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# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Time	Session	
Thursday, November 3, 2022		
8:45 – 9:30 AM	Registration Open	
9:30 – 9:40 AM	Welcome Remarks	
9:40 – 10:25 AM	"On Today's Menu: The Asia Food Challenge", Keynote by Elaine Cheung, CFO at Nurasa (Temasek's Asia Sustainable Foods Platform)	
10:25 – 10:45 AM	Preqin Update	
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Networking Break	
11:15 – 11:55 AM	APAC's 2022 Investment Fund Landscape	
11:55 – 12:35 PM	Show Me the Money! Navigating the recent lending market	
12:35 – 2:05 PM	Lunch	
2:05 – 2:45 PM	Global Hot Topics in Fund Finance	
2:45 – 3:25 PM	The Art of Negotiation Diligence, Documentation and Innovation	
3:25 – 3:55 PM	Networking Break	
3:55 – 4:35 PM	Beyond the Sub-Line	
4:35 – 5:15 PM	Private Capital Perspectives GP/LP Panel	
5:15 – 7:00 PM	Networking Cocktail Reception	

\*Please note timing & content is subject to change

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Welcome Remarks	Tower Ballroom
	9:30 - 9:40 AM
Nick Mitra, Managing Director Danielle Roman, Partner	
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Elaine J Cheung, CFO at Nurasa	
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Angela Lai, Senior Research Analyst (VP)

# **Investment Fund Landscape**

## 11:15 - 11:45 AM

**Tower Ballroom** 

Despite geopolitical uncertainties and increased regulatory concerns, the private capital market in APAC continues to grow. Panelists will discuss fundraising in a challenging market, the latest trends in asset classes, fund formation and fund manager developments. They will also explore where new opportunities are presenting themselves in APAC against global markets.

#### **MODERATOR:**

Lishi Fong, Managing Partner, Harney Westwood & Riegels Singapore LLP

PANELISTS: David Azcue, Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP Calvin Cheng, Partner & Co-Head, Evolution X Dean Collins, Managing Partner, Singapore, Dechert LLP Alex Griffiths, Executive Director, Head Of Structuring, MUFG Investor Services

# **Tower Ballroom**

11:55 AM - 12:35 PM

How are lenders responding to an increasing competitive market, and balancing risk and underwriting with the need to innovate in the wake of recent developments in the bank market. Are lenders in APAC changing their allocation to fund finance? And what are the next big challenges for lenders in fund financing?

#### **MODERATOR:**

Tom Kirby, Managing Director, Head of Fund Finance, Bank of China

#### PANELISTS:

Alexandre Deschatres, Head Of Sponsors Asia, Standard Chartered Bank Eva Fung, Head Of Private Equity, East West Bank Hong Kong Branch Soumitro Mukerji, Partner, Mayer Brown Niamh Targett, Director, ANZ Frank Wu, Senior Vice President, Institutional Investors, DBS Bank

# **Global Hot Topics in Fund Finance**

### **Tower Ballroom**

#### 2:05 - 2:35 PM

What everyone is talking about! Hear about the hottest trends and developments impacting the fund finance industry globally: the rise of alternative lenders, ESG, Single-Managed Accounts (SMA) funds, continued LIBOR transitions, effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, competition for talent in the market, and more!

#### **MODERATOR:**

Jean Woo, Office Managing Partner, Singapore, Ashurst

#### **PANELISTS:**

Sammy Asoli, Global Head Of Fund Finance Solutions, SMBC John Bona, Partner, Milbank LLP Alvin Chia, Partner, Wong Partnership Lily Miao, Counsel, Mourant Ozannes (Hong Kong) LLP Albert C. Tan, Partner And Co-Chair - Fund Finance Practice Group, Haynes and Boone LLP

# **The Art of Negotiation**

# **Tower Ballroom**

2:45 - 3:25 PM

Risk issues and the art of negotiation/mitigation in the context of more complex structures and documentation Experts will discuss various risk issues (including fraud), how to identify them through (among other things) effective due diligence and how to negotiate documentation to deal with or mitigate risk in the context of ever more complex transaction

structures and documentation in APAC. The issues will be considered from the context of lenders, borrowers and investors.

#### **MODERATOR:**

Andrew Hutchins, Partner, Singapore, Clifford Chance

PANELISTS: Tommy Constantinou, Co-Head Of Fund Finance, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Tom Highnam, Partner, Allens Eric Schwitzer, Partner, Real Estate, Paul Hastings Patrick Wong, Partner, Allen & Overy Natalie Carter, Senior Associate, Walkers

# **Beyond the Sub-Line**

# **Tower Ballroom**

3:55 - 4:35 PM

For a number of years, industry participants in APAC have been talking about the future need for GP facilities, hybrids, NAVs and preferred equity. Has that time now arrived in APAC and are lenders ready to respond to investor appetite in alternatives?

#### **MODERATOR:**

James Webb, Partner, Carey Olsen

#### **PANELISTS:**

Somdatta Basu, Director, Fund Finance, Singapore, ING Bank N.V. Andrew Brereton, Managing Partner, Singapore, King & Spalding Christophe Cerisier, Co-Head Of Loans & Specialized Finance, Asia Pacific, BNP Paribas Benjamin Masson, Natixis Cib, Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking Andrea Thomas, Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

# **Tower Ballroom**

4:35 - 5:15 PM

Senior executives covering Private Markets will share their insights on the key trends taking place today in the industry. From a more challenging fundraising environment, to volatile public markets and their implications on private portfolios, through increasing interest rates and more. The panel will discuss approaches on how to navigate these challenges and where the opportunities in the region will arise.

#### **MODERATOR:**

Terrance Philips, Asia Head of Private Equity Client Coverage, Citi Private Bank

PANELISTS: Todd Hooper, Executive Director, Global Markets Division, Goldman Sachs Crystal Reece, Senior Director In Treasury Capital Markets, TPG Wei Xin, Director, KKR Capital Markets, KKR Roger Zhang, Managing Director, Blackstone Credit

# **Closing Remarks**

**Tower Ballroom** 

**MODERATOR: Michelle Bolingbroke,** Director, Fund Finance Association

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