

CONFERENCE

OPTIC 2025

07 October 2025 / Leonardo Royal Hotel Amsterdam

Day 1 - Tuesday, 7 October 2025

08:00 / Welcome registration and refreshments

08:45 / Opening remarks

SPEAKER



James Kemp

Managing Director, Global FX, Technology and Operations and Policy Divisions, GFMA and AFME

09:00 / Opening keynote

SPEAKER



Steven Maijor

Executive Board Member and Chair of Supervision, De Nederlandsche Bank

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09:30 / Panel discussion

Delivering Europe's Competitiveness Agenda: the Role of Technology and Innovation

OVERVIEW

- / Improving the competitiveness of Europe's capital markets is a key political priority. How can the public and private sector work together innovatively to achieve this goal?
- / What role can new technology play in promoting greater integration, scalability and efficiency?

MODERATOR



James Kemp

Managing Director, Global FX, Technology and Operations and Policy Divisions, GFMA and AFME

SPEAKERS



Niki Beattie

Chair, Cleartoken



Philippe Benoit

Head of Strategic Business Development & Transformation Securities Services, BNP Paribas



Karel Lannoo

Chief Executive Officer, Centre for European Policy Studies



Pablo Portugal

Senior Public Affairs Director, Euroclear

10:20 / Networking break

11:00 / Panel discussion

Clearing the Path: The Future of Cash Equity Clearing in Europe

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / How has regulation shaped the current clearing landscape, and what further regulatory changes are needed?
- / What are the key trends in cash equity clearing in Europe, and how do they compare to other regions?
- / What innovations or market developments could drive greater clearing adoption in Europe?

MODERATOR



Joshua Hurley

Director, Davies Consulting

SPEAKERS



Laura Bayley

Head of Clearing Services, SIX



Tim Beckwith

Head of Commercial & Business Development, Cboe Clear



Adam Cross

Global Head of Network Management, Bank of America



María José Gómez Yubero

Head of Resolution, Benchmarks and Financial Stability, Spanish National Securities Market Commission

11:00 / **Panel discussion**
Harnessing AI for Capital Markets: Enhancing Post-Trade, Risk, Operations & Infrastructure

Stream B

OVERVIEW

- / EU AI Act: regulatory framework and impact on capital markets
- / Third-Party AI Risk Management: challenges and best practices
- / GenAI-Related Cyber Risks: threats and mitigation strategies
- / AI Governance in Financial Institutions: balancing innovation with compliance

MODERATOR



Fiona Ghosh

Partner, Digital Economy Transactions, Ashurst

SPEAKERS



Miguel Alvarez

Manager Public Policy, Santander



Jyoti Campbell

Head of EMEA Technology Advisory Legal, Morgan Stanley



Henrike Mueller

Manager, Financial Conduct Authority

11:45 / **Panel discussion**
Modernising Asset Servicing: Challenges and Opportunities

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / How can we future-proof standards and processes to be adaptable for shorter settlement cycles?
- / Where are new technologies being used to improve corporate action processes?
- / Is a lack of harmonisation holding back cross-border issuance and investment?

MODERATOR

 **Michael Collier**
Executive Director, Global Head of Asset Services, Product Management, Securities Services, JP Morgan Chase

SPEAKERS

 **Richard van Etten**
Head of Corporate Broking & Issuer Services, ABN Amro

 **Mariangela Fumagalli**
Head of Asset Servicing Product and Custody Regulatory Solutions, BNP Paribas

 **Ben van der Velpen**
Managing Director, Dutch Advisory Committee Securities Industry

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11:45 / **Panel discussion**
Operational Resilience: How is Third Party Risk Management evolving?

