

Sustainability Training for Directors of a REIT manager

This half-day course covers new sustainability related requirements and provides practical suggestions for directors and senior management. Insights shared will equip attendees to stay current on industry standards and empower them to steer their REITs toward regulatory compliance and enhanced sustainability practices.

Returning directors will encounter fresh, updated content this year.

When:

16 August 2024
8.30am-2pm

Where:

Raffles City
Convention Centre
Level 4
Enterprise Room

08.30am	Registration
09.00am	Welcome by REITAS
09.05am	Regulatory & Legal updates on Sustainability / Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
9.35am	Sustainability Reporting – Update on International Sustainability Standards Board / KPMG
10.20am	Coffee Break
10.45am	Decarbonizing real estate/ PWC
11.30am	Sustainable Finance and beyond / HSBC
12.15pm	Panel Discussion: Decarbonizing Real Estate – Tools and Pathways / Deloitte, Unvers, Schneider Electric
1.00pm	Lunch
02.00pm	End of Programme

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Pricing & Registration

REITAS Members	S\$ 600.00*
Non REITAS Members	S\$1,000.00*

** Prices quoted are before GST*

This is a prescribed course that directors may attend to fulfill SGX requirements with regard to director's training on sustainability.

While the seminar is specially designed for Independent Directors of REIT managers, we welcome registration from senior management and anyone else who may find the session useful.

This is a physical event and seats are limited on first-come-first serve basis.

3 supplementary CPD hours will be awarded upon request.

Please email completed registration form to secretariat@reitas.sg

by 2nd August.

Contact Juliana at julianalee@reitas.sg or phone her at 6721 7023 for any clarification.



Presenters



Benjamin Liew

Partner,
Financial Institutions Group, Sustainability
Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Benjamin specialises in financial services and has acted for a diverse range of financial institutions including consumer banks, private banks, asset managers, fintechs and derivatives dealers. He advises and represents clients on regulatory, licensing, business conduct compliance, and enforcement matters in the financial services sector. In the area of sustainability, he has advised on environmental risk management and has also been involved on renewable energy projects, green finance and sustainability linked-derivatives.



Presenters



Cynthia Wu

Partner, Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions
Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Cynthia has in-depth experience in capital markets and mergers and acquisitions work in Singapore and in the region. She handles equity capital markets transactions, where she regularly advises issuers and underwriters on initial public offerings and listings of issuers on the Main Board and Catalist of the Singapore Exchange, as well as other recognised stock exchanges. She also advises listed clients and investors on continuing obligations and compliance matters, with particular focus on corporate governance and stakeholder engagement. On mergers and acquisitions, Cynthia has experience in advising both public and private companies in a wide range of cross-border and domestic transactions, including acquisitions and divestments, investments, joint ventures, takeovers and reverse takeovers, schemes of arrangement and privatisations.



Presenters



Chan Yen San

Partner
Professional Practice
KPMG

Yen San is a partner in KPMG Singapore and has over 22 years of audit and advisory experience. Yen San oversees the technical department, which leads audit quality initiatives by KPMG in Singapore in helping the firm and the clients in the consistent and high quality application and interpretation of assurance and reporting standards. As part of her role as a technical partner, she monitors the developments of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) standards, the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Boards (IAASB) standards and regulatory changes that impact assurance and reporting, including sustainability reporting. She has recently provided comments on the ISSB proposals and the ISCA Technical Bulletin 1: Addressing Climate-Related Risks in Financial Statements and Audits of such Financial Statements and presented on the ISSB proposals and the impact of climate change on financial statements and audit.

Yen San is also involved in upskilling and capacity building of the technical department and interacting with the KPMG International Standards Group to support the firm and the clients in assurance and reporting, including sustainability reporting. In 2022, she has led the development of the Climate Risks Financial Reporting Supplement providing illustrations of disclosures related to climate-related matters such as sustainability bonds, carbon taxes, climate-related government grants in the KPMG Singapore Illustrative Financial Statements 2022. Yen San was also recently appointed to the Sustainability Reporting Advisory Committee formed by ACRA and SGX RegCo.



Presenters



Tanmay Bishnoi

Director,
Sustainability & Climate Change
PwC Singapore

Tanmay Bishnoi is a Director of Sustainability & Climate Change with PwC Singapore and a Chevening Fellow in Leadership and Excellence from University of Oxford. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Chartered ESG Investment Manager. He has over 15 years of cross-continent experience leading projects with corporates, governments, financial institutions, and multilateral/bilateral institutions across a wide range of industrial sectors including energy, utilities, real estate, infrastructure, transport, FMCG and technology.

Tanmay specialises in decarbonization and net zero strategy, GHG emissions profiling and climate target setting, clean energy transition including renewable energy and green hydrogen, corporate renewable energy procurement, supply chain emissions and decarbonisation, sustainability reporting and ESG strategy.

