

CONFERENCE

17th Annual European Leveraged Finance Conference

20 September 2022 / Leonardo Royal Hotel St Pauls

08:30 / Registration

09:15 / Opening remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME)

09:25 / Keynote discussion

Global growth concerns – Barking up the wrong tree

SPEAKER



Klaus Baader

Managing Director, Global Chief Economist, Société Générale

OVERVIEW

- / Significant factors in investment decisions this past year
- / Portfolio diversification and risk mitigation
- / COVID-19 and Covenants - lessons learnt
- / Ratio and EBITDA calculations
- / Documentation developments

MODERATOR



James Greene

Partner, White & Case

SPEAKERS



Craig Abouchar

Managing Director, Barings



Sabrina Fox

Chief Executive Officer, ELFA



Jacques McChesney

Partner, Ashurst



Clark Nicholls

Portfolio Manager, Analyst, AXA

OVERVIEW

- / The Covid-19 insolvency wave: what really happened?
- / Effect of sanctions and other geopolitical concerns
- / European Insolvency Directive and other regulatory initiatives
- / Changes in Restructuring/Insolvency Practices
- / Forecast for the future

MODERATOR



Iain White

Partner, Clifford Chance

SPEAKERS

Apostolos Gkoutzinis

Partner, Millbank



Luca Rossi

Managing Editor Distressed Debt, Reorg



Yash Shevade

Director, Houlihan Lokey

11:40 / [Panel discussion](#)
Leveraged Loans and CLOs

OVERVIEW

- / Issuance and pricing drivers
- / Investor and manager considerations
- / Inflationary concerns
- / Structures evolution and their impact on documentation
- / ESG impact on collateral and ratchets

MODERATOR



Ben Wilkinson

Partner, Baker McKenzie

SPEAKERS



Vedanta Bagchi

Director, Commerzbank



Arvinder Chowdhary

Principal Principal & Portfolio Manager, PGIM Fixed Income



Luke Gillam

Co-Head EMEA Credit Capital Markets, Goldman Sachs



Marta Stojanova

Director, Leveraged Finance, S&P Global

12:20 / **Networking lunch**

OVERVIEW

- / Effects of ESG regulations on leveraged finance markets
- / Greenwashing
- / Disclosure and due diligence
- / Pricing, transparency and monitoring of ESG ratchets

MODERATOR



Ben Bierwirth

Senior Associate, Baker McKenzie

SPEAKERS



Daniel Bressler

Vice President, Climate and ESG Capital Markets, Corporates, NatWest Markets NV

Richard Jefferies

Senior Director, Sustainable Fitch

Carlo Oly

Head of Relationship Management, Luxembourg Stock Exchange



Anna-Marie Slot

Global Sustainability, ESG Partner, Ashurst



Sachin Shah

Director, Sustainable Markets, ING

14:05 / [Panel discussion](#)
Heads of High Yield

OVERVIEW

- / Recap of the European high yield market issuance and performance in 2022
- / COVID-19, Brexit, Sanctions and ESG impact
- / What key factors do you expect to influence the market in 2023 and beyond?

MODERATOR

Kevin Muzilla

Partner, Allen & Overy

SPEAKERS



Dominic Ashcroft

Co-Head EMEA Credit Capital Markets, Goldman Sachs



Mathias Blumschein

Managing Director, Head of High Yield Debt Capital Markets, ING

Martin Luehrs

Head of Global Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley



Benjamin Thompson

Head of EMEA Leveraged Finance Capital Markets, J.P. Morgan

14:45 / **Networking break**

15:15 / Breakout session
Is Sustainable Finance under Threat?

OVERVIEW

- / Effects of Ukraine War and other geopolitical events
- / Geographical and Economic impediments/differences
- / Increasing and overlapping requirements: Too much too soon?
- / Other Regulatory and Policy Concerns
- / Predictions for the future

MODERATOR

Jill Concannon

Partner, White and Case

SPEAKERS



Tonia Plakhotniuk

Vice President, Climate & ESG Capital Markets, NatWest Markets

Brad Weyland

Partner, Allen & Overy

16:00 / **Breakout session**
Alternative forms of financing – growing competition?

OVERVIEW

- / Update on High Yield bonds and market performance
- / Alternatives: leveraged loans, direct lending, private credit
- / Use and impact of ESG Ratings

MODERATOR



Murad Khaled

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

SPEAKERS

Nicholas Kinnersley

Partner, Clifford Chance

Roxana Mirica

Partner, Apax

Martin Reeves

Head of Global High Yield, Legal & General

16:45 / **Keynote Session**

Supervising leveraged lending

SPEAKER



Elizabeth McCaul

Member of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

17:15 / **Closing Remarks**

17:30 / **Networking drinks reception**