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Fiona Frick moderates Imperial Business School Women in Finance event on sustainable investing



Fiona Frick, Founder of Circe Invest, participated in and moderated a panel at Imperial Business School’s 2026 annual Women in Finance gathering, held ahead of International Women’s Day. The event brought together leading voices from investment, banking, and financial service providers to discuss the role of women in finance and the future of sustainable investing.

The panel featured senior professionals from across the industry, including representatives from Neuberger Berman, Banga Family Office, HSBC Asset Management, Citi, and Moody’s Ratings. Discussions focused on how sustainable investment is evolving in response to today’s geopolitical, economic, and regulatory realities.

A central theme of the exchange was that sustainable finance is not disappearing, but maturing. Participants noted that older labels are giving way to a more disciplined focus on financial materiality, risk management, resilience, security, competitiveness, and long-term value

creation. The conversation also explored how themes such as clean energy, defence, artificial intelligence, and climate change are increasingly being assessed through this broader lens.

Fiona Frick highlighted that sustainability is no longer a side conversation in finance. It is now embedded in capital allocation, risk management, and strategic positioning. The panel also addressed the importance of combining data, AI, and human judgement to improve sustainable investment decisions and support efficient capital allocation.

The evening also reflected on leadership and career development. Panellists shared that careers in finance rarely follow a straight line, that curiosity remains an essential leadership trait, and that progress for women in the industry depends on intentionally opening doors for the next generation.

Commenting after the event, Fiona Frick said: “It was a privilege to moderate such an engaged and optimistic discussion. What came through clearly is that sustainable finance is becoming mainstream, not as a label, but as a mindset embedded in the investment process.”

The event was hosted by Imperial Business School and organised with the support of Professor Lara Cathcart and Cláudia Custódio. It formed part of Imperial’s broader commitment to advancing dialogue on finance, sustainability, and inclusive leadership.