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Prestige Funds clean energy expert joins key UK biogas industry advisory board

Phil Gerrard has been appointed to the new Advisory Board of the UK's Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA).

CAMBRIDGE, England: 25/05/18: Prestige Funds is pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Gerrard to the new Advisory Board of the 'Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association' (ADBA), an energy industry-driven lobbying association in the UK. Gerrard is a key member of the Prestige team and is CEO of Privilege Finance, which oversees Prestige's direct lending strategy in the UK agriculture and alternative energy markets.

Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and biogas forms an important part of the UK's alternative investment strategy. Prestige is one of the leading lenders to and supporters of the development of the UK's AD infrastructure.

ADBA was formed to support the needs of the AD industry, advising the sector on critical issues such as new technology developments, energy industry issues, gas and electricity production, training and political advice.

"The AD industry is growing quickly and forms a larger proportion of the UK's overall electricity supply than ever," says Phil Gerrard. "The country is becoming more focused on its clean energy commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement and on more pressing energy security issues, particularly around the area of natural gas production. At Privilege we play an important role in not just providing AD projects with finance, but also advising on their ongoing development and day to day management issues. We take a long term, sustainable approach to our infrastructure lending which encompasses a strategic vision for the projects we support."

Gerrard has spent over 25 years working within the leasing and asset finance sector in the UK and Europe. Prior to joining Privilege he was the head of Grant Thornton's European Leasing Advisory Services team and a former director at RBS, NatWest and Lombard.

Prestige Funds has been active in the UK asset finance market for over a decade. One area of specialisation throughout that period has been lending within the agriculture and alternative energy market. AD plants represent a conjunction of both markets, with farm waste going to produce both fertiliser and gas output as well as feeding electricity back into the National Grid. AD plants are also playing an important role in making the UK farming sector more efficient.

“Despite the Brexit vote, non-UK interest in the UK rural infrastructure and energy story is higher than ever,” says Craig Reeves, Founder of Prestige Funds. “We saw a record number of site visits from overseas investors in 2017 and that trend has continued into Q1/2018. Investors are interested in the non-correlated, real assets story that agri-lending represents, including the roll-out of clean energy projects across England and Wales.”

Over 80% of Prestige’s investors come from outside the UK, and include family offices, private banks, pension funds, university endowments and sovereign wealth funds. Its direct lending funds are open-ended and include both institutional and broker share classes.

Speaking about the development of the advisory board, ADBA chief executive Charlotte Morton added: “The ADBA Advisory Board is a crucial mechanism for ensuring that ADBA's work is informed by the very best expertise from across the AD industry. We're delighted to have Phil join the board as a representative of the AD finance sector and look forward to working with him and the rest of the board to support the growth of the UK AD industry.”

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