



## **Press release** AFME welcomes publication of UK Government White Paper

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Following the publication of the UK Government's White Paper on the future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union, Simon Lewis, Chief Executive of AFME, said:

"We welcome today's publication of the White Paper providing further clarity and detail on the UK government's position. We hope that this will form the basis for negotiations to progress, recognising the importance of minimising fragmentation, maintaining financial stability and close supervisory cooperation.

"It is now crucial that the progress is made as quickly as possible. Businesses require certainty of a transition period and direction on the future trading relationship to minimise disruption to clients."

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