

BNP Paribas Sustainable Finance Challenge 2025

Registration Form

➔ Please return this document duly completed to sf.challenge.hk@asia.bnpparibas.com before **21 February 2025**.

University of the team (CUHK, CityU, HKU, or HKUST):

Team Name: _____

Members of the teams:

Member 1

Name: _____

Academic email address: _____

Current academic program: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member 2

Name: _____

Academic email address: _____

Current academic program: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member 3

Name: _____

Academic email address: _____

Current academic program: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member 4 (if applicable)

Name: _____

Academic email address: _____

Current academic program: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member 5 (if applicable)

Name: _____

Academic email address: _____

Current academic program: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



By affixing your signature to this form (electronic or otherwise), you agree to:

- (i) the BNP Paribas Sustainable Finance Challenge Hong Kong 2025 (the “**Challenge**”) Terms and Conditions (“**Challenge Terms**”) which can be found attached to this form; and
- (ii) the collection, use and disclosure of your personal data as set out in Clauses 9 to 11 of the attached Terms.

Problem statement chosen by the team (please tick the box of the selected item):

Sustainable Investment

- ☐ How can we construct a global equity portfolio that has a good risk-adjusted return, while incorporating sustainability themes & industry/company level sustainability information?
- ☐ As the NextGen becomes increasingly ESG-aware, how can financial institutions like BNP Paribas cater to their interest and needs and design innovative sustainable products tailored to these younger investors?
- ☐ As opposed to listed companies, private companies remain mostly off the radar. Generally not covered by regulations, very little information is available regarding their environmental and social performance. Critics argue that private companies and projects are an opaque refuge for carbon-intensive assets and unsustainable activities. However, from clean tech to green building and renewable infrastructure, their role is vital for the transition of our society. Besides the private sector represents a major part of our economies. How can we fill this information gap? How can we support private capital investors in their sustainable investments?

Energy Transition

- ☐ Since Hong Kong Exchange (HKEx) introducing its Core-Climate Platform back in 2022, what do you recommend HKEx or the city to invest further in order to step up in the green utility and carbon exchange system?
- ☐ We are expecting a massive first wave of EV power battery retirement, what role could BNP Paribas play for the purpose of achieving a feasible, responsible, controllable, and scalable solution for EV battery retirement?

Green Circular Economy

- ☐ Hong Kong’s municipal solid waste charging (MSW charging) scheme failed to launch in 2024 and the Government will assess the readiness of society and the implementation of the measures, with a view to reporting work progress to the Legislative Council towards mid-2025. In your view, what are the critical measures to be taken to address Hong Kong’s waste management? How banks like BNP Paribas can play a proactive role to engage with companies in Hong Kong to achieve a green circular economy?



Sustainable Tech and Finance

- ☐ The world is increasingly more digitalised. While society as a whole benefit from the convenience and efficiency of technologies offer, it comes at a high cost to the environment. Cloud computing, data centres and AI are energy intensive; production, consumption and disposal of digital infrastructure or equipment are resource intensive. With Hong Kong pledging to step up its efforts to attract high tech sectors, how can we balance this growth plan with Hong Kong's carbon neutrality 2050 goal? How can finance or investment support this important sector?

Sustainable Supply Chain

- ☐ How to position Hong Kong as the world's leading green sourcing hub for Multi-National Companies (MNCs) aiming to ensure regulatory compliance (notably European such as CSRD, CS3D and EUDR) and environmental / social performance in their supply chain? Key sectors include textile and retail/consumer goods. It may range from policy, regional cooperation, ESG supply chain standards setting, financial incentives for MNCs corporates, inclusive supply chain financing for Asian SME and technology innovation.

Low Carbon Construction

- ☐ Given the substantial premium for low carbon construction materials, how can the financial sector and bank like BNPP help to accelerate their development (green steel, low carbon concrete...) to support Hong Kong's green building agenda? Taking a value chain approach, the solutions may range for industry coalition participation, financial product innovation, policy and standard settings/certifications recognition for sustainable finance and data sharing platform across actors that would help to share the costs, the risks and the benefits.



