

MEET OUR SPEAKERS



JEREMY BERCHEM

Appleby

Jeremy Berchem is a group partner and Group Head within the Corporate department in Guernsey. He joined Appleby as counsel in October 2012 having previously worked for another offshore law firm in the Channel Islands since 2006. Prior to this, Jeremy worked in the banking departments of Travers Smith in London and Dickinson Dees in Newcastle. Jeremy has extensive experience of all areas of banking and finance work including advising both lenders and borrowers in relation to all aspects of banking, property finance and asset finance transactions. He also advises on the issuance of bonds and other debt instruments and their listing on the TISE, the sale and purchase of companies, corporate governance matters and the restructuring of corporate and debt structures. In addition, he has a broad corporate and commercial practice and advises on general corporate matters. Chambers UK 2016 recognise Jeremy for being a notable practitioner. Legal 500 UK 2016 praise Jeremy as an "excellent practice head" who leads a team that are "experienced, efficient and sophisticated." IFLR1000 named Jeremy as a 'Leading Lawyer' in the 2016 edition for his Corporate and M&A work.



STEVE BERRY

Macquarie Group Limited

Steve Berry is a Managing Director in the London office of the Fund Finance team, part of the Specialised Investment Solutions division. Steve is responsible for driving the expansion of Macquarie's Fund Finance capabilities in Europe, focusing on opportunities across private equity and private debt funds. Steve has over twenty years of experience in structured finance in origination, structuring and sales capacities across sell-side institutions including Investec, Lloyds and Deutsche Bank. During his time at Investec Steve established the first dealer financing programme for CLO risk retention, financing sponsor and originator-style transactions.



BRANDON BRADKIN

CVC Credit Partners

Prior to joining CVC, Brandon spent six years at Park Square Capital where he was a Partner and member of the Investment Committee. He had also been a Managing Director at Dresdner Anschutz Mezzanine Fund. Previously, Brandon helped lead the restructuring and sale of two distressed portfolio companies. He also had been a Vice President in Investment Banking at Chase in London. Brandon began his career at O'Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles after clerking for Judge John Minor Wisdom. Brandon has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from Harvard College.



PETER BROWN

RBS International

Peter has over 25 years experience in corporate and institutional banking.

He is currently Managing Director of the RBS International Funds Banking business. His team support over 500 Fund Manager and Fund Administrator clients in the UK, Jersey, Guernsey and Luxembourg.

Peter previously led the RBS Financial Institutions Group for 8 years, and prior to this he was one of the founding members of the RBS mid market leveraged finance business, delivering 35 transactions over 6 years.

In his spare time he enjoys cycling.



JAMES BURNS

Crescent Credit Europe LLP

James Burns is a Managing Director of Crescent Credit Europe LLP focusing on European credit. From 2007 to 2013, he was a Senior Director in the Acquisition Finance team at Lloyds Banking Group where he was responsible for managing relationships with private equity sponsors. He previously worked in the Leveraged Finance Groups at ABN AMRO as a Director, WestLB as an Assistant Director and CIBC as an Associate. He has an MA in History from Cambridge University. Crescent Capital Group LP is headquartered in Los Angeles with offices in Boston, London and New York. With over 70 investment professionals and more than 150 employees, the firm invests at all levels of the capital structure, with a significant focus on below investment grade credit through strategies that invest in senior bank loans, high yield debt, mezzanine debt, distressed debt and other private debt securities. As of March 31, 2017, Crescent Capital Group LP managed approximately \$24 billion in assets, with a relatively equal split between marketable securities and privately originated debt investments.



STEVE BURTON

Intermediate Capital Group Plc

Steve joined ICG plc, a FTSE listed specialist asset manager, in November 2015 as Group Treasurer. He is responsible for all aspects of ICG's corporate treasury and latterly assumed responsibility for financing and risk management across the spectrum of ICG funds, which include Mezzanine, Senior debt, and Secondary funds.

Steve is a qualified Accountant and Treasurer who spend the majority of his career in various senior finance roles at British American Tobacco, predominantly in Group Treasury. These roles included Treasurer, Corporate Finance and Global Head of Commercial Treasury and involved stints overseas in exotic locations such as Hong Kong, Vietnam and Russia.



JEN YEE CHAN

Simmons & Simmons LLP

Jen Yee specialises in funds finance for both fund managers and banks. She has led transactions involving fund level/holdco leverage and net asset value/asset backed facilities as well as bridging, portfolio acquisition and capital call facilities. She has also advised on general partner, manager and co-investment facilities and limited partner debt facilities. In the last 12 months, she has advised on transactions with a total value of more than £1bn.

