

Espiria recruits new fund manager with expertise in sustainable investments

Espiria recruits Huizi Zeng, who with a solid background in impact investments will further develop the fund management related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Huizi Zeng has 15 years of experience in fund investment, research, and corporate finance advisory, most recently from the position as Impact Investment Advisor at China Alliance of Social Value Investment and as a consultant at her own firm. Prior to that, she held roles at Beringer Finance and Willis Towers Watson, as well as East Capital, where she was an analyst from 2011 to 2016.

Huizi Zeng holds a B.A. in Economics from Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, and an M.Sc. in Business & Economics, specialising in finance, from Stockholm School of Economics.

The recruitment is done in light of Espiria's prioritised work to integrate more sustainability aspects into the fund management. Espiria is undergoing an extensive transformation journey with the goal of becoming a leader in global equity and Nordic fixed income management related to the SDGs. In January, East Capital Group also partnered with the UK impact investor Alquity to further develop sustainability efforts in both emerging and frontier as well as developed markets, in which Espiria has its main focus.

Peter van Berlekom, CIO at Espiria, comments: *"The recruitment of Huizi means that we further strengthen our expertise in ESG and impact investments. Huizi's solid experience in fund management with a clear sustainability perspective will be an important resource in the transformation process that Espiria is going through right now, and we are really pleased to welcome her to the team."*

Huizi Zeng commenced her position on 12 April.

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About Espiria

Espiria manages funds that invest in global and Nordic markets. Espiria's equity and fixed income strategies aim to generate good risk-adjusted returns based on fundamental analysis in the long term, with a clear focus on sustainability and the SDGs.

Espiria is part of East Capital Group, an independent asset management group that comprises several strategies and specialisations to offer active management solutions in equities, bonds and real estate assets with a clear ESG framework. Founded in Sweden in 1997, East Capital Group manages a total of EUR 4.5 billion for a broad range of international investors including leading institutions, companies and private individuals.