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Frankfurt Seminar: High Yield and Leveraged Finance in Europe

25 April 2024 / Freshfields

09:00 / Registration and refreshments

09:30 / Welcome remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

09:45 / 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

SPEAKER



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 / 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

SPEAKER



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 / Refreshment Break

11:45 / 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

SPEAKER



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 / Closing Remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

12:35 / Networking Lunch