

CONFERENCE

# OPTIC 2026

19 October 2026 / Hilton London Bankside

## *Day 1 - Monday, 19 October 2026*

08:30 / Welcome registration and refreshments

09:30 / Opening remarks

09:45 / Opening keynote

10:15 / [Panel discussion](#)  
The View from the Top: Perspectives from industry leaders

Main stage

### OVERVIEW

- / How can capital markets help address Europe's financing gap? What changes are needed to boost growth and competitiveness?
- / Are geopolitical trends changing European firms' approach from "global" to "local"?
- / How are new technologies being deployed to deliver transformation?

11:00 / Networking break

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11:30 / **Panel discussion**  
**Everything you need to know about the EU Market Integrations Package**

Main stage

## OVERVIEW

- / What are the key objectives and proposals in the MIP and where are we in the legislative process?
- / Do the proposals go far enough to deliver the Commission's SIU strategy?
- / How does the MIP fit in with broader EU objectives to facilitate the use of DLT-based assets and systems?

12:15 / **Panel discussion**  
**Modernising Asset Servicing:  
Challenges and Opportunities**

## OVERVIEW

- / What initiatives are out there to drive further harmonisation and standardisation?
- / How are new technologies being deployed to remove inefficiencies and increase automation?
- / What changes are needed to the Shareholders Rights Directive to improve its effectiveness?

12:15 / **Panel discussion**  
**DLT Adoption - Are we Approaching  
Institutional Mainstreaming?**

Main stage

## OVERVIEW

- / DLT adoption is moving beyond a handful of use cases. Is DLT becoming a driver for institutional banking strategy going forward?
- / Which asset classes / markets are most impacted by the move on-chain?
- / What are the key barriers (market, legal/policy, technological) to moving to DLT-based capital markets?

13:00 / **Networking lunch**

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14:00 / Navigating geopolitical risk

Panel discussion

## SPEAKER



Neil Shearing

Group Chief Economist, Capital Economics

14:00 / Future Leaders Roundtable

Invitation only

14:45 / Panel discussion  
SRD in focus

Focus stage

15:30 / Networking coffee break

16:00 / Keynote address

16:30 / Panel discussion  
The Future of Operations

## OVERVIEW

- / Whether geopolitical tensions are impacting how multi-national firms structure themselves
- / How AI deployment is breaking into the front office, but creating serious pressures on data management
- / The role of regulation in driving operational strategies, for example T+1

17:15 / Closing remarks

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17:30 / Drinks Reception at the Distillery

08:00 / Welcome registration

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09:00 / Opening remarks

09:45 / Panel discussion  
**12 Months to T+1 – will we be ready?**

Main stage

## OVERVIEW

- / How are firms preparations for T+1 going? Are there any major implementation challenges foreseen?
- / What is the role of regulators in supporting the transition, and what do they expect from the industry?
- / Is there enough awareness? Which parts of the market might be lagging behind?

10:30 / Networking Break

11:00 / Panel discussion  
**CCPs in Focus**

Main stage

## OVERVIEW

- / How are CCPs and their users managing regulatory change? What are upcoming priorities?
- / Will proposed changes to open access provisions unlock further competition and efficiency, or is more ambition needed?
- / Is there scope to expand central clearing into new transaction flows and asset types?

# Day 2 - Tuesday, 20 October 2026

11:00 / **Panel discussion**  
**Stablecoins & New Money**

Focus stage

## OVERVIEW

- / What will be the leading DLT-based money solution for wholesale markets?

11:45 / **Panel discussion**  
**CSDs in Focus: Competition, collaboration and connectivity**

Main stage

## OVERVIEW

- / With major CSD groups pursuing different strategic approaches, what does the ideal future model look like for Europe?
- / Will the suite of proposals in the MIP improve competition and reduce fragmentation in the CSD landscape?
- / Do CSDs see new technologies as an opportunity or a threat to their existing business?

11:45 / **Panel discussion**  
**Using AI to Transform Post Trade**

Focus stage

## OVERVIEW

- / Reimagining post-trade processes
- / Deploying & managing AI agents
- / Evaluating ROI
- / Impact on skills and the talent pipeline

12:30 / **Networking lunch**

13:30 / **Ask Me Anything**

Main stage

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**13:50 / Ask Me Anything**

Main stage

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**14:10 / Ask Me Anything**

Main stage

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**14:30 / Closing fireside**

Main stage

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**15:15 / Closing remarks**

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**15:30 / Networking drinks**