



“Navigating Industry and Career Challenges in a Fast-Paced World”

University of Edinburgh Business School Alumni Panel Event

Speaker Biographies

Olive Darragh

Founder and CEO of Zolio Inc.

BCom (1985), University of Edinburgh Business School

An entrepreneur and consultant, with extensive experience working with leading asset managers around the globe, in addition to being an Honorary Professor, International Advisory Board Member and Alumna of the University of Edinburgh Business School.

Olive is the Managing Director of Darragh Inc, a strategy and talent management consulting firm and the Founder and CEO of Zolio Inc, an investment management talent identification organization aiming to give young investors a chance to invest and learn on a real time trading platform with fictitious capital.

Previously she led on strategy and talent management for Tudor Investments, a leading global hedge fund and spent 13 years at McKinsey, where she was elected Director and co-founded and led the firm's global Investment Management practice.

In addition to her Bachelor of Commerce with First Class Honours from the University of Edinburgh Business School, Olive also holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Pavle Sabic

Head of Market Development at S&P Global Market Intelligence

MSc Finance and Investment (2007), University of Edinburgh Business School

An award winning thought leader and market development professional. Pavle is a qualified Financial Risk Manager with the Global Association of Risk Professionals and a 2013 recipient of the M&A Advisor's "40 Under 40 Recognition Awards" for research. He has provided strategic and tactical solutions to global clients in corporations, central banks and sovereign wealth funds in Europe, Middle East, Africa, North and South America.

He is regularly published in the media (WSJ, Barron's, FT, BBC), is a frequent on-air contributor to broadcast networks like CNBC on topics such as corporates, hedge fund, sports finance and M&A and regularly presents at industry conferences around the world.

Pavle joined S&P Global Market Intelligence's London office in 2011, where he worked extensively on business development in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Previously he was a product specialist in the risk management division of State Street Investment Analytics and began his career at Kames Capital (formerly AEGON AM) as a Fixed Income Analyst.

Pavle was recently appointed as a Business Associate of the University of Edinburgh Business School.



Ashley Bendell

District Manager, Majors Accounts, ADP
BCom (1999) University of Edinburgh Business School

Ashley has worked for leading global and regional investment banks in London and New York, leading business development efforts and advising a variety of senior management teams from multiple industries.

He is a leading authority across Africa's capital markets with experience in public equity, investment banking, and private equity. He has built a reputation for his engaging and unique take on developments across Africa and is regularly invited to share his experiences as an event host, moderator, and speaker.

Ashley moved to New York in 2006 with Credit Suisse. Since 2007, he has spearheaded the international expansion of three leading investment banking platforms in the USA. His current role at ADP involves consulting with C-Suite and HR executives, as well as major business partners, to positively impact a range of areas. ADP services one of every six employees in the USA and consistently drive digital trends within the industry across mobile, social, cloud and big data.

Ashley is the New York Area Lead for the University of Edinburgh Business School's Alumni Network.

Dr Allison Schrager

Columnist at Quartz
MA(H) Economics (2000), University of Edinburgh

Allison is a New York based pension economist and award-winning journalist. She writes a regular column for Quartz and has written for the Economist, Businessweek, Wired, National Review, Playboy and Reuters.

Her expertise is in pension finance and saving issues. She designs defined contribution strategies that help people invest (and eventually spend down) their retirement assets

In addition to having graduated from the University of Edinburgh, she also has a PhD in Economics from Columbia University where she specialized in macroeconomics and public finance.

Allison has been President of the University of Edinburgh New York Alumni Club since 2008.

(Chair) Mark McSherry

Editor (and Publisher) Scottish Financial Review
MBA (2001), University of Edinburgh Business School

Scottish-born Mark McSherry is a New York-based business journalist, editorial executive and media professor with over 25 years of experience writing for a range of publications including The Sunday Times, The Independent, London Evening Standard and The Guardian. He was also a former business editor for Reuters, Bloomberg and the Scotsman.

In addition to holding an MBA from University of Edinburgh Business School, where he focused his thesis on 'Marketing of Investment Trusts (Closed End Mutual Funds)'. Mark also holds a Certificate in Global Affairs from New York University.

He has worked as a consultant to companies, organizations and academic institutions and participated as a TV and radio analyst.