

LSE Generate Advisory Board

Socially-Driven Entrepreneurship

Julia Black - Chair of Board

Professor Julia Black FBA is Strategic Director for Innovation and Special Projects at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She was previously the Pro Director for Research (2014-2019) and from 2016-17 also served as LSE's Interim Director. She promotes research collaborations within LSE and with the STEM disciplines in other universities, particularly in the areas of health and data science. She is leading on LSE's entrepreneurship and commercialisation activities, and led the development of the LSE's PhD Academy and the new School of Public Policy.

She is a professor in the Law Department, with a primary research interest in regulation and a specialisation in financial services regulation and in the regulation of risk. She is also a research associate of LSE's Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR), based at the LSE. She was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2015.



Professor Black has advised a number of governmental and consumer bodies in the UK and overseas on issues of institutional design and regulatory policy. She was a member of the board of the Solicitors Regulation Authority from Jan 2014- Dec 2018, and chaired its Policy Committee. She is a member of the Board of UK Research and Innovation, which is responsible for managing £6bn funding for research within the UK. She is also an External Member of the Prudential Regulation Committee of the Bank of England, which is the board of the Prudential Regulation Authority, the UK's banking and insurance supervisory body.

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Kajal Sanghrajka

Following several years in the City and on Wall Street, Kajal started her first business in New York in 2012. After experiencing a number of challenges as a British graduate entrepreneur in the US, she supported other graduate entrepreneurs navigate the process while serving as President of Columbia Start Up Lab, Columbia University's first start-up incubator which she co-founded.

Leveraging her experience starting and running a business internationally, she founded Growth Hub Global to support European companies expand to the US and globally. She is also currently a Churchill Fellow researching immigrant entrepreneurship and start up ecosystems and publishes a monthly editorial The Transatlantic Post on her findings. She holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and an MBA from Columbia Business School.



Sebastian Dovey

Mr. Dovey's expertise spans 25 years of developing high impact commercial strategies for private banks, global banks, asset managers, family offices, technology firms, service providers, aggregators and start-up initiatives. Mr. Dovey is the 2018 winner of the Wealth Briefing Thought Leader of the Year award and he is Thought Leader-In-Residence for Fitch Learning worldwide.

He serves as an appointed mentor for the Mayor of London's International Business Programme and is in his 9th year on the judging panel of the Financial Times Global Private Banking awards (since foundation) and has served on the editorial board of WealthBriefing since 2005. Mr. Dovey holds a first class BA (Hons.) degree in Modern History from University College London and was awarded an MSc (Econ.) with distinction from the LSE



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Alex Green

Alex Green is an experienced global business leader who divides his time between board work, academia, investing and the third sector. He is currently on the board of Bahia Mineração, a Brazilian Mining company, and is a PhD candidate in Economic History at the LSE.

He has served on and coached a number of boards from start-ups to PLCs across a broad spectrum of sectors including mining, shipping, life sciences, charities and social enterprise. He brings an international, strategic, commercial and risk management focus. Before becoming a NED, Alex spent 20 years in energy commodities where he has a successful track record of starting, developing and operating asset-based trading, marketing and distribution businesses. He was a marketing director at BHP Billiton and a founder of both EDF Trading and Smartest Energy.



Nikki McCulloch

Nikki is a Marketing and New Business Specialist - delivering strategic and practical guidance to help businesses focus on and accelerate all things Marketing and New Business.

A seasoned marketing professional, she brings experience from across communication businesses of different disciplines, size and structure, both domestic and global. She spent her early career variously as Marketing and Business Development Director at high profile agencies including TBWA and Publicis. Subsequently, she built a consultancy advising management teams on all areas relating to marketing and new business. Along with a wide range of consultancy assignments, over recent years she was also CMO at Essence and then Engine.



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Kartik Varma

Kartik Varma is an entrepreneur and an investor. He is the co-founder of PropTiger.com, India's largest digital real estate services firm and iTrust Financial Advisors.

Previously, Kartik worked at The Childrens Investment Fund (London), Ziff Brothers Investments (New York and London) and James D Wolfensohn, Inc. (New York).

Kartik has an LLB from the London School of Economics and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



Hannah Leach

Hannah has spent her career working in and around London's startup sector, with early stage companies, corporates, and funds, in strategy, product and partnership roles. After finishing her Masters at LSE, she joined a seed-stage FinTech, helping their Founder get his vision off the ground, leaving after a year to run the UK's first smart cities accelerator programme for Canary Wharf Group.

Following this, Hannah joined EY's FinTech team, supporting the design and roll out of their global FinTech strategy, from where she was headhunted to join 10x Banking (the FinTech set up by former Barclays Group CEO, Antony Jenkins).

Having supported their £20m raise, and seen them grow to a team of 120, she left last year to branch out on her own, and now supports a variety of clients with research and strategic growth projects (including a London-based VC, a global bank-backed FinTech, and a new data ethics consultancy).