Her experience covers a wide range of funds, including infrastructure, renewable energy, real estate, large buyout and mid-market funds, debt/credit funds, venture funds, fund of funds and emerging market funds.

The work she does is both domestic and international with structures based in jurisdictions like Luxembourg, Ireland, Germany, France, Delaware, the Cayman Islands, Jersey, Guernsey and Mauritius. Her dedicated team works closely with our global offices and overseas counsel with expertise in funds finance to provide seamless advice across these jurisdictions.



GEORGE CHERRY

[Citi Private Bank](#)

George Cherry is a Director and the EMEA Head of the Subscription Credit Facility Finance Programme for Citi Private Bank. His role involves originating, structuring and underwriting credit facilities to European based Private Equity Funds. George has worked at Citi for 13 years in a number of different roles largely focused on the financing of a variety of different assets classes including property, aircraft, art and marketable securities and he also has extensive capital markets experience. His career started with Citi in New York but he is now based in London. He graduated from Manchester University with an Honours degree in Economics.



HAAKON BLAKSTAD

[Validus Risk Management](#)

Haakon has a decade's experience in financial services and capital markets, having previously worked in front office roles at Visa, Hoare Capital, and Société Générale - with a particular focus on structured credit. During his career he has built strong relationships with institutional investors and fund managers globally, both as a trading counterparty and as an advisor. A partner at Validus, Haakon has been instrumental in the design and delivery of risk management solutions to a range of alternative investment managers with several hundred billion dollars in combined AUM.



CHRISTEN COHEN

[Bank of America Merrill Lynch](#)

Christen Cohen is a Vice President in the Subscription Finance Group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Her current responsibilities include origination, structuring and on-going management of subscription line facilities for real estate and private equity funds. Prior to focusing on subscription lines, Christen was actively involved in asset backed securitization for five years. Christen has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Wake Forest University.



JEREMY CROSS

[Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP](#)

Jeremy Cross is a vastly experienced funds finance lawyer and has been active in the U.K. funds finance market (acting for both lenders and funds) for over 14 years.

During that time he has worked with most of the major lenders in the market, including Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group, Barclays Bank, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, National Australia Bank, CACEIS and CBA along with a number of other banks, non-bank financial institutions and funds. In addition to his "UK" experience Jeremy has also worked frequently on "US" funds financing structures and documentation.

Chambers UK lists Jeremy as a leader in the field of Banking & Finance, described as "a highly intelligent and commercial figure." Legal 500 has recommended the "very commercial [Jeremy Cross]." He is also recommended in Bank Lending, noted as "very commercial and has the ability to explain in simple language often difficult concepts." Jeremy was included among the "Hot 100" Lawyers by The Lawyer in 2013.

He was awarded an Exhibition to and received his M.A. in Law from Cambridge University. Jeremy is admitted to practice in England and Wales.

KUNAL DATTA

Standard Chartered Bank

Kunal is the head of structuring for Europe and the Americas across asset classes, and global head of FX structuring at Standard Chartered. He has worked extensively on risk management and investment solutions for clients across a number of sectors and regions. Before SCB, Kunal was head of macro structuring EMEA at Barclays where he was responsible for Rates, FX and Commodities Structuring for institutional and corporate clients. Prior to that, he worked at Deutsche Bank, including in Asia, focusing on FX and commodity structuring.



FI DINH

Barclays Bank PLC

Fi is a Relationship Director within Barclays' European Private Equity Funds team, based in London. The team provides finance, derivatives, trade finance and onshore and offshore banking for funds in the buy-out, real estate, infrastructure, debt and secondaries sectors.

Fi has nearly a decade of banking experience across operational risk, credit analysis, structuring and origination in the UK and Middle East. Fi was the first member of the PE specialist coverage team at Barclays and has supported financial sponsors in structuring facilities in the US, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Prior to joining Barclays in 2011, Fi worked for a number of governments in nation branding projects, particularly around media relations, attracting foreign direct investment and crisis management. Fi holds a BA (Hons) in Public Relations from the London College of Communication, University of the Arts London, a Diploma in Fine Arts and a Professional Diploma in Banking Practice & Management.



ROBIN DOUMAR

Park Square Capital, LLP

Robin Doumar is the Managing Partner and founder of Park Square Capital, LLP. Robin has 29 years of experience in the credit markets, and prior to founding Park Square spent 15 years at Goldman Sachs in New York and London. While at Goldman Sachs, Robin headed the US Workout and Restructuring business, the European Leveraged Finance business, and the European Mezzanine business. Robin received his AB from Brown University, and a JD and MBA from the University of Virginia.

