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

25 April 2024 / Freshfields

09:00 / Registration and refreshments

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09:30 / Welcome remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

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## 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

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**Philipp Eglseer**

Private Credit Group, GIC



**Julia Frank**

Managing Director, Loans & Leveraged Finance , Citi



**Jonas Jepp**

Managing Director, Deutsche Bank



**Patrick Janssen**

Director, European Leveraged Finance, S&P Global Ratings

## 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

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**Henning Block**

Partner, Rothschild & Co



**Lindsay Hingston**

Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



**Tobias Hoffmann-Becking**

Managing Partner, Birkenstein Capital



**Joachim Lubsczyk**

Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal

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## 11:15 / Refreshment Break

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## 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

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**Aileen Haller**

Managing Director, Ares Management



**Michael Josenhans**

Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



**Ekaterina Ksoll**

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



**Thomas Vaske**

Head of Capital Markets, Bregal Unternehmerkapital

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## 12:30 / Closing Remarks

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## 12:35 / Networking Lunch