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# *Frankfurt Seminar: High Yield and Leveraged Finance in Europe*

25 April 2024 / Freshfields

09:00 - 09:30

Registration and refreshments

09:30 - 09:45

Welcome remarks

## *Speaker*



Gary Simmons
Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

09:45 - 10:30

**Panel discussion 1: Leveraged Finance and High Yield Bond Market Update**

OVERVIEW

- FY 2023 and Q1’2024 market performance.
- Opportunities, challenges and alternatives for European leveraged finance markets.
- German economy 2023 and Q1'2024 - implications for the local debt market.
- Predictions for the year ahead – sponsor, buyside, private credit and bank perspectives.

## *Moderator*



**Simone Bono**
Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

## *Speakers*



**Jonas Jepp**
Managing Director, Deutsche Bank



**Julia Frank**
Managing Director, Loans & Leveraged Finance , Citi



**Patrick Janssen**
Director, European Leveraged Finance, S&P Global Ratings



**Philipp Eglseer**
Private Credit Group, GIC

10:30 - 11:15

**Panel discussion 2: Trends and Outlook for Restructuring in 2024**

OVERVIEW

- Discussion of restructuring landscape and trends from 2023 and Q1’2024.
- Restructuring toolbox - StaRUG and comparative regimes across Europe, the UK and the US.
- What's next? Potential drivers of restructuring activity in Germany and Europe, views from creditors, sponsors, financial advisors, and counsel.

## *Moderator*



**Dr Marvin Knapp**
Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

## *Speakers*



**Henning Block**
Partner, Rothschild & Co



**Joachim Lubsczyk**
Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal



**Lindsay Hingston**
Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



**Tobias Hoffmann-Becking**
Managing Partner, Birkenstein Capital

11:15 - 11:45

**Refreshment Break**

11:45 - 12:30

**Panel discussion 3: Spotlight on M&A and Acquisition Finance**

OVERVIEW

- M&A and acquisition finance market update for Q1'2024.
- M&A pipeline and predictions and for the year ahead.
- Interplay between syndicated markets and private credit for acquisition finance.
- Regulatory considerations.
- Trends in the German M&A market.

## *Moderator*



**Haden Henderson**
Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

## *Speakers*



**Aileen Haller**
Managing Director, Ares Management



**Ekaterina Ksoll**
Managing Director, European Co-Head Leveraged Finance, Co-Head of Debt Advisory DACH, Rothschild & Co



**Michael Josenhans**
Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



**Thomas Vaske**
Head of Capital Markets, Bregal Unternehmerkapital

12:30 - 12:35

**Closing Remarks**

## *Speaker*



**Gary Simmons**
Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

12:35 - 13:35

**Networking Lunch**