



**P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE**  
Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance

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**Distinguished Legal and Finance Experts Convene in The Hague to Advance Discussions of Brexit, Benchmarks and Financial Market Dispute Settlement**

Legal and financial experts from around the world will convene in the Peace Palace this morning for the opening of the 2019 P.R.I.M.E. Finance Annual Conference. This year's Annual Conference garnered a record number of registrants, a testament to the growing influence of and interest in P.R.I.M.E. Finance. The attendees will gather to hear P.R.I.M.E. Finance Experts discuss the most pressing issues at the intersection of financial markets and dispute resolution.

These topics include the impact of Brexit on financial markets, the consequences of the disappearance of benchmarks (e.g. LIBOR), and the current status of international financial regulation.

In addition, judges from the United Kingdom, Germany, France and the Netherlands will appear in a featured panel discussing the expanded use of domestic commercial courts across the European Union. The Netherlands Commercial Court is set to open its doors on February 6, 2019.

A host of luminaries will kick off the conference, beginning with H.E. the Hon. Sir David Baragwanath KNZM (Judge, UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon) followed by Ms. Saskia Bruines (Deputy Mayor of The Hague), Mr. Hugo Hans Siblesz (Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration), and Professor Jeffrey Golden (Chairman of P.R.I.M.E. Finance). Other notable conference speakers include the Hon. Philip Wood CBE, Professor Sir William Blair, Sir Robert Hildyard, the Hon. Judge Elizabeth Stong, and the Hon. Charles N. Brower.

**About P.R.I.M.E. Finance**

P.R.I.M.E. Finance (the Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance) is based in The Hague and was established to help resolve disputes concerning complex financial transactions. The organization has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process. The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) is the world's oldest arbitral institution, with over a century of experience in administering complex international proceedings. P.R.I.M.E. Finance joined forces with the PCA in 2015, combining the subject matter expertise of its Panel of Experts with the PCA's administrative efficiency. While the filing address for notices of arbitration is with the PCA at its Peace Palace headquarters in The Hague, arbitrations may take place anywhere in the world, and may be facilitated by the PCA's host country agreements with a number of its Contracting Parties. As a result, parties to complex financial transactions have improved access to arbitration and mediation to resolve their disputes.

**Contact for the Media**

For more information on the complete list of experts and further details about the foundation, please refer to the website: [www.primefinancedisputes.org](http://www.primefinancedisputes.org). For further information about this press release, please contact the Head of Secretariat, Camilla Perera-De Wit, at +31 70 302 4159 or

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