

Private Equity

Financing for a Low Carbon Economy



€200m Cleantech Private Equity Fund

Private Equity is an important mechanism driving the burgeoning clean technology and renewable energy markets. CCC's Cleantech Private Equity Fund has an experienced investment team who understands the intricacies of expansion and growth capital investments associated with a low carbon economy.

CCC Private Equity

The Climate Change Capital Private Equity (CPE) team manages one of Europe's largest private equity funds dedicated to cleantech. Our goal is to back cleantech companies with the potential for high growth, thereby contributing to a lower carbon economy, a more sustainable environment, and in doing so, generate attractive returns for our investors.

We target investments in the cleantech areas of:

- Clean power: renewable energy and cleaner fossil fuels
- Clean transport: biofuels and transport efficiency
- Energy efficiency: smart grids, storage solutions, energy efficient buildings, devices and processes
- Waste recovery: energy from waste and materials recycling
- Water: desalination, advanced water treatment and water efficiency solutions

CPE's investment team has a combined experience of over 100 years in private equity and over 50 years in cleantech investments. As a result the team

has extensive board level experience supporting companies through their growth and is able to support management teams with their strategy, financing, team building, business development, acquisitions and realisations.

Investment Criteria

The CPE team seeks opportunities with the following criteria:

- Amounts: €5 – 20m per company; larger amounts can be underwritten or arranged with our fund investors
- Investment type: equity investment in minority or control positions, typically as lead or co-lead investor
- Transactions: expansion capital and buy-outs
- Company types: product & services companies; asset developers & generators
- Company attributes: high growth potential in large addressable markets; proven technologies; clear path to profitability
- Geography: primarily European headquartered companies



Partner of Choice

Our aim is to be the partner of choice for the managers of cleantech companies providing not only finance but knowledge, networks and experience to help companies in their development. CPE applies a growth equity strategy helping portfolio companies to achieve regional and global expansion, leveraging the CCC global platform.

We understand what young companies need to succeed and we view our relationship as a partnership. We have a long track record in working with entrepreneurs managing growing businesses.

We have a strong and committed investor base that can provide access to additional capital and networks.

We also benefit from CCC's cleantech industry network and insights, through its investment activities in Carbon Finance (C4F2 Fund), Project Equity Finance, Sustainable Property (CCC Property Fund) and the policy and market insights of our Advisory and **ThinkTank** teams.

Advisory Panel

We have appointed an Advisory Panel consisting of leading industry experts representing a cross section of the Fund's sectors to provide advice on trends and specific investments. Members include:

- Dr Gayle Jackson, president and CEO of Energy Global, Inc.
- Peter Jones (OBE), former Biffa director
- Lord Oxburgh, former non-executive chairman of Royal Dutch Shell plc
- Thomas Seibold, partner and member of the board of the BASE Group
- Dr Anthony White (MBE), founding member of the UK Government's Energy Advisory Panel

Investment Examples



- Climate Energy – a UK energy efficiency services company for public and private home owners. CPE supported the management buy-out.



- Neura – an Austrian company focused on manufacturing smart-grid enabled, high performance heat pumps for residential and commercial properties. CPE sole investor with €8m.



- Nualight – a leading manufacturer of LED lighting to the retail sector. CPE led a €9.1m funding round alongside existing investors.



- Nujira – the leading developer of technology to reduce power consumption in smartphone transmitters by 30–50%. CPE led the €10m funding round into the UK company.



- Orege – A French industrial wastewater treatment company treating complex effluents and sludge from the oil & gas, mining, petrochemical and chemical industries. CPE led the €8m funding round.



- Power PLUS Communications – a German developer of leading smart-grid communications technology for utilities. €10m expansion capital and buy-out by CPE.

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