Park Square Capital is one of Europe's leading independent creditor providers, investing in senior debt, subordinated debt and special situations. Park Square focuses on investing in high-quality levered companies backed by leading financial sponsors in Europe and the US. The firm has a selective, long-term and flexible investment approach, aimed at delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns across the market cycle. Park Square Capital currently manages approximately \$9bn of capital on behalf of its investors, which include global public and private pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies and asset managers. The firm was founded in 2004, and has offices in London and New York.



NICOLE DOWNER

MV Credit Partners

Nicole Downer is a Managing Partner responsible for fund leverage and optimisation, investor relations and risk management within the firm. Nicole also has oversight of finance and operations which is headed by Tina Page. In addition, Nicole manages a number of strategic relationships of the firm. She is also a member of the MV Credit Manager Board. Prior to MV Credit, Nicole was a Managing Director at Deutsche Bank where she ran the Structured Securitisation Team.

Nicole holds a Bachelor of Science degree (first class) in Banking & International Finance from City University in London.



KATE DOWNEY

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Kate Downey is a corporate partner in Fried Frank's Asset Management Practice, resident in the London office. Ms. Downey advises fund sponsors and financial institutions across a broad range of asset classes, including private equity, venture and growth, infrastructure, credit, and real estate. She also counsels fund managers on carried interest, co-investment and other incentive arrangements, including leveraged co-investment arrangements and has considerable experience of a broad range of other international private equity transactions including secondary portfolio acquisitions and synthetic secondaries, fund and management company restructurings and other general corporate matters.



LEE DOYLE

Ashurst LLP

Lee has been acting on funds financings for over 20 years and has a unique range of experience acting as internal and external counsel for the major lenders in this sector, including European, US and Asian lenders and across all funds.

Lee is now also Ashurst's Global Head of Bank Industry and prior to joining Ashurst Lee was Head of the UK Corporate and Global Restructuring Legal teams and sat on the UK Board of RBS. His experiences within the Bank leave him well versed in structuring matters to best benefit internal bank metrics with a broad appreciation of capital and credit matters. Lee particularly specialises in umbrella or multi fund deals with an eye to the growing hybrid market.

Chambers highlights that he is "enormously customer focussed and always willing to go the extra mile". He is especially admired for his "ability to think outside the box".



ROBERT DUGGAN

Mourant Ozannes

Robert is the Managing Partner of our London office and specialises in all areas of corporate, banking and finance work. He regularly advises on the establishment and operation of investment funds in the Cayman Islands, and has established corporate finance and financial regulatory practices.

Before joining Mourant Ozannes, Robert worked in the Cayman Islands and London offices of another offshore law firm, where he was a partner. Prior to moving to the Cayman Islands in 2004 Robert worked for Slaughter and May in London.



LAURENT DURDILLY

CACEIS

Laurent Durdilly joined CACEIS in 2001. He has held several management positions in France and Germany within CACEIS Group. In 2010, he was appointed as Group Product & Marketing Director. Then, in 2014, he launched a new business line at CACEIS Group level embracing Private Equity, Real Estate, Infrastructure, Private Debt and Securitisation (PERES Global Services). Laurent has enjoyed a highly diversified career within CACEIS and occupied management positions within IT, Operations and Business Development. Between 1993 and 2001, he worked for Eurogroup Consulting, where he was one of the Partners in charge of the CIB & Asset Management practice.

Laurent Durdilly has a telecoms engineering degree from Institut National des Télécommunications and a master in business administration from Paris-IX Dauphine University.



KEVIN EARLY

Ares Management Limited

Mr. Early is a Partner, European Finance in the Ares Finance Department. Prior to joining Ares in 2012, Mr. Early was a Senior Vice President in Finance at Nielsen Holdings. Previously, Mr. Early held a variety of tax and finance leadership roles at GE Capital Corporation. Mr. Early holds a B.S., magna cum laude, from Marquette University in Accounting.



KATRINA EDGE

Ogier

Katrina is head of the Banking and Finance team in Jersey and in Europe.

Katrina has extensive experience advising on a wide range of financing and corporate transactions. Katrina advises a broad range of local and international financial institutions, investors and borrowers. She has particular expertise in secured lending, fund financing, property financing and restructuring transactions and also has extensive experience advising clients on the establishment of real estate holding structures and the acquisition and disposal of such structures.