Stream B

OVERVIEW

- / Discuss how TPRM frameworks in Europe are synchronising.
- / Understand the implications of your provider/vendor being designated a CTPs
- / Explore the risks to non-EU market choice

MODERATOR



Philip Saunders

Managing Director, Executive Office, Goldman Sachs

SPEAKERS



Arnav Gupta

Associate, Ashurst



Emmanuel Le Marois

Vice President, Northern Trust



Andreas Papaetis

Senior Policy Expert, European Banking Authority

12:30 / **Lunch & Learn**
SynergyIQ-data, AI, and transforming operations

SPEAKERS



Pardeep Cassells

Chief Client Officer, AccessFintech



Steve Fazio

Co-founder and Head of Corporate Innovation Strategy, AccessFintech

12:30 / **Networking lunch**

Panel discussion

13:30 / **T+1: Where are we now, and what's next?**

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / How are T+1 implementation projects progressing in the EU, UK and Switzerland?
- / What should firms be prioritising in 2026?

MODERATOR



Gareth Jones

Director - Product Management, Market Liquidity, Euroclear

SPEAKERS



Andrew Douglas

Chair, UK Accelerated Settlement Taskforce



Giovanni Sabatini

Independent Chair, EUT+1 Industry Committee

Panel discussion

13:30 / **US Regulatory and Political Landscape**

Stream B

OVERVIEW

- / What are the emerging capital markets policy priorities of the new administration?
- / What has been the impact of a more market-friendly approach to digital assets?
- / What does the rise of 24-hour trading mean for post-trade?
- / US Treasury Clearing – how is the market preparing for this step change?

SPEAKER



Charles DeSimone

Managing Director and Deputy Head of the Technology, Operations, and BCP group, SIFMA

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13:30 / Invitation only roundtables
Future Leaders Roundtable

MODERATORS



Joanna Conlon

Executive Coach, Executive Coach Finance



Peter Tomlinson

Director, Head of Equities Trading and Post Trade, AFME

14:00 / Panel discussion
The Future of Settlement in Europe: CSDR, T+1, and the Power of Data

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / How has CSDR influenced settlement efficiency in Europe so far, and what are the remaining pain points for market participants?
- / What is the role played by data in regard to enhancing settlement efficiency?
- / CSDs and other infrastructure providers play a critical role in settlement efficiency. How are they preparing for T+1, and what changes will they need to implement?

MODERATOR



Sachin Mohindra

Executive Director, Client & Market Solutions, Goldman Sachs

SPEAKERS



Helen Adair

Chief Product Officer, Taskize



Daniel Carpenter

CEO, Meritsoft a Cognizant company



Mack Gill

Head of Securities Processing, FIS Capital Markets



Britta Woernle

Director, Head of Market Advocacy Europe, Trust and Securities Services, Deutsche Bank

14:00 / **Panel discussion**
Crypto - Institutional Adoption

Stream B

OVERVIEW

- / Given that MiCA will have been live for 10 months, and growing institutional interest and participation, how is the European landscape for institutional crypto asset adoption shaping up?
- / What are outstanding operational, legal, and policy challenges to providing crypto asset services and building liquidity?
- / Are we heading towards a convergence of TradFi and DeFi?

MODERATOR



Adriana Ennab

Executive, Global Digital Finance

SPEAKERS



Veronique Breidert

Managing Director , Bitpanda Asset Management



Yurry Hendriks

Head of Digital Assets at Group Innovation, ABN AMRO



Jérôme Reboul

Director General of Regulatory Policy and International Affairs, Autorité des Marchés Financiers

14:45 / **Networking coffee break**

15:20 / **Keynote Address**

SPEAKER



Alexandra Jour-Schröder

Deputy Director General, European Commission

15:50 / Presentation: Data in Practice

SPEAKER



Pierre Brun

Chief Innovation Officer, BNP Paribas Securities Services

16:10 / **Panel discussion**
How Can Banks Succeed in an Evolving Capital Markets Landscape?

