- \* AIFP: Will the development of PPP allow to reduce the financing gap in terms of Public Infrastructure funding in Africa?
- \* Emerging Markets: the Sustainability Revolution to Drive Infrastructures
- \* Hydrogen, how to Scale-up Technologies and Infrastructure?
- \* Cities of Tomorrow - How can Infrastructure Drive the Transition to Address Cities' Future Challenges?

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Bruno LE MAIRE, French Minister of the Economy and Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty

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