Katrina is recognised by Chambers UK 2017 for being "fast, effective and commercial", by IFLR 1000 2017 as "accessible, clear and comprehensive. Willing to go the extra mile." and also by Legal 500 "knowledgeable, pragmatic and commercial".



KYLE FOX

HIG Capital

Kyle Fox, Global Head of Capital Markets. She is responsible to source acquisition and exit financings and other capital structure alternatives across the firm's investment portfolio and at fund level. She manages and cultivates capital market relationships across a broad array institutions including corporate and investment banks, funds, and institutional investors.

She has over 15 years of finance experience. Prior to joining HIG Capital, Kyle held various roles in banking including securitisation and relationship management at Deutsche Bank and Lloyds. She also has experience in investment and advisory having worked as an Equity Analyst at a hedge fund and providing advisory services for middle market and distressed assets.



RON FRANKLIN

Proskauer

Ron D. Franklin is a partner in the Corporate Department and co-head of the firm's Finance Group. He is widely regarded as a leading transactional lawyer who has successfully leveraged his in-depth business acumen to build an active practice focused on finance and corporate matters.

Ron advises clients across a broad spectrum of finance issues, including secured and unsecured lending transactions, domestic and cross-border acquisition financings, fund financings, project financings, workouts, restructurings and general banking concerns. He also counsels corporate clients regarding stock and asset acquisitions, contract negotiations, and general corporate matters.



GEOFFREY GEIGER

USS

Geoffrey Geiger joined USS in 2007. Today he heads the private equity & co-investment activities of USS, overseeing a portfolio of over £4.5 billion across private equity funds, co-investments and direct investments. Geoffrey sits on the boards of several portfolio companies including Moto and on a number of advisory boards. Geoffrey has been working in private equity for over twenty years, including Kiesch & Company in London, Deutsche Bank in New York and Frankfurt and with MeesPierson in Geneva, Switzerland.



AMIRA HAJILI

Natixis

Amira Hajili heads the European Equity Bridge Fund Financing business at Natixis. Prior to joining the Global Structured Credit and Solution Group at Natixis, she worked in Debt Solution Group at Natixis covering Structured Finance Solutions. She has also an academic background as a Professor Associated in the CNAM-Art et Métier and before at the University of Paris 2 Pantheon Assas.

Amira Hajili, is a PhD on Quantitative Finance.



RICHARD HOPE

Hamilton Lane

Richard is a Managing Director on Hamilton Lane's Global Investment Team. Richard is based in the firm's London office and focuses on both co-investment and secondary transactions. Richard represents Hamilton Lane on several fund advisory boards and is a regular conference speaker.

Prior to joining Hamilton Lane in 2011, Richard worked as a Director with Alliance Trust Equity Partners, where he helped establish a private equity fund investment business together with making a number of direct investments. Previously, Richard worked in the UK at Noble Group, where he was responsible for making and managing venture and growth capital investments.

Richard received a B.Com. from the University of Edinburgh.



JASMINE HUNET

Evercore Private Capital Advisory

Jasmine Hunet has been advising LP and GP clients on the secondary market for almost 10 years. Prior to joining the Evercore Private Capital Advisory practice in 2013, Jasmine was a member of the Secondary Advisory Team within the Private Funds Group at UBS. Jasmine graduated from ESCP Europe, with a "Grande Ecole" Master in Management and Finance.



ANDREW HUSDAN

Clifford Chance LLP

Andrew is a partner in the Clifford Chance banking and finance practice. He has extensive experience of cross-border fund financing facilities (acting for both borrowers and lenders) and has previously spoken at the Fund Finance Association conference in New York and London. Andrew also acts regularly on sponsor-driven cross-border acquisition financing matters. He is English and Hong Kong qualified.



SAM HUTCHINSON

Dentons

Sam leads the Dentons global fund finance practice covering the UK, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain, Italy, North America and Canada. Sam advises on the full range of financing products across all asset classes and strategies. Sam has been advising lenders and funds on these types of products since the early 2000's and year to date has advised on over 30 deals with a combined deal value of £10bn.



BRONWEN JONES

Macfarlanes LLP

Bronwen Jones leads Macfarlanes' investment fund finance group. She has more than 20 years' experience advising lenders, companies, private equity sponsors and asset managers on a range of debt finance matters. This includes fund financing, acquisition financing, work-outs and restructurings, investment grade facilities, unitranche facilities and various intercreditor issues.