OVERVIEW

- / What are key dynamics in capital-market landscape (changing client demands, regulatory changes and (mis)alignments and new entrants) and what action does this require from banks, policymakers, etc.?
- / How can banks enhance their operational efficiency and reduce operating costs? What organisational (horizontal/cross-asset class operations) changes may be required? To what extent will outsourcing or mutualisation of particular functions offer a solution/become a necessity?
- / To what extent do new technologies like (agentic) AI or DLT exacerbate the question of technology debt, or do they offer banks a way of leapfrogging legacy systems (e.g. DLT)?
- / Should banks focus their (technology) investment on enhanced execution or more on post-trade services? What organisational or cultural measures can help align front and back-office workflows and incentives?

MODERATOR



Laura Moore

Managing Director, Risk and Compliance, Protiviti

SPEAKERS



Stephen Bell

Global head of FIC and securities services operations, Deutsche Bank



Victor O'Laughlen

Managing Director, Executive Platform Owner – Global Clearing, BNY



José Muñoz Pérez

Global Markets COO, Santander

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16:55 / Closing remarks

SPEAKERS



Martyn Nott

Managing Director, Global Head of Network Management, Bank of America

Philip Saunders

Managing Director, Executive Office, Goldman Sachs

17:00 / Drinks reception

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Pre-registration required
08:00 / In Conversation with the Women of OPTIC

New Approaches to Diversity and Inclusion: A Collective Breakfast Brainstorming Session

OVERVIEW

- / What cultural changes have you observed throughout your career that have improved diversity & inclusion?
- / Are there any examples you can provide where an initiative has had a surprising outcome that has benefited diversity and inclusion?
- / What are areas still requiring (most) improvement for boosting equity?

MODERATOR



Laura Moore

Managing Director, Risk and Compliance, Protiviti

SPEAKERS

Anna Matson

Senior Vice President, Digital Assets and Financial Markets, Northern Trust



Rhianne Williams

Associate Director, Financial Services, Protiviti

09:00 / Opening remarks

09:10 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Sasha Mills

Executive Director of Financial Market Infrastructure, Bank of England

Panel discussion

09:40 / **The Future of Financial Market Infrastructure: Creating Competition and Innovation across the Post Trade Lifecycle**

OVERVIEW

- / The fragmentation of Europe's FMI landscape is in the spotlight – what are the benefits and challenges of the current model?
- / How can we create a more cost-efficient environment to boost growth of European markets?
- / How are FMIs and their users experimenting with new technologies?

MODERATOR



Michael Hughes

Head of Capital Markets Business Consulting, Capgemini

SPEAKERS



Jerome Blais

Head of European Expansion, Euronext Securities



Alex Dockx

Executive Director, JP Morgan



Sebastijan Hrovatin

Deputy Head of Unit, DG FISMA, European Commission



Samuel Riley

Chief Executive Officer, Clearstream Securities Services

10:25 / Networking coffee break

11:00 / **Panel discussion**
Pre-trade Efficiency: Streamlining Data Collection Processes

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / Regulatory and cost pressures have highlighted the importance of robust, timely and accurate exchange of core client/counterparty data
- / Where can market utilities play a role in facilitating this process and centrally collecting SSI and KYC information?
- / What could a potential decentralised solution look like?

MODERATOR



Emma Johnson

Industry Expert

SPEAKERS



Nicole Sandler

Head of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, CFIT



Marcello Topa

Director, Global Market Advocacy, Policy and Strategy, Citi



Mimi Yan

Senior Technical Specialist, Financial Markets Standards Board

Panel discussion

11:00 / **Tokenisation 2.0 – Are we finally advancing towards widespread adoption?**

Stream B

OVERVIEW

- / What is the market readiness of different assets for tokenisation? This session will evaluate and assess the value of different practical use cases , e.g. fixed income, commodities, equities, asset backed securities, and repos
- / What is the ideal infrastructure set-up to create integration and pool liquidity towards achieving a token economy?

