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## BIOGRAPHIES

### **President:**

**ROBERT SLOWKO** is a Business Development Manager at MSCI, responsible for the strategy, marketing and sales of the entire suite of company's ESG products. Robert joined MSCI through the acquisition of GMI Ratings in August 2014. Prior to MSCI Robert worked as a Business Development Manager for the Hedge Funds group of Thomson Reuters and was involved in multiple projects including launching an Emerging Markets group or developing company's North American Hedge Funds product, marketing and sales strategy. He held a number of positions in the financial industry including Emerging Markets research and trading at Galleon International, senior roles in global funds custody at RBC Dexia Investor Services, foreign exchange trading or economic research. Robert has been actively involved in FIASI since 2010. He participated in and was responsible for a number of projects critical to the organization. Robert holds a Master's of Arts degree in Economics from Cracow University of Economics and a Master's of Business Administration in Finance from Fordham University.

### **Vice President:**

**HENRY SHILLING** oversees Moody's Green Bonds Assessment initiative, involving the evaluation of green bonds worldwide. Henry also conducts research and publishes periodic commentary on the green bonds market. He has coordinated Moody's efforts focused on environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, their impact on credit ratings, related research, outreach as well as product development.

With Moody's since 1992, Henry played a leading role during his tenure in the development of the Managed Investments Group.

Henry is the author of *The International Guide to Securities Market Indices* which was published in 1996 by International Publishing Corp., Chicago, Illinois. He is a contributor to *Money Market Funds in the EU and the US*, published in 2014 by Oxford University Press. He earned a B.A. in economics from Lehman College, City University of New York in 1971.

### **Secretary:**

**MARK HOWARD, CFA**, is a Macro Strategist at BNP Paribas. His analysis and work with customers cuts across the global markets, with a heavy emphasis on Fixed Income. Previously, Mark spent 5 years at Barclays Capital, where he was a Managing Director and held the roles of Co-Head of Global Research and Head of Credit Analysis. At Barclays, he was active in a range of firm-wide initiatives as a member of the firm's Management, Recruitment and Diversity committees. Prior to joining Barclays in April 2004, Mr. Howard was at Lehman Brothers for 18 years, where he was a Managing Director and Global Credit Strategist. In that capacity, he was responsible for the firm's high grade, high yield, emerging market and credit derivative strategy teams. As an active researcher, Mr. Howard has been recognized as a fixed income 'All American' by Institutional Investor magazine 11 times, including first place rankings in 7 of those years. Mr. Howard received his MBA in Finance from New York University and his bachelor's degree in Economics from Colby College. Mark Chairs the Board of the University College Friends and Alumni Association and is a member of the Maine Community Foundation Investment Committee. Previously he was an Overseer of the Board of Trustees of Colby College and served on the Board as Treasurer of Village Community School in New York City. He was president of FIASI in the fiscal years 2011—2012 and 2014—2015.

### **Treasurer:**

**MARIAROSA VERDE** Mariarosa is a Group Credit Officer for the Americas Corporate Finance team at Moody's Investors Service. She is responsible for maintaining and promoting high quality ratings and works closely with senior analysts and managers to identify emerging credit risks and initiate timely action.

Prior to joining Moody's in June 2015, Mariarosa was a Managing Director and Head of Credit Market Research at Fitch Ratings. Her responsibilities included examining rating and credit quality trends, conducting in-depth default and recovery studies, and providing insight on key developments in the bond and loan markets. Earlier in her career, Mariarosa was a high yield analyst at the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Mariarosa has published articles on default risk and other credit topics in professional magazines and books. Mariarosa holds a BS and an MBA in finance and economics, magna cum laude, from New York University's Stern School of Business. Mariarosa was the president of Fixed Income Analysts Society in 2007-2008.

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### **Members-at-Large:**

**RALPH DECESARE, CFA, CAIA** is Vice-President and Director and head of research for TD Asset Management USA, headquartered in New York. As part of the Toronto-based TD Bank Financial Group, one of the largest banks in North America, TDAM manages over US\$250 billion in assets under management on behalf of pension, insurance, endowment/foundation and corporate clients, as well as for high-net worth individuals and retail mutual funds. Prior to joining TDAM, Ralph was a director of fixed income research at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers from 1990 to 2006. Responsibilities included leading a team of fixed income analysts that helped manage over \$150 billion in fixed income assets including mutual funds, money market and institutional accounts. Ralph also has had two separate terms at Standard & Poor's Corp. as a debt ratings analyst, covering multiple industries including electric utilities, natural gas and financial institutions. Ralph earned an MBA in finance from Fordham University, and a B.S. in finance from the University of Arizona. Ralph is a Past President of the Fixed Income Analyst Society, Inc., a 250+ member non-profit professional organization that furthers the education and careers of its members, and is the sponsor of the FIASI Hall of Fame. Ralph is a member of the New York Society of Security Analysts. He is a CFA charterholder and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst. He serves on the Board of Gibney Dance, a non-profit in New York City.