Bron's clients include Abraaj, Alchemy Partners, Ares, Avant Homes, Citibank, Hayfin, Investec Bank, Lloyds bank plc, Lyceum Capital, Mayfair, Partners Group, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Syntaxis Capital and Vision Capital.

Bron's recent work highlights include advising lenders, private equity funds, credit funds and other asset managers in relation to various fund finance, GP/executive support and hybrid finance facilities in excess of €2bn over the last 12 months.



KENDALL LANGFORD

Patron Capital Advisers LLP

Kendall is one of the original founding partners of Patron Capital Partners. As a Senior Partner and General Counsel, she is involved strategy, investor relations, risk management of investments and operations, HR and compliance as well as heading a team of 8 dedicated to legal affairs and investments. Over her 18 years with Patron, Kendall has been instrumental in raising, structuring and closing 5 funds and 2 co-investment funds representing approximately Euros 3.4 billion of equity capital for investment in real estate and real estate related transactions across Europe and has been responsible for the successful execution of over 70 investments. Kendall is also compliance officer.

Prior to Patron, Kendall worked at Cargill Inc., where she served as in-house counsel for four years dedicated to the real estate private equity group. Prior to that she was a banking lawyer at Clifford Chance.

Kendall received a first class honours degree in law. She has 4 children and resides in England and is fluent in French and Spanish.



LEA LAZARIC CALVERT

Evercore

Lea Lazaric Calvert is a Managing Director in Evercore's Private Capital Advisory team. Prior to joining Evercore in 2015, Lea worked for 8 years in private equity fundraising at UBS, and 5 years in capital markets. She has extensive coverage of institutional investors across Europe and has advised on numerous LP-led sales as well as GP-led transactions. Lea received her bachelors at the London School of Economics and an MBA from INSEAD.



JONS LEHMANN

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Jons Lehmann is a corporate partner in Fried Frank's Finance Practice, resident in the London office. He represents clients, including private equity sponsors, investment banks, hedge funds and public and private companies, on a wide range of domestic and cross-border finance transactions across all levels of the capital structure. His experience covers leveraged buyout financings including public to private transactions, real estate finance transactions, US Term Loan B and bank-bond financings, structured finance transactions (including fund level financings), investment grade finance transactions and other complex financing and restructuring transactions.



GRAHAM MACDONALD

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Graham McDonald is Head of Global Private Equity and is responsible for the Private Equity business within the Private Markets Division. Graham joined Aberdeen Asset Management in 2014 as part of Scottish Widows Investment Partnership heritage where he also led the Private Equity business. He has extensive experience in the private equity sector with a strong network of leading private equity funds and sits on a number of advisory boards. Graham is a chairman of the investment and portfolio committees and is also regular a speaker on private equity. Graham is a Chartered Banker and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (Scotland).



PHILIPPE MAX

Dentons

Philippe Max is a finance partner in Dentons Paris office. He works on domestic and international banking and finance transactions. He is specialised in structured finance, cross border finance and acquisition finance with a strong focus on fund financing facilities (acting for both borrowers and lenders). He is also a lecturer (chargé d'enseignement) at University Paris XII in banking and finance law.

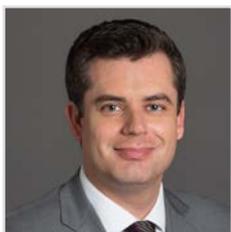


TINA MEIGH

Maples and Calder

Tina is a partner in the Cayman Islands office of Maples and Calder and is head of the firm's fund finance group there. She specialises in fund finance transactions and has extensive experience in all aspects of fund finance, banking, derivatives and securitisations. She represents hedge funds, private equity funds and large bank syndicates on lending transactions, bank products, deal structures and on all types of secured transactions. Tina advises a large number of international associations and financial institutions on derivatives and issues surrounding related collateral packages in the context of insolvency in the Cayman Islands. She also has significant experience of general corporate and commercial matters and the establishment of offshore investment funds.

Tina joined Maples and Calder in 2005 and was elected as a partner in 2012. She previously worked for Lovells LLP where she completed a secondment to Citibank. Tina has been recommended in Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal.



WESLEY A. MISSON

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

Wes Misson is a partner in the firm's Capital Markets Group. Wes's practice focuses on fund finance, and he has represented financial institutions as lenders and lead agents in hundreds of subscription credit facilities and other fund financings during the course of his career. His experience encompasses both subscription and hybrid facilities and includes working with fund related borrowers on the negotiation of third party investor documents with institutional, high net worth and sovereign wealth investors.

