CONFERENCE

15th Annual European Leveraged Finance Virtual Conference

20 October 2020 / Virtual (BST)

Day 1 - Tuesday, 20 October 2020

08:15 / Registration and networking open

09:15

Opening remarks

Chair



Gary Simmons
Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

Moderator



Daisy McAndrew
TV Presenter, Reporter and Journalist

09:30

Keynote address

Speaker



Erik Fossing Nielsen
Group Chief Economist and Global Head of CIB Research, UniCredit

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RAPID FIRE PANEL DISCUSSION

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Covid-19: Impact, Recovery, and Future Challenges

Moderator



Daisy McAndrew
TV Presenter, Reporter and Journalist

Speakers



Dr Lewis Liu
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Eigen Technologies



Matthias Baudisch
Partner, Allen & Overy



Michael Dakin
Partner, Clifford Chance

10:20 / Networking break

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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Leveraged Loans and High Yield Bond Convergence: The Market Overlap

OVERVIEW

- The scale of convergence and main challenges
- Who's driving the agenda?
- Transferability Considerations
- Role of "Amend and Extend"

Moderator

Edward Eyerman
Managing Director, Head of High Yield and Leveraged Finance, EMEA, Fitch Ratings

Speakers



Jane Gray
Head of European Research, Covenant Review



Martin Luehrs
Managing Director, Head of Acquisition Finance and Co-Head of Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, EMEA, Morgan Stanley



Natalia Sokolova
Counsel, Ashurst



Rob Mathews
Partner, Baker & McKenzie

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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The Evolution and Current Impact of ESG

OVERVIEW

- What is meant by Sustainable Finance/ ESG financing and what are the common misconceptions that surround these terms?
- Disclosure and due diligence
- Sustainable finance growth impediments
- Percentage of growth prediction over the next 12 months

Moderator



Tony Lopez
UK Head of Capital Markets and Structured Investments, DLA Piper

Speakers



Anjuli Pandit
Sustainability Manager, Primary Capital Markets, BNP Paribas



Anna-Marie Slot
Global ESG/Sustainability Partner and Head of High Yield, Ashurst



Ben Snook
Senior Manager, Listings, The International Stock Exchange (TISE)



Farnam Bidgoli
Head of Sustainable Bonds, EMEA, HSBC

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PANEL DISCUSSION

12:05

Listing Trends and Exchange Requirements

OVERVIEW

- Flow of Transactions
- Regulatory developments and impact
- ESG Considerations
- Brexit
- Outlook

Moderator



Fritz Ernemann
Partner, Latham & Watkins

Speakers



Carlo Oly
Head of Relationship Management, Business Development, Luxembourg Stock Exchange



Matthias Szabo
Director, Debt Listings, Vienna Stock Exchange (Wiener Börse)



Maurizio Pastore
Head of Debt, International Primary Markets, Euronext

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ON DEMAND SESSION

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NPLs: What's Next?

OVERVIEW

- Use and restructuring
- Role of loan platforms
- Government intervention

Moderator



Nigel Houghton
Managing Director, Loan Market Association (LMA)

Speakers



Alessia Pirolo
Head of NPL Coverage, Debtwire



Eric Cloutier
Head of Regulatory Banking, KPMG



Iñigo Rubio
Partner, Cuatrecasas



Timur Peters
Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Debitos

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Closing remarks

Moderator



Daisy McAndrew
TV Presenter, Reporter and Journalist

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FIRESIDE CHAT

09:10

Investor Trends and Developments

OVERVIEW

- Investment decisions during challenging times
- How has recent political and market developments affected investment abilities and processes
- What legal, market or regulatory changes would improve investment capabilities?
- ESG issues and their effect on investment practices

Moderator



Jill Concannon
Partner, White & Case

Speakers

Clark Nicholls
Senior Portfolio Manager/Analyst, Global and European Leveraged Finance, AXA Investment Managers



Conor Daly
Director, Portfolio Manager, European Credit, BlackRock

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QUESTION TIME

09:55

Ask the Heads of European High Yield and Leveraged Finance

Conference attendees will have the unique opportunity to pose questions to the leaders of high yield and leveraged finance businesses, regarding current market trends and expectations for 2021.

OVERVIEW

- Review of the European high yield market issuance and performance in 2020
- Effects of current and developing trends and practices in the industry
- Global economic factors affecting the markets
- Key market influencers in 2020 and beyond

Moderator



Kevin Muzilla
Partner, Allen & Overy

Speakers

Dominic Ashcroft
MD, Co-Head Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, EMEA, Goldman Sachs



Jermaine Jarrett
Managing Director, Head of High Yield Syndicate, Credit Agricole CIB



Joseph Bishay
Managing Director, Head of Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, EMEA, Bank of America



Mark Walsh
Managing Director, Co-Head of EMEA Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, Credit Suisse

INTERACTIVE NETWORKING BREAK

10:40

How to Thrive and Succeed in the COVID-world: Three simple science-based steps for success

Speaker



Dr Jon Finn
Founder and Managing Director, Tougher Minds and MePower-TeamPower

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MORNING SEMINAR

10:50

The Sponsor Playbook in the Current Market

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OVERVIEW

- Capitalizing on capacity for priming debt
- Contentious collateral stripping transactions and investor pushback options
- Avoiding breaches: EBITDAC, amendments and waivers
- Increasing use of UK Schemes of Arrangements and implications of the UK's new Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act
- Impact of COVID-19 on European bond and loan covenants in the primary market

Moderator



Jane Gray
Head of European Research,
Covenant Review

Speakers



Kevin Lennon
Managing Director - Head of European Credit, Alcentra



Neil Devaney
Partner, Business Finance & Restructuring, Weil, Gotshal & Manges



Tatjana Greil Castro
Portfolio Manager Global Credit Strategies, Muzinich & Co.



Yasmine Bassili
Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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What's Next for CLOs?

OVERVIEW

- ESG considerations
- New manager vs. old manager
- When does private debt come into play?
- Secondary market
- What's in the pipeline given the current economic climate?

Moderator



Ann Rutledge
Director, Education Committee, FIIN and CEO, CreditSpectrum Corp

Speakers



Chris Porter
Head of Private Equity, Loan and CLO Business Development, EMEA, S&P Global Ratings



Simone Bohnenberger-Rich
Head of Product Portfolio, Eigen Technologies

Elena Rinaldi
Junior Portfolio Manager, TwentyFour Asset Management



Nicholas Voisey
Managing Director, Loan Market Association (LMA)

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ON DEMAND INTERVIEW

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What's Happening with Brexit?

Moderator



Daisy McAndrew
TV Presenter, Reporter and Journalist

Speaker



Liam Halligan
Economist, Author and Broadcaster, The Telegraph

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