

26th After-Work Lecture on Asset & Investment Management
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Project Finance – Risk Profile and Structuring Techniques of a Major Infrastructure Development Tool

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Inaugural Note: Ethics in the Financial Industry

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Abstract

Project Finance is a financing technique commonly employed to design, procure, build and operate large infrastructure projects such as power stations, satellite systems, pipelines or roads. The financing is based on the concept that a special purpose vehicle will raise equity and debt finance sufficient to construct the asset, and the debt finance will be repaid exclusively from the cash flow generated by the asset. Compared to straightforward asset finance, project finance faces the additional risk that the asset cannot be completed on time, within the budget or with the required technical performance. To ensure that the operation of the asset will yield a sufficient cash flow to service the debt, the developer needs to ensure, at financial close, that the permits and licences, the financing documents, the construction contract, the off-take agreement, the inputs or feedstock supply agreements, the operations and maintenance agreements as well as the insurance scheme and the equity structure are all coordinated from a commercial, legal and technical point of view.

The technical and legal complexity of project finance documentation requires experts and experienced practitioners already at the early stages of the project's development, as well as a good interdisciplinary understanding of the technical, legal and commercial challenges involved. The talk will provide participants with an overview over the structure, phasing, challenges, risk management techniques and rewards of project finance.

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Speaker

Dr. Jürg Gassmann took his Matura in the Classics and studied law at the University of Zurich and the University of Tokyo. After a brief stint in the Capital Markets Department of The Sumitomo Trust & Banking in Tokyo and with a private investment group in Zurich, he joined Black & Veatch to work on contracts for the development, financing and construction of mostly coal-fired and CCGT power generation projects in Asia, Europe and the Americas, based first in Kansas City and then in Hong Kong. From 1997-2002, he was member of the Project Finance Team at Freshfields in London, lastly as Of Counsel, working on major projects in India and the UK. He is independent since 2002, advising selected clients on investments and projects in renewable energy, refuse valorisation and property development. Since 2009, one of Dr. Gassmann's clients has been Continental Wind Partners LLC on the development, financing and construction of major wind parks in Romania, Bulgaria, Poland and Serbia. Dr. Gassmann is qualified as Rechtsanwalt in Switzerland and as solicitor in England.

Inaugural Note

Mr. Mehta is a CFA charterholder. He earned an MBA from the London Business School in 1986 and a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Mr. Mehta joined CFA Institute in February 2006 as managing director for operations in Europe, Middle East and Africa. For almost a decade before, he served as the head of international equities at Henderson Global Investors, a U.K.-based fund manager with institutional and retail clients. At Henderson, Mr. Mehta was responsible for managing investments and equity teams covering Europe, the United States, Asia, and emerging markets, as well as technology and socially responsible investing. Earlier in his career, Mr. Mehta held a variety of positions of senior responsibility at investment firms including Quorum Capital Management, a London-based subsidiary of New York Life, where he was head of currency and derivatives; and Shearson Lehman Global Asset Management in London, where he was head of global equities.

Programme

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Welcome and Introduction

05.30 p.m. Prof. Dr. *Marco J. Menichetti*, Chair in Business Administration, Banking and Financial Management, Institute for Financial Services, University of Liechtenstein, Vaduz

Project Finance – Risk Profile and Structuring Techniques of a Major Infrastructure Development Tool

05.40 p.m. RA Dr. *Jürg Gassmann*, Gassmann Consulting, Bühler, Switzerland

Discussion

06.20 p.m. Chair: Prof. Dr. Marco J. Menichetti

Ethics in the Financial Industry

06.30 p.m. *Nitin Mehta*, CFA, Managing Director for EMEA, CFA Institute, London

Closing Words

06.50 p.m. *Michael Frommelt*, CFA, President of the CFA Society Liechtenstein, Vaduz

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07.00 p.m. A p é r o a n d E x c h a n g e o f I d e a s

General Information

Participants

Professionals from Corporations, Banks, Asset and Investment Management Companies, Insurance Companies, Financial Advisory Services, Tax Administration, Lawyers, Trustees, Fund Managers and Financial Auditors. Graduate and undergraduate students with interest in investments and finance.

Location

University of Liechtenstein, Vaduz
Lecture Room 1 (H1)

Time

Thursday, 02 October 2014
05.30 - 07.00 p.m.

Fee

Free of charge. Advance registration required.

Registration

For registration visit www.uni.li/awl or by fax +423 265 11 12

Deadline for Registration

Tuesday, 30 September 2014

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Discussion:

Feel free to submit questions in advance until Tuesday, 30 September 2014 to Mrs. *Züger* or Mrs. *Cornal*, Institute for Financial Services, T +423 265 13 48, banking@uni.li.

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