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Transition Finance Expert,
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 and Research Economist



Professional Experience

- Since 2024 **Sustainable Finance Economist - Sustainable Finance Observatory**
- Management of the Transparency team (1 of the 3 poles of the think-tank)
 - Analysis of financial institutions' climate transition plans. Co-management of ADEME's CTH : analysis of French investors 'Art. 29 LEC' / SFDR PAI reports (800+ AM and AO using ACT Finance methodology)
 - Methodology expertise : climate transition planning, metrics and targets, financed emissions, sectoral policies, engagement strategies, taxonomy alignment, fossil fuels exposure, climate risk exposure, biodiversity
 - Advocacy with policy makers on regulations (SFDR 2, UE Taxonomy, Pillar 3 ESG), with financial institutions on climate transition plans and public authorities on the Coal Transition Accelerator, export credits, etc.
- 2018 - 2022 **Private Banker - Rothschild & Co**
- €70m portfolio management : client relationship management and business development
 - Asset allocation for financial portfolio management, including private equity and structured products
 - Financing structuration : both personal and professional, from revolving to long term loans
 - Advisory : wealth structuration, fiscal and legal, wealth and corporate transmissions
 - Sourcing : group investment bank, deal flow, personal development
- 2017 - 2018 **Business Development Analyst - Rothschild & Co**
- Deal flow: monitoring corporate transactions for business development
 - Sales presentations to clients / prospects: target asset allocations, wealth structuring and products marketing
- 2016 - 2017 **Corporate Banker Assistant - Rothschild & Co**
- Financial and credit risk analysis, short, medium and long-term financing : productive investments, equity financing, French Public Investment Bank (BPI) co-financing, overdraft facilities, discount, etc.
 - Following a portfolio of 30 companies, from SMEs to listed - clients meetings, credit committees presentations
 - Sectors: industry, transport (rail freight), publishing, luxury crafts (historic French businesses)

Academic Background

- 2026 - 2027 **HEC Paris - Executive Education in Corporate Finance**
 Financial analysis, corporate valuation and financing and investing decisions
- 2019 - 2020 **Aurep - Master in Wealth Management Strategy**
 Wealth audit and strategy, asset allocation, fiscal and legal advisory
- 2015 - 2017 **Paris School of Economics – Master in Analysis and Policy in Economics**
(Ecole Normale Supérieure – EHESS – Ecole des Ponts – INRAE – CNRS – Université Paris 1)
- Master thesis : '1930 banking crisis in France: a new historical and quantitative analysis'
 (under the supervision of Eric Monnet, national research agency financed program, highest honours)
 - Specialisations : econometrics, monetary and financial economics, banking history, banking regulation
- 2014 - 2017 **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Master's Degree in Economics**
- 2012 - 2015 **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Bachelor's Degree in Econometrics**
- 2012 - 2014 Preparatory classes for ENS Paris-Saclay in Economics - Lycée Turgot (Paris)

Personal Commitments

- Since 2023 Animator: Finance Fresk, Climate Fresk, Biodiversity Fresk, 2tonnes
- 2023-2024 Volunteer - Community café: welcoming refugees and tutoring disadvantaged children
- 2019 - 2023 Comedian and treasurer - Associative theatre company, whose benefits are allocated to:
 Volunteer carer for elderly, sick or disabled persons one week each summer
- 2016 - 2017 Charity outreach and weekly dinners with homeless people
- 2012 - 2016 Scout leader for 30 young people aged 12 to 17

Certifications

- Finance: **AMF Certification**
- English: **TOEFL iBT** : 101/120 (C1 level)
- IT: Stata, R, Microsoft Office
- First aid: PSC1 diploma

Interests

- Music: Piano
- Sports: climbing, mountain hiking, snowboarding
- Literature, philosophy and psychology
- Drawing, engraving, painting

Publications

Are SRI funds affected by oil price shocks?, AEF Info (June 2026) [Columnist]

