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P.R.I.M.E. Finance Welcomes New Board Members

P.R.I.M.E. Finance has appointed Akber Datto and Ijeoma Okoli to its Management Board. Deborah Enix-Ross and Ida Levine, who have served on the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Management Board since 2017 and 2019 respectively, have been appointed to its Advisory Board. All appointments are with effect from 17 September 2025.

Robert Pickel, Chair of P.R.I.M.E. Finance's Management Board, said: "I am pleased to welcome Akber and Ijeoma to our Management Board. Both bring deep expertise in fintech, digital assets, and emerging financial technologies, and we are honoured to have them lend their leadership and insight as we continue to advance our mission, particularly in those fast-evolving areas. On behalf of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, I also extend our deep appreciation to Deborah and Ida for their outstanding contributions over the years. P.R.I.M.E. Finance has benefitted from their unique financial, legal, regulatory, and sustainability experience that spans the globe. We are grateful that Deborah and Ida will continue to support P.R.I.M.E. Finance as members of the Advisory Board, and we look forward to benefiting from their guidance in this new capacity."

Additional information on Mr Datto and Ms Okoli:

Mr Akber Datto is the founder and CEO of D2 Legal Technology (D2LT), an award-winning global legal data consulting firm that advises clients on leveraging technology and data to unlock business value through legal innovation. He is both a technologist, with experience in UBS, and a derivatives lawyer, formerly with Allen & Overy. Since 2016, Mr. Datto has served on the Technology and Law Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales, and is now its co-chair. Akber has been the expert on guiding various regulators, including the Philippines SEC, on their Virtual Asset Service Provider Rules, and guided trade associations such as ISDA, ICMA, ISLA and GAFTA, and their members, on digitalisation. He is a Professor at the University of Surrey, where he teaches AI, Financial Services Regulation & FinTech Policy to final year undergraduate law students and master's students in technology. Mr Datto is a P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.

Ms Ijeoma Okoli is a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University School of Law, and a director of The Digital Economy Initiative. She advises companies in the digital assets and AI sectors on capital raising, strategy, product development, regulation, and restructuring operations. Ms Okoli was a subject matter expert invited by the UK Financial Conduct Authority to its inaugural Crypto Sprint, contributing to the development of regulatory approaches for digital assets. She has also provided input to both UK and US authorities on legal and regulatory frameworks concerning various products and activities within the digital assets ecosystem. Ms Okoli is a P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.

Complete bios for Mr Datto and Ms Okoli can be found in the [expert listings](#) on the P.R.I.M.E. Finance website.



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

P.R.I.M.E. Finance is based in The Hague and was established to help resolve disputes concerning complex financial transactions. The organisation has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process.

In 2015, P.R.I.M.E. Finance joined forces with the PCA. The PCA is the world's oldest arbitral institution, with over a century of experience in administering complex international proceedings. As a result, arbitrations and mediations under the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Arbitration and Mediation Rules are administered by the PCA, and parties to complex financial transactions have access to an efficient arbitration and mediation mechanism to resolve their disputes.

In 2020, P.R.I.M.E. Finance won the Halsbury Rule of Law Award in the LexisNexis Law Awards, in recognition of its judicial training programme.

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For more information on the complete list of experts and further details about P.R.I.M.E. Finance, please refer to the website: www.primefinancedisputes.org. For further information about this press release, contact secretary@primefinancedisputes.org.

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