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Lauren is a senior leader and global expert in sustainable finance. She leads a team committed to growing S&P Global's ESG business with functional responsibilities for commercial strategy, go to market, product specialists, client engagement and marketing.

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Lauren is a regular speaker and respected commentator on sustainable finance, quoted in publications such as the Economist, Investment Week, IPE and The Actuary. In 2019 she was a speaker in Davos at the World Economic Forum on, "The future of finance". Lauren holds a BA & MA from Cambridge University in Archaeology & Anthropology and an MSc in Anthropology & International Development from the London School of Economics.