Wes has served as lead counsel on many of the largest and most sophisticated fund financings ever consummated, notably having assisted more than 35 banks as lead or syndicate lender during the past two years with transaction values totalling in excess of \$25 billion.

Wes works extensively with financial institutions to develop form agreements for fund finance transactions and to educate bankers, internal legal counsel and credit officers on hot issues and trends affecting the fund finance market. He has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in the United States in the area of Banking and Finance in the International Financial Law Review's IFLR1000 Legal Directory in 2014 and 2015. Wes is also a frequent speaker and an accomplished author in the area of fund finance.



NICK MITRA

Natixis

Nick Mitra manages the US Capital Call business for Natixis and is also the global coordinator for the Capital Call product ensuring compliance with exposure limits and adherence to consistent standards for Capital Call credit facilities. Prior to joining the Global Structured Credit & Solutions Group at Natixis, Nick worked in the Credit Group at Natixis covering Financial Institutions and Insurance Companies. He has also worked at Goldman Sachs and Accenture in different roles and was the CFO of an entrepreneurial start-up – UConnections.com – aimed at the education space. Nick started his career at Lehman Brothers as a trader's assistant in the security lending/repo area. Nick has approximately 17 years of experience in the financial sector. Nick is also a co-founding member of the Fund Finance Association, an industry group dedicated to Fund Finance and related products, where he sits on the Board of the Association.

Nick holds an MBA in Finance from NYU and a BS in Finance from Lehigh University and is a CFA charter holder. He is also the First Vice Chairman of the Fund Finance Association.



ALESSANDRO MORANTE

Wells Fargo, European Corporate Debt Finance

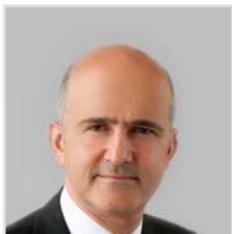
As of September 2016, Alessandro transitioned to spearhead the build-out of Wells Fargo's Corporate Debt Finance business in Europe. The group, which falls under the Asset-Backed Finance division, provides financing solutions, in the forms of lending warehouses and CLO execution, to buyers and originators of corporate loans. Prior to joining Corporate Debt Finance, Alessandro worked as a mortgage trader in Wells Fargo Securities, Charlotte North Carolina office and as a Fixed Income Salesperson based in London.



SIMON MOSS

Hermes GPE

Simon manages the EMEA investment team and is responsible for all of Hermes GPE's private equity investment activity in EMEA, overseeing the sourcing, due diligence and monitoring of EMEA funds and co-investments. Simon is based in London, previously having gained experience of working in the US private equity market. Simon has 18 years of private equity experience and was a founding member of the Hermes GPE predecessor organisation, Gartmore Private Equity, which he joined in 2002 and where he was latterly Deputy Managing Director. He is a member of the Hermes GPE Investment and Management Committees. During his time on the Investment Committee in excess of 140 co-investments and 90 fund investments have been completed. Previously, Simon worked as a management consultant at KPMG Consulting where he conducted due diligence on a number of private equity transactions and corporate strategy development projects for both UK and international companies. Simon holds a BSc in Political Science from the University of Bristol.



FRED NADA

BlueBay Asset Management

Fred Nada is a Partner of the Private Debt Group at BlueBay and was part of BlueBay's Private Debt business from its inception in 2011. Prior to focusing on Private Debt, Fred was a key member of the High Yield and Special Situations team at BlueBay, where he worked from 2007 to 2011. In this role, Fred analysed investments, lead restructurings, as well as refinancings and disposals of portfolio companies. Prior to joining BlueBay, Fred was a Director of Credit Suisse's Special Situations Group where he worked from 2005. Prior to this, Fred worked from 2001 to 2005 with Merrill Lynch, where he was a Vice President in the Special Situations Group. Before joining Merrill Lynch, Fred worked as a trader at Cogetex, a Geneva-based commodity trading company. Fred holds a BSc in Business Administration from the University of Geneva (HEC) and an MBA from New York University (NYU) Stern School of Business.



PARTHA PAL

Ropes & Gray

Partha Pal joined Ropes & Gray as a partner in the firm's finance practice group in April 2015. He specializes in banking and structured transactions, related restructurings, regulation and dispute resolution.

Partha Pal is highly experienced in complex cross-border transactions having practiced in London, New York and Singapore. He is also involved in the work of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council and recently served as co-chair of its Hedging Sub Committee.