MODERATOR



Coco Chen

Associate Director, Technology and Operations, AFME

SPEAKERS



James Cunningham

Senior Director, Public Policy & Government Affairs, BNY



Sarah Liebing

Head of Market Infrastructure and Innovation, De Nederlandsche Bank



Juan Jiménez Zaballos

Global Head of Retail & Digital Public Policy, Santander

11:45 / **Panel discussion**
Cloud in the era of Digital Sovereignty

Stream A

OVERVIEW

- / Explore how to develop a mature European cloud market which can operate at scale
- / Discuss the role of cross border data portability as a tool for sector resilience
- / Hear how the EU cybersecurity certification schemes, especially the EUCS, can bolster the European offering.

MODERATOR



Marcus Corry

Director, Technology & Operations, AFME

SPEAKERS



Amit Dhawan

Chief Information Officer, Financial Markets IT, ING



Matthew Field

Executive Director, Head of Tech and Cyber Policy, EMEA, JP Morgan Chase



Alexandre Ferreira Gomes

Research Fellow, Instituut Clingendael



Ray Pinto

Senior Director Vertical Strategy, Digital Europe

11:45 / **Panel discussion**
Digital Assets Custody: The Keys to Growth

OVERVIEW

- / With growing demand for custody services for digital assets, how is the landscape evolving?
- / How do operating models compare to traditional custody?
- / What are the legal and regulatory issues to address?

MODERATOR



Anna Matson

Senior Vice President, Digital Assets and Financial Markets, Northern Trust

SPEAKERS



Marina Baudéan

Director, Business Development, Fidelity Digital Assets



Etay Katz

Head of Digital Assets and Financial Innovation, Ashurst



Roberto Petrarulo

Vice President, Digital Security Services, Clearstream

Lunch & Learn

12:30 / U.S. Treasury Central Clearing Mandate: What It Means for Global Market Participants

Join BNY for an expert roundtable on the U.S. Treasury central clearing mandate. Explore how the rule is set to reshape treasury market structure, liquidity, and post-trade operations with a focus on non-US market participants.

OVERVIEW

- / What is the Central Clearing Mandate and what is the latest status of the rule regarding scope and timeline for implementation?
- / Learn about key impacts of the central clearing rule on the Treasury market, including implications for balance sheet efficiency, margin management, and transaction costs.
- / What are the key pieces of the rule that market participants in Europe and other markets outside of the US should be considering?
- / What are the current access models available for central clearing?
- / What is "Done-Away" Clearing and why is it important?

SPEAKERS



Ingrid Garin

Managing Director, Head of Markets, BNY
European Bank, BNY



Victor O'Laughlen

Managing Director, Executive Platform Owner
– Global Clearing, BNY

12:30 / Networking lunch

13:30 / Keynote Address

SPEAKER



Emmanuelle Assouan

14:00 / Panel discussion
AI in Finance

OVERVIEW

- / AI in Post-Trade Efficiency – How can AI improve reconciliation, settlement, and trade matching?
- / AI-Driven Risk & Compliance – How can AI improve detection and mitigation of existing risks, what new risks stem from AI?
- / Operational AI & Market Intelligence – How can AI improve operational efficiency across financial services, including optimising execution, liquidity sourcing, and analytics?
- / Infrastructure & AI Scalability – Where can AI add value to capital markets infrastructure and what are the best practices / challenges of integrating AI into workflows

MODERATOR



Aman Luther
Industry Expert

SPEAKERS



Laura Brosig
Director, Data Science Chapter Lead, Commerzbank



Andrea Consentini
Senior Director, Data Science & Responsible AI, Intesa Sanpaolo



Sandip Wadje
Managing Director, Global Head of Emerging Technology Operational Risks & Intelligence, BNP Paribas

14:45 / Closing remarks

SPEAKERS



Peter Tomlinson
Director, Head of Equities Trading and Post Trade, AFME



Coen ter Wal
Director, Technology and Operations, AFME

15:00 / Conference ends & farewell drinks