CONFERENCE

OPTIC 2027

21 April 2027 / L'Hôtel du Collectionneur

08:30 / Welcome registration and refreshments

09:30 - 09:50

Opening remarks

Speaker

April Day
Managing Director, Head of Capital Markets
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09:50 / Opening keynote

10:20 - 11:20

Panel discussion: The View from the Top: Perspectives from industry leaders

OVERVIEW

- What would a genuinely successful European capital market look like by 2030, and what is the single biggest obstacle to getting there?
- What are the key structural changes that we need to address?
- Where should industry and policymakers prioritise scarce resources?

11:20 / Networking Break

TRACK A

11:50 - 12:30

Panel discussion: MISP: a critical building block for the single market?

OVERVIEW

- Which elements of the MISP will deliver the greatest measurable improvement in cross-border investment, liquidity and post-trade efficiency?
- Can the package resolve Europe's fragmented market infrastructure, or does deeper integration require more fundamental reform?
- How should policymakers balance conflicting priorities: move fast and break things, or maintain regulatory stability?

TRACK B

11:50 - 12:30

Panel discussion: All you need to know about DLT & Digital Asset regulation - MiCA & DLT

OVERVIEW

- What have been the lessons of the first years of MiCA? What requires change and how?
- Should rules for stablecoins be changed (multi-issuance, remuneration, backing assets)?
- How should DLT securities be regulated, in both EU regulation (MiFID, MiCA) and securities law (28th regime)?

TRACK A

12:30 - 13:00

Mini panel: Empowering European Investors: Data, Dates and Disclosures in Corporate Events

OVERVIEW

- How can standardised, timely and machine-readable corporate-event data reduce operational risk and improve investor participation across European markets?
- What are the biggest remaining gaps in disclosure timelines, event-notification practices and data quality, and who should be responsible for closing them?
- Could better corporate-event data and disclosure standards unlock greater retail and institutional participation in European equity markets?

TRACK B

12:30 - 13:00

Regulatory Briefing

13:00 / Networking Lunch

TRACK A

14:00 - 14:45

Panel discussion: T+1: The Last Lap

OVERVIEW

- With six months to go, what must firms, market infrastructures and regulators still resolve to ensure a safe and orderly transition?
- How can the industry ensure that T+1 delivers net benefits across the full post-trade chain, rather than simply shifting costs and operational pressure from one participant to another?
- How do we measure success?

TRACK B

14:00 - 14:45

Panel discussion: A new DLT ecosystem for Europe – what will it look like?

OVERVIEW

- What should a domestic European DLT ecosystem as proposed by the ECB look like?
- How will cash legs – commercial bank money, central bank money – feature in this new infrastructure?
- How will such a domestic ecosystem link to global markets/ledgers?

TRACK A

14:45 - 15:30

Panel discussion: AI x DLT Operations

OVERVIEW

- How will AI and DLT jointly transform banks' Operations functions and capital markets post trade?
- What impact will these technologies have on shifting key processes to 'at-execution'?
- How will agent-to-agent interaction change key interactions (clients, exception management)

TRACK B

14:45 - 15:30

Panel discussion: Topic TBC

15:30 / Networking Coffee Break

16:00 - 08:00

Panel discussion: Beyond T+1: the next generation of post-trade infrastructure

OVERVIEW

- Once T+1 is achieved, what should be the next priority for European post-trade modernisation?
- How can new technologies improve settlement efficency, collateral mobility and operational resilience without increasing fragmentation?
- What commercial and regulatory incentives are needed to move the market from incremental efficiency gains to a fundamentally more integrated post-trade model?

16:45 - 17:15

Fireside

17:15

Closing remarks

17:30

Drinks reception