JOAN PARSONS

Silicon Valley Bank

Joan Parsons, one of American Banker's 25 Women to Watch in 2016, has devoted her career to the success of some of the world's most innovative companies while in a variety of leadership positions at Silicon Valley Bank. Simultaneously, she has been instrumental in developing the talent and culture of SVB over more than 20 years.

Today, as Executive Vice President, Joan is applying her financial expertise and leadership experience to SVB's UK team to support its fast growth in EMEA. She manages credit risk for the region and is a member of the UK Executive Committee. Joan is also critical to SVB's efforts in support of the community and the innovation economy through its philanthropic programs and she serves as an advisor to SVB's inclusion and diversity initiatives.

Joan has more than 30 years of banking experience and has served Silicon Valley Bank in a variety of leadership positions since joining the company in 1994, including managing the Eastern Division, leading US Banking, and overseeing Specialty Debt, Mezzanine Finance, Sponsor Finance, Life Science and Energy and Resource Banking, SVB Analytics, among other SVB businesses. Joan envisioned and founded SVB's Associate Development Program, which is the most sought-after lending training program for bankers to the innovation economy.

Before joining Silicon Valley Bank, Joan served in a variety of corporate banking roles for Fleet Bank of Massachusetts, Barclays Bank PLC and Mellon Bank.

Joan graduated cum laude from Wheaton College with a double major in Economics and Art History. She is married with two children and splits her time between Boston and London. She has served on the boards of Startup Institute in Boston and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay Area Chapter and the Association of Corporate Growth Boston Chapter. She remains active with the Noble and Greenough School on Development and Capital Campaign committees.



DANIEL PEEL

Travers Smith LLP

Danny is a partner in the finance team at Travers Smith and co-heads the fund finance group. He joined Travers Smith as a trainee in 2003 and became a partner in 2013. He specialises in fund finance, real estate finance and general corporate lending, advising financial institutions, sponsors, investors and borrowers.

His clients include financial institutions such as The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited, Lloyds Banking Group and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation; private equity funds such as Charterhouse, Meyer Bergman and LaSalle Investment Management; and corporate borrowers such as Safestore, Pinewood Studios and Shazam. He advises on the full spectrum of fund finance work including subscription, co-invest / GP support and NAV lines and both presents and writes frequently on these topics.

Chambers & Partners UK say that Danny is "very practical and approachable" and Legal 500 UK describe him as "a great negotiator."



MICHAEL PETERSON

[Citco Capital Solutions Inc.](#)

Michael Peterson has over 14 years' experience as a principal and advisor. Most recently he was CIO of the Judd Foundations endowment fund. He previously held positions at Fortress Investment Group, Highbridge / Zwirn & Co., Fitch Ratings and Washington Mutual Bank. His focus was on warehouse and special situations lending across real assets. He also focused on structuring, securitization, and investing in structured products. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh earning a B.S. in Economics, Finance, and B.A. in History.



FREDERICK POWLES

[Oaktree Capital Management](#)

Prior to joining Oaktree in 2013, Mr. Powles spent four years working on major cross-border restructuring and private equity transactions at Kirkland & Ellis International LLP prior to which he spent three years with Clifford Chance LLP, also within their restructuring group. Mr. Powles holds a B.A. (hons) and M.A. in experimental psychology from University College, Oxford and postgraduate diplomas in law and legal practice from BPP Law School.



THOMAS RAPP

[Wells Fargo Bank N.A.](#)

Thomas Rapp is a Managing Director in Wells Fargo's Asset Backed Finance unit in London where he is responsible for origination and structuring of Subscription Credit Facilities in Europe.

The Subscription Finance Group focuses on providing liquidity and fund-level leverage to Private Equity funds across a number of strategies (including buyout, real estate, energy, infrastructure, secondaries, debt strategies and transportation) and jurisdictions (UK, Luxembourg and Channel Islands).

Before joining Wells Fargo as part of the acquisition of WestLB's platform, Thomas was an Executive Director at WestLB's London Fund Finance team where he structured Subscription Finance facilities since 2008. Prior to this, Thomas was a Senior Risk Officer for Leveraged Finance and Media/Entertainment and Telecom Structured Finance in WestLB's New York branch for 4 years. He previously held various positions at WestLB in Germany and started his career with a 2-year Traineeship at Deutsche Bank. Thomas received a Diplom Kaufmann degree in Economics from the University of Kiel (Germany).



