

AFME's High Yield and Private Debt Forum

18 June 2024

08:00 / Welcome registration

08:30 / [Breakfast briefing](#)
Covenants: Back in the Spotlight

OVERVIEW

- / How covenants have evolved over the years, flexibilities that borrowers might seek to leverage in the current climate, and what investors should look out for?
- / Whether new issue deals are seeing any additional changes, and the implications of these

MODERATOR



Sabrina Fox
CEO, ELFA

SPEAKER



Craig Abouchar
Managing Director, European High Yield, Barings



Rebecca Clements
Senior Credit Analyst, Fixed Income, Fidelity International



Simon Duff
Senior Credit Analyst, M&G

09:05 / Welcome registration continued

09:15 / Opening remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons

Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME



Rob Mathews

Partner, Baker McKenzie

09:20 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Klaus Baader

Global Chief Economist, Société Générale

09:45 / [Panel discussion](#)
High Yield Bonds

OVERVIEW

- / Recap of the European high yield market issuance and performance in 2024
- / Evaluating high yield bond funding vs CLO and PC Alternatives
- / Predictions for the rest of 2024

MODERATOR



James Greene

Partner, White & Case

SPEAKER



Benjamin Thompson

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



Luca Laino

Managing Director, Deutsche Bank



Luke Gillam

10:30 / [Panel discussion](#)
European Private Debt & CLO Markets

OVERVIEW

- / What is “Private Debt”
- / Motivations for Corporate Investor and Arrangers European comparisons to US private debt markets
- / Integrations with the CLO markets

MODERATOR



Anthony Kay

Partner, Baker & McKenzie

SPEAKER



Gianluca Consoli

Portfolio Manager, PGIM



Henrik Ljungstrom

Director, Danske Bank



Marta Stojanova

Director, Leveraged Finance and Private Markets, Corporate Ratings, S&P Global



Michal Parkitny

Managing Director - Head of Debt Capital Markets CEEMEA, BancTrust & Co.



Reza Zargham

Head of Strategic Capital, Managing Director, Barclays

11:10 / Networking break

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11:40 / [Panel discussion](#)
Designing the right structures for High Yield Bonds & Leveraged Loans

OVERVIEW

- / Commercial differences and considerations for HY bonds, leveraged loans and private debt
- / Investor concerns and considerations
- / Covenants and other flexibility across financing structures
- / Assessing liquidity; role of secondary market / potential investor pool

MODERATOR



Ben Bierwirth
Partner, Baker & McKenzie

SPEAKER



Clark Nicholls
CIO, Aucit Investment Management



Eden Riche
Managing Director and Head of High Yield and Emerging Market Syndicate, ING



Martin Reeves
Head of High Yield, LGIM

12:20 / Closing remarks

SPEAKER



Gary Simmons
Managing Director, High Yield and ECM, AFME

12:30 / Networking lunch