BNP PARIBAS SUSTAINABLE FINANCE CHALLENGE HONG KONG 2025
TERMS AND CONDITIONS (the “Terms”)

OVERVIEW

1. The BNP PARIBAS Sustainable Finance Challenge Hong Kong 2025 (the “**Challenge**”) is an event aimed at stimulating the creation of innovations in respect of sustainability in banking. The teams are assigned to choose from a list of predetermined questions and are to present their best answers or solutions to the problem.
2. The About the Challenge weblink on the Challenge website, the Challenge FAQs, Challenge Flyer, Registration Doent, are incorporated by reference into these Terms.

GENERAL

3. In order to register for the Challenge, the team shall submit the completed registration form with each team member’s signature affixed to the registration form.
4. BNP Paribas may at any time, in its full and absolute discretion, amend the Terms.
5. BNP Paribas has full and absolute discretion to decide all things relating to the Challenge, including but not limited to:
 - a. deciding which teams it may admit or exclude from the Challenge;
 - b. revising any of the Problem Statements;
 - c. assigning to a team a Problem Statement to work on;
 - d. deciding which teams progress in the qualification phase;
 - e. deciding the winner of the Challenge;
 - f. disqualifying teams from the Challenge;
 - g. giving directions or instructions to teams in relation to any matter concerning the Challenge; and
 - h. changing or re-appointing any members of the Final Jury;
 - i. amending the prize for the winner of the Challenge.

TEAM MEMBER CONDUCT

6. The challenged is intended to be a friendly and ethical event. Every Team Member agrees to respect these principles and expressly recognises that any action to impede any other participant may result in the Team Member of Team being penalised.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

7. BNP Paribas will own and shall enjoy all rights of a copyright owner in respect of all material you create, deliver, or submit for the Challenge. You acknowledge and agree that all ownership and intellectual property rights in the materials, drafts, resources, documents, and products of whatsoever nature created by you and/or your teammate(s) for the purpose of the Challenge are vested in BNP Paribas (or if not automatically vested, then assigned to BNP Paribas upon creation) with waiver of moral rights.
8. You agree that whatever you submit in respect of the Challenge has been created by you and/or your teammate(s) and represent that the submitted materials do not contain anything has been copied from any other material (with the exceptions of portions appropriately attributed) and that they do not infringe any third-party intellectual property rights.



PERSONAL DATA

9. By enrolling for the Challenge, you acknowledge and allow BNP Paribas:
- a. to collect and process the personal data you have provided in this form for the following purposes: (i) management of your participation at the Challenge; (ii) sending you regular updates regarding the Challenge; and (iii) any other purpose as outlined in this form, or associated with your registration for or participation of the Challenge, including sending you a post-event survey;
 - b. to display your name and image in public as a participant of the Challenge; and
 - c. to disclose your personal data to (a) third party service providers acting on BNP Paribas' behalf, and/or (b) members of the BNP Paribas group, to process the data for the purposes set out above. Such data processing may occur outside Hong Kong. Subject to this, we will keep your personal data confidential.
10. You have the right to request access to and correction of information about you held by us. If you would like to contact us in relation to the information we collect in this registration form or need to access or correct such information, please contact us by mail at: Data Protection Office C/O Risk ORM, 63/F, Two IFC, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong SAR. For more information on how we process your personal data, please refer to our Data Protection Notice at <https://apac.bnpparibas/en/asia-pacific-data-protection-notice/>.

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Except for death or personal injury, BNP Paribas shall not be held liable to you, or any Team Member for any losses, howsoever arising from the Challenge.
12. I acknowledge and agree that BNP Paribas will take videos and photos during the Event which may be used for promotion purpose relating to the Event including on social media platforms. BNP Paribas may use my name, likeness, title, and comments for such purpose but has no obligation to use them.
13. If any of these Term(s) is deemed unenforceable, the rest of the provisions will not be affected and will remain enforceable.
14. This Terms are governed by Hong Kong law. The Hong Kong Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction in resolving any disputes that arises from these Terms or matter related to the Challenge.

