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Sunday 9 March

1800 – 2000 **Registration**
Ballroom Foyer

1800 – 2000 **Welcome reception**
Champagne Bar, The Landmark London

Monday 10 March

**All coffee/tea breaks and lunches will all take place in the Marble Ballroom.
The plenary sessions will take place in the Grand Ballroom**

0830 – 1730 **Registration**
The Ballroom Hall

0830 – 0930 **Welcome coffee/tea**

0955 – 1000 **Opening remarks**
Daniel Del Rio SMPS Legal, Mexico City; Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division

1000 – 1015 **Welcome remarks by the Conference Chair**
Kenneth Rosh Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, New York

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Monday continued

1015 – 1100

PLENARY SESSION ONE

Industry impact of the changing political landscape

This panel will explore how the evolving global political landscape, including the new U.S. administration, and potential regulatory changes are, expected to affect the funds industry in the coming years. The panel will cover the expected new regulatory and enforcement landscape at the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the rise of crypto currencies, the impact of expected interest rate fluctuations, the expected impact of global tariffs and potential increased mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and real estate investment activity.

Moderator

Marc Elovitz *Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, New York*

Speakers

Susanne Clark *Centerbridge Partners, New York*

Katrina Paglia *Pantera Capital, New York*

Jack Pitts *Blackstone, New York*

Luke Varley *Park Square Capital, London*

1100 – 1115

Coffee/tea break

1115 – 1200

PLENARY SESSION TWO

Key developments in retail products

The panellists will discuss the growing number of retail related products being offered by alternative asset managers and related trends. The discussion will address product designs and regulatory developments related to the development of alternative investment products for retail investors, both in the US and globally.

Moderator

Lior Joseph Ohayon *Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, New York*

Speakers

Nathan Briggs *Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Washington, District of Columbia*

Christopher Christian *Dechert, Boston, Massachusetts*

Gregory Davis *Ropes & Gray, San Francisco, California*

Yves Elvinger *Elvinger Hoss Prussen société anonyme, Luxembourg City; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee*

1200 – 1215

Break to transfer to workshops

1215 – 1300

FIRST WORKSHOP SESSIONS

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WORKSHOP ONE *Empire Room*

Global regulatory trends and developments

This workshop will address the likely changes in regulation and regulatory priorities resulting from the U.S. election, and as well as regulatory developments in other jurisdictions.

Moderator

Alex Last Mourant, *Grand Cayman*

Speakers

Anne-Gaelle Delabye Ogier, *Luxembourg City*

Mariska Enzerink *De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam*

Manuel Lorenzo *Neuberger Berman, New York*

Kerill O'Shaughnessy *A&L Goodbody, Dublin; Website Officer, IBA Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee*

Patricia Volhard *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Frankfurt*

WORKSHOP TWO *Grand Ballroom*

Key trends in credit funds

The growth in credit funds has continued to accelerate, with record amounts being raised by managers. This workshop will consider trends in fundraising and some of the unique issues affecting credit fund managers, including raising capital from insurance companies.

Moderator

James Board *Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, London*

Speakers

Samuel Brooks *Macfarlanes LLP, London*

Daniel Daneshrad *King & Spalding, New York*

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Gabe Pollack *Sixth Street, New York*

Jennifer Shen *Hayfin Capital Management LLP, London*

Sam Wilson *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, London*

WORKSHOP THREE *Drawing Room*

Managing conflicts of interest

This workshop will focus on the impact of regime change at the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the relevance of local law to fund sponsors and whether the SEC will remain the lowest common denominator.

Moderator

Richard Moudiotis *Morgan Stanley, London*

Speakers

Stephen Cho *Canyon Partners, New York*

Laura Ferrell *Latham & Watkins LLP, Chicago, Illinois*

Adam Hahn *Oak Hill Advisors LP, New York*

David A Harris *Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP, Wilmington, Delaware*

Terrienne Patnode *Clayton Dubilier & Rice, New York*

Christopher Scully *Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, Washington, District of Columbia*

1300 – 1430

Lunch

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1430 – 1515

SECOND WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WORKSHOP FOUR *Empire Room*

Key trends - hedge, hybrid and other open-ended funds

This workshop will focus on key trends in open-ended private funds, including hedge and hybrid structures. Participants will examine key terms and evolving strategies.

