




**BUILDING
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PRIVATE SESSION

**Wednesday, 1 October
16:30–18:30**

CICG, Geneva

Catalysing Purposeful Capital: Investing in Africa with an Impact Lens

Family offices around the world are increasingly considering Africa as both an investment frontier and a region where capital can drive lasting social and environmental impact. Yet translating this interest into successful, values-aligned investment strategies is far from straightforward

Returns have not always matched expectations. Currency fluctuations, political uncertainty, and limited exit pathways have created hesitation. At the same time, Africa's demographic dividend, rapid urbanisation, and expanding entrepreneurial base continue to generate unparalleled opportunities. How can investors reconcile these dynamics, aligning purpose with profit while shaping long-term legacies?

This closed-door roundtable convenes family office principals and investment representatives alongside seasoned practitioners to exchange real world experiences and practical insights. Together, we will examine:

- Impact and Values – How do family offices define and measure impact in the African context, and how does this align with philanthropic missions and long-term legacy goals?
- Risk and Returns – What return expectations and risk mitigation strategies are realistic, and how are blended finance, co-investments, and catalytic capital reshaping the investment landscape?
- Structures and Partnerships – Which investment vehicles are best suited for family offices seeking to engage in African markets, and how can peer collaboration unlock greater capital flows?
- Transparency and Measurement – What level of reporting and storytelling is needed to validate success and build confidence in impact outcomes?

This interactive session is designed to foster open dialogue under Chatham House Rule. By sharing perspectives across diverse experiences, participants will explore not only why family offices are engaging in Africa, but how they can do so in ways that are both commercially viable and deeply impactful.

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Speakers



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Alexandre Mordasini
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Rosanne Whalley
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Other Events of Interest

Please see below other events taking place on that day and that may be of particular interest:

- **Africa Investment Community Breakfast** - 1st October 07.45-08.45 - [Register here](#).
- **Conscious Capital: Idealism or Inevitable?** - Led by DIONZ | 1st October 10.30-11.30
- **Future-Fit Your Family Office with Impact** - Led by Centre for Sustainable Finance and Private Wealth | 1st October 13.00-14.30

Please check out the full [programme of Building Bridges 2025](#) for more information.

About Building Bridges

At the core of the initiative, launched by the finance community, Swiss public authorities, the United Nations, NGOs, and other international actors, is the recognition that the scale and complexity of the sustainability transition requires “building bridges” between private and public stakeholders. Each year, the Building Bridges Foundation hosts a flagship event designed to showcase investment-ready ideas, strategic alliances, and high-impact partnerships. From 30 September – 2 October 2025, the sixth edition builds on proven formats that enable collaboration to drive capital towards real-world impact, sharpen the investment case for sustainability, and strengthen collaboration across sectors.

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