

CONFERENCE

16th Annual European Leveraged Finance Conference

29 September 2021 / Leonardo Royal Hotel Tower Bridge

08:30 / Registration and refreshments

09:15 / Opening remarks

SPEAKERS



Dominic Ashcroft

Managing Director, Co-Head Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, EMEA, Goldman Sachs



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and Equity Capital Markets, AFME

OVERVIEW

- / Significant factors in investment decisions this past year
- / Ways in which COVID-19 has altered investment decisions, both good and bad
- / Portfolio diversification and risk mitigation
- / Brexit impact on processes
- / Update on UN Principles of Responsible Investment progress and key challenges

MODERATOR



Jane Gray

Head of European Research, Covenant Review

SPEAKERS



Camille McLeod-Salmon

Portfolio Manager, Fidelity International



Clark Nicholls

Senior Portfolio Manager / Analyst, Global and European High Yield, AXA



Gilles Teerlinck

Partner, White & Case



Tyler Wallace

Portfolio Manager, Fair Oaks Capital Ltd

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10:10 / Keynote address: The Great Return

OVERVIEW

- / What has COVID-19 revealed about how we work?
- / New ways of working in practice
- / What comes next?

MODERATOR

Adam Farkas

Chief Executive Officer, AFME

10:40 / Networking break

OVERVIEW

- / Regulation disclosure and due diligence
- / ESG KPIs, ratings and data
- / Pricing and monitoring of ESG ratchets
- / “Greenwashing”

MODERATOR



Tamer Bahgat
Partner, Alston & Bird

SPEAKERS



David Billington
Partner, Cleary Gottlieb



Cynthia Cheung
Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Bank of America



Tatjana Greil Castro
Co-Head of Public Markets - Portfolio Manager, Global Credit Strategies, Muzinich & Co.



Andrew Steel
Global Head of Sustainable Finance, Fitch Group



Ricky Sharma
Senior Covenant Analyst, Covenant Review

11:45 / [Panel discussion](#)
The Changing Game of Insolvency and Restructuring

OVERVIEW

- / Short-term and long-term impact of COVID-19
- / Regulatory developments and foreign investments
- / Evolution of insolvency filing and the introduction of new guidelines
- / Technological challenges

MODERATOR



Haden Henderson

Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

SPEAKERS



Jo Hewitt

Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal



Shan Qureshi

Senior Legal Analyst, Reorg



Phillip Taylor

Partner, Alston & Bird

12:30 / Networking lunch

OVERVIEW

- / Increased monitoring
- / Trading on electronic exchanges
- / Increase of third-party information services on covenants
- / Results and documentation, news and credit views, fund holdings

MODERATOR



Jill Concannon

Partner, White & Case

SPEAKERS



Steven Hunter

CEO, 9Fin



Clark Nicholls

Senior Portfolio Manager / Analyst, Global and European High Yield, AXA



Brad Weyland

Partner, Allen & Overy

13:20 / [Panel discussion](#)
Distressed Funds and Alternative Financing

OVERVIEW

- / Direct lending
- / Private placements

MODERATOR



Tony Lopez

UK Head of Capital Markets & Structured Investments, DLA Piper

SPEAKERS

Mudasar Chaudhry

Head of European Structured Finance Research, DBRS



Arjun Malhotra

Vice President, Houlihan Lokey



Akshay Shah

Chief Investment Officer, Kyma Capital

14:05 / **Interval**

14:10 / [Panel discussion](#)
Listing Trends and Exchange Requirements

OVERVIEW

- / Green bond labelling
- / Increase in social bonds
- / Brexit impact on listings/trading
- / Market Abuse Regulation
- / Issuance review and impact on issuance behaviour

MODERATOR



Noel Hughes

Partner, Finance, Vinson & Elkins

SPEAKERS



Carlo Oly

Head of Relationship Management, Luxembourg Stock Exchange



Maurizio Pastore

Head of Debt Listing, Euronext



Matthias Szabo

Director Debt Listings, Vienna Stock Exchange (Wiener Boerse)

14:10 / [Panel discussion](#)
Europe vs. US – Similarities and Differences

OVERVIEW

- / Comparative analysis of the markets – Structure, practises, depth liquidity
- / Underwriting practices
- / How are the markets converging or diverging?
- / Will we continue to see investor and issuer crossover?
- / What policy changes could affect the markets going forward?
- / Forecasts for both markets

MODERATOR



Aditya Khanna

Partner, Ropes & Gray

SPEAKERS

Sabrina Fox

CEO, European Leveraged Finance Association (ELFA)

Luca Laino

Managing Director, Deutsche Bank



James McDonald

Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP

14:55 / Networking break

15:20 / [Question time](#)
Ask the Heads of European High Yield and Leveraged Finance

OVERVIEW

- / Recap of the European high yield market issuance and performance in 2021
- / COVID-19, Brexit and ESG impact
- / What key factors do you expect to influence the market in 2022 and beyond?

MODERATOR



Kevin Muzilla

Partner, Allen & Overy

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Dominic Ashcroft

Managing Director, Co-Head Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, EMEA, Goldman Sachs



Susana Leith-Smith

Managing Director, Head of EME Leveraged Finance, Barclays



Benjamin Thompson

Managing Director, Head of EMEA Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, JP Morgan

Mark Walsh

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

16:05 / Fireside chat: Words of ESG Wisdom – Takeaways from the day

SPEAKERS



Anna-Marie Slot

Global ESG Partner and Global Head of High Yield, Ashurst



Ben Yeoh

Senior Portfolio Manager, RBC Global Asset Management

Debate

16:35 / What's Next for CLO's?

OVERVIEW

- / Lessons from the past
- / Changes in CLO structures and documentation post COVID-19
- / Relative value across the CLO liability stack in Europe and US
- / Risk retention and regulatory reporting requirements
- / Update on issuance plans, loan trends and new warehouses

MODERATOR



Vedanta Bagchi

Director, Commerzbank AG

SPEAKERS

Laura Coady

European Co-Head Securitised Markets, Jeffries



Alexander Martin

Partner, Latham & Watkins



Elena Rinaldi

Portfolio Manager, TwentyFour Asset Management

Adeel Shafiqullah

Senior Portfolio Manager, Institutional Credit Strategies - Europe Managing Director, Sculptor Capital Management

17:20 / Closing remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and Equity Capital Markets, AFME

17:30 / Networking drinks reception

18:30 / End of conference