Moderator

Joseph M Morrissey *Seward & Kissel LLP, New York*

Speakers

Scott Hendler *Viking Global Investors, New York*

Harjit Kaur *Maples Group, London*

Neil Koren *Shartsis Friese LLP, San Francisco, California*

Michael F Mavrides *Dechert, New York*

Peter Gregory Naismith *Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, New York*

WORKSHOP FIVE *Drawing Room*

Key developments in GenAI and tech transformation

This workshop will look at how technology continues to transform private funds as well as legal services generally. Participants will discuss how General Partners (GPs), Limited Partners (LPs) and law firms are currently leveraging technology; plans and predictions regarding the future use of newer technologies such as generative artificial intelligence (GenAI); as well as current thoughts on, and potential approaches to addressing, the security, ethical and regulatory concerns raised by GenAI.

Moderator

Daniel Spies *Sidley Austin, New York*

Speakers

Christy Brook *Emerson Collective, Palo Alto, California*

Michaël Hassan *Sagard Holdings ULC, Montréal, Québec*

Ed Pearson *Walkers Global, George Town*

Shawn Pelsinger *Palantir, New York*

Emma Vertigen *Ontra, London*

WORKSHOP SIX *Grand Ballroom*

Insurance solutions

This workshop will focus on insurance companies as investors in private equity funds and the structures that General Partners (GPs) have been establishing to attract this capital in light of applicable insurance regulatory considerations. Panellists will also discuss increased acquisition of insurance companies by private equity managers and their involvement in sidecar structures.

Moderator

Anna Rips *Paul Hastings LLP, New York*

Speakers

John Caccia *Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, New York*

Chi Chang *SALI Fund Management LLC, Austin, Texas*

Kira Idoko *Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, New York*

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Jan Stewart *Mayer Brown, Chicago, Illinois*

1515 – 1545

Coffee/tea break

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1545 – 1630

THIRD WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WORKSHOP SEVEN *Empire Room*

Regional funds, with an emphasis on Asia-focused funds

This workshop will highlight key fundraising trends around the globe, including Asia and the Middle East. In particular, this panel will focus on regional developments in funds, fundraising and investments, as well as investment considerations related to the geopolitical environment.

Moderator

Chris Lee *Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Hong Kong*

Speakers

Morgan Dunne *McCann FitzGerald LLP, Dublin*

Hugh Griffin *Hazelbrook Legal, Sydney, New South Wales*

Lindsay Pierce *Bain Capital, Boston, Massachusetts*

Ganesh Rao *Trilegal, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Membership Officer, IBA Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee*

Tong Zhao *Chorus Capital, London*

WORKSHOP EIGHT *Grand Ballroom*

Trends in platform arrangements and capital aggregation

This workshop will focus on the flavours of platform arrangements that sponsors are using to attract capital in a challenged environment.

Moderator

Jeremy Leggate *Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, London*

Speakers

Peter Boule *Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, London*

Andrew Bratt *Stepstone Group, San Diego, California*

Michael Hong *Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York*

MaameYaa Kwafo-Akoto *A&O Shearman, London*

Richard Strohmenger *Varde Partners, New York*

Melissa Stubenberg *Richards Layton & Finger, Wilmington, Delaware*

WORKSHOP NINE *Drawing Room*

Developments in fund finance

In this workshop, we will discuss trends and highlight practical issues and considerations in the area of fund finance, including subscription based, net asset value (NAV) facilities and other forms of leverage.

