



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

P.R.I.M.E. Finance London Conference Agenda Overview

The following is an overview of the sessions that we expect to form the basis of the agenda for P.R.I.M.E. Finance's first London conference, to be held on Monday, 28 March 2022. A one-hour lunch and two 15-30 minute breaks will also be factored into the agenda. A cocktail reception will be held after the event.

KEYNOTE

A senior policy maker or judge will provide a keynote address, most likely at the opening of the conference. In addition, brief opening remarks will be provided by P.R.I.M.E. Finance Chair Bob Pickel and by a representative of Allen & Overy as conference host.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

There will be four panel discussions over the course of the day. The goal is to make these lively conversations among the panelists and the audience, covering timely issues relating to the evolution of global financial markets and the resolution of disputes that might arise from activity in those markets.

The following provides more specific information on the panels:

- *Sustainable Finance* Sustainable finance, broadly speaking, addresses the growing focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations in making investment decisions. This panel will consider new risks and opportunities, the implications for fiduciary duties and disputes on the horizon. It will be presented in a question and answer format and offer legal, regulatory and academic perspectives on the issues.
- *Market Developments* Geopolitical tensions are rising throughout the world. These tensions could erupt at any time into war or other types of heightened conflict, such as cyberwarfare, economic warfare or “grey zone” attacks, leading to enormous implications for financial markets, financial contracts, and financial market dispute settlement. This panel will discuss:
 - The potential for geopolitical tensions to escalate.



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- The disruptive impact that war or other forms of heightened conflict, including responses to conflict such as sanctions, could have on the financial markets.
 - The impact that heightened conflict and financial market disruption could have on financial market contracts, including issues of force majeure, default, and impossibility of performance.
 - The implications that financial market disruption caused by heightened conflict could have on the settlement of financial market disputes.
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- *View from the Bench* P.R.I.M.E. Finance is fortunate to have among its experts a number of current and former judges (many of the latter now arbitrators), who bring unique perspectives to the resolution of disputes generally and in the financial markets specifically.

 - *Fintech* Developments in financial technology (fintech) are occurring at an accelerating pace, and the range of topics is vast. The blockchain generally, independent and government-sponsored cryptocurrencies and the development of smart contracts are just some of the areas that hold great potential for disputes. Anticipating how disputes might arise and how they can be resolved is a timely topic.

 - *P.R.I.M.E. Finance Arbitration Rules* P.R.I.M.E. Finance's revised arbitration rules became effective at the start of 2022 and represent a significant advance for P.R.I.M.E. Finance and for the resolution of financial disputes. A panel will discuss their importance and highlight the significant changes in the revised rules.

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