PIERRE ROUX

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Pierre Roux is a partner in the finance department at Ashurst LLP in Paris. Pierre has extensive experience in a wide range of banking and finance transactions with a particular focus on fund finance, leveraged finance and real estate finance advising private equity sponsors and debt arrangers (including debt funds and financial institutions). Pierre has a postgraduate degree (DEA) in contract law from the University of Paris V René Descartes, a Master in European Business degree from ESCP Europe Business School and a Master of Business Administration from the Asian Institute of Technology of Bangkok. He gives lectures each year at the ESCP Europe Business School and at the University Paris-Dauphine.



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Her practice focuses on the full range of fund lending products across all fund sectors, (including private equity, real estate, secondaries, infrastructure, and hedge) from capital call facilities, hybrid/NAV facilities, to general partner support, co-invest facilities and portfolio acquisition facilities and assisting funds with structuring. Emma has significant experience advising credit funds and their lenders in relation to leverage facilities to CLO's/CDO's and securitisation vehicles.

Emma's experience also includes advising both lenders and funds on private equity, receivables financing, asset based lending, speciality finance, real estate fund structuring, and acting for both lenders and sponsors in relation to investment and development real estate finance and leverage restructurings.

Emma has spent significant time working in-house with various financial institutions during her career. She has gained varied experiences with both business and legal teams across all lending sectors.



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Scott Russell is Director of Financial Sponsor Derivative Sales at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). Drawing on over 10 years of experience in financial markets, Scott helps clients navigate their financial markets risk across multiple markets including FX, rates and commodities.

Scott and his team have a particularly strong focus on FX risk management for Funds, working to structure facilities that fit with the liquidity profile of the sponsor while allowing for dynamic FX risk management strategies to not only hedge currency exposure but reduce the impact of hedging on returns.



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Kristin has extensive experience structuring complex domestic and international financing transactions to private funds, sponsors and portfolio companies on a secured and unsecured basis, acting for both lenders and borrowers. Her fund finance experience encompasses a wide spectrum of transactions at all levels of the capital structure and every phase of a fund's existence, including traditional subscription lines, hybrid (NAV) facilities, management fee lines, after-care facilities, open-end fund lending, loans to separate accounts and fund of fund financings. Kristin's experience includes sponsor employee and partner co-investment loan programs and financings to individuals secured by private equity assets. Kristin also works with fund-related borrowers on the negotiation of third-party investor documents with institutional, high net worth and sovereign wealth investors.

In addition, Kristin represents commercial lending institutions, insurance companies and corporate borrowers engaged in domestic as well as cross-border secured and unsecured financings. Her experience includes investment grade and leveraged lending deals, acquisition financings, working capital loans, asset-based and cash flow financings, first lien / second lien transactions, multicurrency financings, dividend recaps and debt restructurings.

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DEE DEE SKLAR

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Prior to joining Wells Fargo Ms. Sklar led the strategic planning and business management of origination, client, product and strategic initiatives for the Global Funds business at WestLB AG (Financial Sponsors, Investment Advisors and the funds they manage) and managed strategic counterparty relationships with FIs in the Americas. She previously held positions in Securitization at both WestLB AG and Rothschild Inc. as well as an asset manager (now merged) investing debt and equity on behalf of correspondent US insurance company relationships.

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Robin advises global banks and large corporates as well as smaller privately held entities. Robin regularly establishes new Jersey structures, including corporates, limited partnerships and unit trusts. He also has experience advising in relation to the establishment, transfer and redomiciliation of banking business in Jersey.

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Robin trained as an English solicitor in London. Following his move to Jersey in 2002, he spent six years at another leading law firm in Jersey, prior to joining Carey Olsen in February 2008. Robin is qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales, a Jersey advocate and was educated at King's College, London.



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Leon represents a large proportion of lenders that provide funds financing and was awarded "Partner of the Year for Banking" at the Client Choice Awards 2017. He also represents a number of private equity and other funds on complex funds finance transactions.



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In the last 3 years he has advised corporates raising or refinancing €3bn of debt in the UK and across Europe.



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Andrew also provides Irish legal and structuring advice on a variety of bespoke, tax efficient financing and investment platforms. He regularly acts for leading asset managers, hedge funds, private equity outfits, credit opportunity funds and other market participants with respect to their joint-ventures, acquisition, servicing and/or disposal of non-performing loan portfolios, investments and other receivables in Europe, the U.S. and Asia.



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David's department has lent to real estate, infrastructure & energy, buyout, and credit funds with operations in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas. SMBC Subscription Finance department operates with a coordinated and global coverage model and is able to support relationships in multiple legal jurisdictions. Mr. Wasserman has been with SMBC for 13 years and had previously been with Bank of America and PwC.

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