Tanmay has been an Advisory Board Member of multiple educational institutions, mentoring and advising them on governance and curricula development in the domain of Renewable Energy and Sustainability. He has co-authored 11 practitioners guides in Renewable Energy domain, a research paper on Co-benefits of Renewable Energy, a thought leadership paper on net zero and an insights paper on decarbonisation of transport.



Presenters



Benjamin Treves

Senior Manager,
Sustainable Finance
HSBC Singapore

Benjamin Treves is responsible for the origination and structuring of sustainable finance transactions for HSBC across Asia Pacific, with in-depth coverage of key markets incl. Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and China.

Benjamin combines 15 years of banking experience across Asia Pacific and London. Prior to his role in sustainable finance, Benjamin was a Director in HSBC Global Banking and Markets in Hong Kong, responsible for origination and execution of export finance transactions in Southeast Asia. In that role, he led and executed several first-in-market milestone transactions.

Benjamin recently graduated with high honours with Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.



Moderator



Josette Soh

Partner, Sustainability and Climate, Southeast Asia
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Josette brings more than 16 years of experience in delivering professional services to both local and multinational companies across Southeast Asia and the global landscape. In her current role, she leads the Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) assurance team, which plays a pivotal role in providing an array of services to clients. These services encompass advisory solutions covering narrative reporting, TCFD and climate reporting, integrated reporting, and sustainability reporting. In addition to this, her team is actively engaged in providing assurance in accordance with ISAE 3000, a globally recognised standard. This involves a meticulous evaluation of the effectiveness, design, and implementation of controls pertaining to both financial and non-financial data.

Josette's expertise extends beyond her role as an accomplished corporate trainer. With over 9 years of experience, she has effectively imparted training to both internal Deloitte professionals and external corporate clients. Her leadership extends to Learning Solutions by Deloitte (DLS), the training arm of Deloitte, where she orchestrates impactful learning experiences.

Josette's expertise as a corporate trainer has significantly influenced sustainability and accounting training initiatives, reaching a diverse array of stakeholders. Her scope encompasses Singapore-listed corporations, multinational entities, and government-linked firms. Her notable contributions extend to Deloitte Singapore's IFRS Centre of Excellence, where she specialises in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Her professional affiliations include membership in various esteemed bodies, such as ISCA (CA Singapore), Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA), and Associate Adult Educator (AAE) as part of the Adult Education Professionalisation program by Institute for Adult Learning Singapore (IAL).



Panelist



Dr Bess Ng

Associate Principal
Sustainability Business
Schneider Electric

Dr Bess Ng is an Associate Principal with the Schneider Electric's Sustainability Business in Singapore. Her direct roles include market development and client engagement activities for sustainability-related services, including climate target setting and sustainability strategies development, supply chain decarbonization program design, portfolio-based sustainability performance improvement and implementation planning. Her segments of focus include real estate, hospitality, semiconductor and life sciences. She also has a keen interest to advance new business transformation models for enterprises to fuel momentum and growth opportunities along their net-zero and sustainability journeys.

Bess has over 14 years of professional experience in driving technology innovation, industry transformation and sustainable development. Her direct project experiences include smart city estate planning and development, advanced manufacturing technology road mapping and supply-chains re-alignment, energy market regulatory analysis, techno-economic feasibility of grid-level solar-storage projects and IoT solutioning implementation in the advanced clean energy, automotive, mobility and real estate sectors in the US, Singapore, China and ASEAN-5. She has participated in international and local standardization initiatives by the International Electrotechnical Commission and Enterprise Singapore on relevant smart grid and smart nation standards.

She is a Green Mark Accredited Profession in Facility Management (Building and Construction Authority, Singapore) as well as Sustainability and Climate Risk (SCR) certified (Global Association of Risk Professionals).

Bess speaks fluent English, Mandarin, Cantonese and basic Bahasa Indonesia.



Panelist



Sambhaji Wagh

Global Head of Software Products,
Carbon Management and Net-Zero Built Environment
Univers

Sambhaji is dynamic executive with a passion for driving sustainable businesses, dedicated to advancing innovations and technologies for environmental sustainability. With over three decades of global experience in energy solutions, digital technology, and environmental sustainability for various industry applications, Sambhaji focuses on leveraging cloud SaaS, IoT solutions, energy tech, building tech, and advanced technologies like AI/ML to solve the critical challenges in achieving a successful energy transition across the global markets.

Currently, he leads energy transition and decarbonization solution business at Univers, a climate technology startup with global presence, helping enterprises measure, account for, reduce, and report energy footprint and carbon emissions across their portfolio, manage their net-zero journey and achieve decarbonization goals.



About REITAS

REITAS is the representative voice of the Singapore REIT (S-REIT) industry. It provides its members a representation and engagement in consultation opportunities with policymakers on issues affecting S-REITs. The association also organises talks, courses, investor conferences, retail education events etc to promote understanding and investment in Singapore REITs.

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