Analysis of French investors' Article 29 LEC / SFDR 2025 reports, ADEME (April 2026) [Co-author]

Do responsible investors contribute to the real economy transition?, AEF Info (Nov. 2025) [Columnist]

What the NZBA leaves behind: Stocktake on banks' net zero interim targets, Sustainable Finance Observatory (Oct. 2025) [Lead author]

Response to EBA Consultation on Pillar 3 ESG Reporting Framework, Sustainable Finance Observatory (Aug. 2025) [Author]

Shareholder engagement, a lever for market risk management?, AEF Info (July 2025) [Columnist]

Response to SFDR Call for Evidence, Sustainable Finance Observatory (June 2025) [Co-author]

What the does the financial sector think about the effectiveness of his transition metrics?, AEF Info (April 2025) [Columnist]

Optimizing the UE Taxonomy to make it a real economic steering tool for the transition, Sustainable Finance Observatory (March 2025) [Lead Author]

Analysis of French investors' Article 29 LEC / SFDR 2024 reports, ADEME (Feb. 2025) [Co-author]

Swift action needed to address fossil fuel risks to financial stability – Open letter, Finance Watch (Feb. 2025) [Signatory]

European Banks Net-Zero Commitments: Analysis of NZBA signatory banks' net zero transition plans based on data from the Net-Zero Donut, Sustainable Finance Observatory (Dec. 2024) [Contributor]

Answer to SBTi public consultation on Financial Institutions Net-Zero Standard, Sustainable Finance Observatory (Sept. 2024) [Author]

Baubeau, P., Monnet, E., Riva, A., & Ungaro, S. (2021). Flight-to-safety and the credit crunch: a new history of the banking crises in France during the Great Depression. The Economic History Review, 74(1), 223-250. [Research Assistance]

1930 banking crisis in France : a new historical and quantitative analysis from the archive data of the Crédit Lyonnais Master Thesis under the supervision of Eric Monnet (Paris School of Economics, EHESS) (2017) [Author]

Presentations

Analysis of French investors' climate and biodiversity practices, FiDurable (May 2026)

Practices of French investors in defining sustainable assets, CNIS (INSEE), Financial System and Economy Financing Commission (May 2026)

Analysis of French investors' Article 29 LEC / SFDR 2025 reports, Webinar, ADEME (April 2026)

The limits of sustainable finance, Training course, re.boot (April 2026)

Jury in a student sustainable finance contest, Université Paris 1 / Lycée Montaigne (Feb. 2026)

Analysis of French investors' Article 29 LEC / SFDR 2024 reports, Webinar, ADEME (Feb. 2025)

Analysing financial institutions' climate strategies, Conference, FiDurable (Feb. 2025)

Rethink Sustainable Finance Together, Host of 2° Investing Initiative and SF-Observatory joint event (Dec. 2024)

In the media

Les rapports article "29 LEC" montrent un décalage entre les ambitions et les résultats dans l'économie réelle, AEF Info (April 2026)

La NZBA cesse ses activités, "un recul majeur dans la mobilisation du secteur financier en faveur du climat" pour SFO, AEF Info (Oct. 2025)

Alliance bancaire sur le climat : la NZBA se met sur pause, AEF Info (August 2025)

Le SBTi lance son premier standard net zero, très attendu, pour les institutions financières, AEF Info (July 2025)

OAT vertes, proxys ESG et protection des plans de transition au sommaire des brèves en finance, AEF Info (July 2025)

Les banques européennes encore loin de respecter les limites du Net Zero Donut, Novethic (Dec. 2024)

L'Observatoire de la finance durable répond à SBTi sur son standard net zéro Press article, L'Agefi (Oct. 2024)

Finance durable : les banques européennes délaissent les plans de transition des entreprises financées, DAF-Mag (Dec. 2024)

L'Observatoire de la finance durable répond à SBTi sur son standard net zéro, L'Agefi (Oct. 2024)

Finance durable : une feuille de route en préparation pour le nouveau gouvernement, RSEDataNews (Sept. 2024)