

STANDING FOR ELECTION AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The role of non-executive Director is to guide and challenge our Senior Management Team, to ensure that the Company is working in the interests of all our investors and to act on their behalf. With one vacancy to fill this year, we welcomed applications from candidates with a proven strategic profile in the commercial or voluntary sectors alongside a passion for social business. We were looking for an individual who can help set the direction of the Company and balance the interests of tenants, shareholders and staff.



Arti Bareja

I bring a unique combination of strategic leadership, financial expertise and deep ESG knowledge, developed across both the private and public sectors. This multi-dimensional perspective will empower me to contribute meaningfully as a Board Member of EPC.

My career began in investment banking, advising publicly listed and private companies on mergers and acquisitions, followed by a role in portfolio management within the bank. After eight years in mainstream finance, I transitioned to Fair Finance, where I supported small and medium enterprises with ethical lending solutions. This experience deepened my sense of purpose and has since shaped a career focused on impact.

I was in charge of the ClearlySo Angels forum, enabling raising of seed capital for environmentally and socially driven ventures from angels. My subsequent work in central government involved creating policy on the deployment of nuclear energy (a low-carbon source of energy to achieve energy independence and Net Zero), the establishment of an arm's-length body with a focus on delivery of the policy and exploring options to unlock finance for delivery. At Grant Thornton, I continue to advise central and local government on infrastructure and Net Zero projects, providing strategic insight across policy, finance and governance.

Academically, I hold a Master's in Economics from the London School of Economics, a CFA certificate in ESG investing, and recent certifications in carbon footprinting and nature-based solutions from IEMA and the University of Oxford respectively. I am also a regular speaker on green finance and ESG topics.

My cross-sector experience and values-driven approach – balanced with commercial insight – optimally position me to support EPC. Having worked with EPC's Board and Executive team in the last few months, I understand its current challenges but also its potential to deliver societal and economic value. EPC has the opportunity to drive commercially driven, high-impact outcomes in the near to medium term, and I'm excited to be part of that future journey.

Note: Cate Teideman (Finance Director) has also been appointed to the Board but is not required to stand for election, as per Regulation 65.1 of the Company Articles of Association.