**EILEEN A. FAHEY, CFA** is the Chief Risk Officer at Fitch Group. She was previously Chief Credit Officer and led a team responsible for ratings oversight, quality assurance, credit market commentary and research globally. Previously, Ms. Fahey was the Regional Credit Officer for the Americas at Fitch Ratings playing an important role in helping to evolve Fitch's credit policy in the wake of the global financial crisis. Ms. Fahey has held a variety of roles during her tenure at Fitch, including group credit officer for the Insurance, Fund and Asset Managers, and REITs groups. In these roles she oversaw the development and application of credit rating criteria and participated in ratings committees. Ms. Fahey joined Fitch Ratings in 1998 as a credit analyst in the financial institutions group and has been a chartered financial analyst (CFA) charter holder since 1994.

**MARK HOCHBERG** is a Director in BlackRock's Data Services department, running their Data Science and Operations Analytics team. He has worked at BlackRock, Inc. since 1998 in a variety of management, information technology and project management roles. Prior to joining BlackRock, Mark managed application development and system engineering teams at Credit Suisse First Boston. Mark received an S.B. in Computer Science and Engineering from M.I.T. Outside work, Mark contributes time and effort to a number of organizations, primarily those focusing on the promotion of the sciences and performing arts, the ongoing health and prosperity of New York and, of course, Finance.

**SARAH KLINE** is a product manager for Bloomberg's index business. Sarah led the effort to integrate the AusBond Indices, a family of Australian fixed income benchmarks purchased from UBS in 2014, onto the Bloomberg platform and continues to manage this business. Currently, Ms Kline is providing a leadership role in the full migration of the newly acquired Barclays Indices to Bloomberg and managing the development of Bloomberg Terminal functions to provide customization and greater transparency into the indices.

Sarah joined Bloomberg in 2011 to focus on the expansion of PORT, Bloomberg's Portfolio and Risk Analytics platform, into fixed income portfolio analysis. Prior to joining Bloomberg, Sarah spent 6 years at Lehman Brothers and Barclays Capital helping to build POINT, a platform for portfolio and index analytics, and growing relationships with key clients.

Sarah attended Phillips Academy Andover and Brown University where she graduated with honors, earning a Sc.B. degree in Electrical Engineering.

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**DIANE VAZZA** is the Global Head of Fixed Income Research at S&P Global and chairs the firm's Ratings Performance Governance Council. Her analyses, forecasts and research on global credit markets have earned her an international audience.

Diane began her Wall Street journey by surviving Chase Bank's two-year credit training program. Her career spans banking, capital markets, regulatory, trading, and credit research at Chase, Drexel Burnham Lambert and Citibank. Credit Magazine named Diane one of the top 50 women across the globe in credit and fixed income. She has traveled to over 100 countries.

Diane is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and volunteers for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 911 rescue squad. Diane holds a BA degree in both Classics (Latin and Ancient Greek) and French from College of the Holy Cross. She is past President of FIASI, Chaired FIASI's Inaugural 2015 Women in Fixed Income Conference (WiFi-New York) and 2016 WiFi -Boston Conference.

**MELODY VOGELMANN, CFA** is a research analyst for MEAG NY focused on corporate bond strategy. She has previously held a number of different roles across the credit universe over the past 15+ years, including serving as a credit research consultant for BNP Paribas, an investment grade strategist at Barclays Capital, and a fundamental credit analyst at Lehman Brothers. She also consulted for FIASI on a range of strategic projects before joining the Board in 2011. Melody received an MBA in Finance and Accounting from the Stern School of Business at NYU and an S.B. in Economics from M.I.T. Outside of work she is active in several family-focused community organizations.

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Before joining DBRS, Larry spent more than 8 years at Moody's Investors Service, where he was responsible for product development related to global financial institutions and Latin America. In addition, he has held positions at several banks including The Bank of New York and First Horizon. Larry received his MBA from Columbia University and his BS in Finance/Economics from Christian Brothers University.