Moderator

Meyer Dworkin *Davis Polk & Wardell LLP, New York*

Speakers

Lynn Alzin *Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg City*

Rajan Chandolia *Pemberton, London*

Holly Loftis *Haynes Boone, Charlotte, North Carolina*

Cameron Roper *Proskauer Rose LLP, London*

Mustufa Salehbhai *Morgan Stanley Investment Management, Atlanta, Georgia*

1630 – 1645

Break to move back to the Grand Ballroom

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Monday continued

1645 – 1730

PLENARY SESSION THREE

Key developments in private funds, with an emphasis on buyout funds

This panel will be a deep dive into the latest trends in private equity buyout funds. Panellists will discuss current hot-button negotiation points for General Partners (GPs) and Limited Partners (LPs) and where the market is moving on economic, governance and other fund terms.

Moderator

Kedar Mehta *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, New York*

Speakers

Sam Cooper Rivera *TPG Inc, New York*

Victoria Forrester *Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York*

Tom Hodge *CVC, London*

Anat Holtzman *Carlyle, Washington, District of Columbia*

Arina Popova *New Mountain Capital, New York*

Rosanna Shapland *Intermediate Capital Group, London*

1730 – 1930

Conference reception

Marble Ballroom, The Landmark Hotel London

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0800 – 1400

Registration

The Ballroom Hall

0800 – 0855

Welcome coffee/tea

0855 – 0900

Remarks by the IBA Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee

Lora Froud *Macfarlanes LLP, London; Co-Chair, Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee*

0900 – 0945

PLENARY SESSION FOUR

Interactive industry round-up

Please join us for an 'interactive' panel including the Conference Organising Committee who will discuss the current state of the private investment funds industry. Based on real time feedback from Conference participants, panellists will share their insights regarding how the private funds market has evolved and how they expect to see it grow in the future.

Moderator

Marco Masotti *Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York*

Speakers

Stephanie R Breslow *Schulte Roth and Zabel LLP, New York*

Barrie Covit *Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York*

Elizabeth Lenas *Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York*

Kenneth Rosh *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, New York*

Rebecca Silberstein *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York*



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0945 – 1030

PLENARY SESSION FIVE

General Counsel fireside chat

This panel will involve an informal discussion on issues that fund managers are facing in the current marketplace. Panellists will discuss their views on the state of the industry, regulatory challenges and evolving strategies and business lines.

Moderator

Kenneth Rosh *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, New York*

Speakers

Frederick H Fogel *The Baupost Group, Boston, Massachusetts*

Jennifer Ishiguro *Stepstone Group, La Jolla, California*

Joshua Peck *Sixth Street, San Francisco, California*

Mark Srulowitz *Brookfield Asset Management, New York*

Brechje van der Velden *CVC, London*

1030 – 1100

Coffee/tea break

Tuesday continued

1100 – 1115

Second day remarks by Conference Chair

Kenneth Rosh *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, New York*

1115 – 1200

PLENARY SESSION SIX

Developments in GP-led and other secondaries solutions

This panel will discuss recent developments in the secondary market with an emphasis on General Partner (GP) led transactions. Topics to include: staying power of GP-led transactions in the face of rebounding mergers and acquisitions (M&A) markets; challenging conflict issues; and traditional buyout managers entering the space.

Moderator

Michael Sabin *Clifford Chance LLP, New York*

Speakers

Chris Bulger *Vitruvian Partners, London*

Michael James Cleary *Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, London*

Megan Leeds *Coller Capital, New York*

Emily Clarice Ho Mathews *Blackstone, New York*

Amrit Sagoo *Kirkland & Ellis LLP, London*

Sumana Setty *Wafra, New York*

1145 – 1230

PLENARY SESSION SEVEN

Sports, media and entertainment strategy funds

This panel will discuss the latest trends and unique issues for fund managers in offering investment funds targeted at sports and other niche strategies. In particular, the discussion will address the unique issues of investing in sports teams and leagues with a focus on the NFL, English Premiership, NBA and MLB.

Moderator

Justin Storms *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York*

Speakers

Matt Carpenter-Dennis *NBA, New York*

Emily Ho *Dynasty Equity, New York*

Simon Thorp *Onside Law, London*

Ryan Toteja *Platinum Equity, Beverly Hills, California*

1230 – 1400

Lunch

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