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Mark Hurley is the head of the Environmental discipline at WSP and a member of the UK Executive Leadership Team. Mark has a degree in applied physics from University College Galway and started his professional with Parkman, a business that later merged with Mouchel. In 2013 Mark joined WSP to lead the Environmental discipline which, through the acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff, the mining water services of Schlumberger and latterly Mouchel and through substantial organic growth, now stands at over 1,000 people and is one of the largest environmental businesses in the UK.

Mark was named The Guardian's Sustainability Consultant of the Year for 2015. Mark is passionate about recruiting and developing new talent and supports this by chairing WSP's Professional Growth Network for early career professionals and he has been fortunate to see substantial growth in both graduate and apprentice recruitment.

Mark has a track record of delivery and has extensive experience of dealing with high profile infrastructure projects including High Speed 2, Thames Water, Crossrail and Highways England. Mark leads on promoting WSP's environmental strategic thinking, supporting their drive to deliver projects in a future ready and sustainable fashion. He is passionate about developing a clear and accessible intelligent environmental statement and using technology to delivery environmental benefits.



Geoff Lane is a Partner for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) LLP in the UK, with responsibility for its work on sustainability and climate change issues. He is part of a team of eight Partners and over 100 full-time staff, working on a range of projects related to sustainable development, climate change and corporate responsibility.

In addition to his work with clients, Geoff is also PwC's Liaison Delegate at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and is a Board member of Earthwatch.

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Gulbin Bekit is the CFO of Akfen Holding. She graduated with a degree in economics from Hacettepe University in 1990. She went on to earn her MA in International Finance from Webster University, London in 1992. The same year, she began her professional career in the finance and budget department in STFA Enerkom and joined Garanti Bank in 1995 where she served as a manager in Financial Analysis, Marketing and Corporate Loans.

She joined Akfen Group in 1998 and served as the Finance Coordinator of Akfen Holding and as the CFO of Akfen Mühendislik before moving to her current position as CFO. She is actively involved in whole project finance and refinancing, share purchase, IPO, bond and Eurobond issuing processes of both Akfen Holding and its subsidiaries and affiliates as well as implementation and execution of CMB regulations.

She also works actively in PPP projects, privatisation processes and corporate and organisational restructuring processes in which Akfen group is involved.



Heike Harmgart has been heading the EBRD's activities in Jordan since the beginning of the Bank's expansion to the southern and eastern Mediterranean Region. The EBRD started investing in Jordan at the end of 2012 and has since committed over US\$ 1 billion in investments, with over half of that in the energy sector with a special focus on renewables. With the launch of EBRD's activities in the West Bank and Gaza (May 2017) and Lebanon (September 2017), Heike became the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. She is based in Amman, Jordan.

She was previously covering the region as the Senior Economist in charge of Macro Economic and Structural Economic Analysis. She has been published in many peer-reviewed journals on the impact of innovation and government policies on growth.

Prior to joining the EBRD, she worked for the Economist Group, mainly on emerging markets in the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). She holds a Master's degree in Economics from Berlin's Humboldt University and a PhD in Economics from University College London (UCL).