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Not since the financial crisis of 2008 has the world experienced the upheaval and uncertainty now caused by Brexit, the US election of 2016 and related political challenges in the European Union.

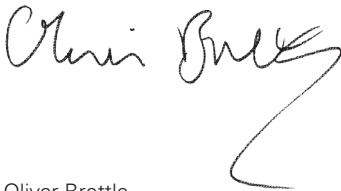
The old world order seems to be coming apart, but it is also coming together in new ways, thanks to forces unleashed by international communications and rapid technological change. Business leaders who properly recognise risks as well as opportunities may find the next few years to be a time of transformation, convergence and synergy.

To reflect this our seminar series this year will examine the changes in a number of important industries and markets. Firstly, the Non Performing Loan market in Southern Europe and how to adapt to the changing circumstances. A panel will discuss the likely rise of securities litigation and follow on actions, and the implications for those involved in the listing of securities in the UK. We will review the changing nature of contracts in the liquefied natural gas market to review whether these changes chart the course towards creating the contracts and structures appropriate for the movement of gas and LNG becoming global, transparent and tradable commodities. And we will host a session on cybersecurity the evolving legislation and the pitfalls of not complying with industry standards and regulation.

At our keynote event **Making sense of a fragmenting world** our panel, Nick Clegg, former deputy Prime Minister, Rachel Lomax, former Deputy Governor at the Bank of England and Erik Neilsen, Global Chief Economist at Unicredit, moderated by broadcaster John Humphrys will discuss what will replace the existing systems of co-operation around the world.

We hope you will join us for these thought-provoking sessions about what lies ahead.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Brettle'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Oliver Brettle

The future of Non Performing Loans in Southern Europe

The Non Performing Loan (NPL) market in Southern Europe is dynamic and currently going through a significant period of change, impacting how portfolios are managed, structured, bought and sold. Regulation is driving many of these changes and all market participants (sellers, buyers and independent servicers) are having to anticipate these changes and adapt their approaches accordingly.

We have brought together market leading names from key participants to discuss these changes and the challenges and opportunities such changes bring, including:

- Securitisation model vs. traditional asset acquisition structure
- Innovation in structuring of assets/portfolios
- Disposal vs. management of NPLs
- Impacts of new regulations
- Recent provisions on disposal of distressed leasing assets
- New market participants: the role of independent servicers

SPEAKERS

Biagio Giacalone

Head of Credit Solutions,
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA

Joel Grau

Partner & Co-Founder,
Alantra Corporate Portfolio Advisors

Francesco Guameri

CEO and Managing Director, Guber SpA

Francisco Milone

Senior Managing Director,
Varde Partners Europe Limited

Frederico Oliva

Vice President, York Capital Management

TIME AND DATE

19 September 2017

12:00 p.m. Registration and lunch

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Panel session





Where to now for the long-term gas contract?

The international LNG business has been built on long-term contracts made under common laws. These foundations have endured well, but are now subject to erosion. In the last few years, the market has seen moves towards shorter contracts, greater flexibility, rights of early termination and gas market pricing. At the same time, the courts have seen leading cases on the enforceability of take or pay, the implication of duties of good faith, consideration for the interests of the other party and the enforcement of agreements to agree: and the particular standing or long-term, relational agreements. The dominance of common laws in these arrangements means that these are necessarily global themes, affecting also the raising of capital.

With the benefit of contributions from those in the heart of these commercial and legal developments, our event looks to debate these issues and to chart a course towards the contracts and structures appropriate for the movement of gas and LNG towards becoming global, transparent and tradable commodities.

The event will include the launch of the Third Edition of the Law and Business of LNG book, a rare guide to the legal, regulatory, political and practical elements of today's LNG business.

SPEAKERS

Dame Vivien Rose DBE

Justice of the High Court,
Chancery Division

Martin Houston

Vice Chairman, Tellurian Inc

David Ledesma

Energy & Strategy Consultant and
Senior Fellow, Oxford Institute for
Energy Studies

TIME AND DATE

Thursday 28 September

4:30 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. Event begins

6:30 p.m. Drinks and canapés

LOCATION

White & Case, London

MODERATOR

Paul Griffin

Senior Advisor and Counsel – Oil & Gas,
White & Case, London

KEYNOTE EVENT

Making sense of a fragmenting world: As systems for co-operation around the world change what will replace them?

As the UK separates from the EU and President Trump puts America first our panel will discuss the changes that are happening to established ways of working and collaborating on the global stage and what will come next.

SPEAKERS

Nick Clegg

Former deputy Prime Minister

Rachel Lomax

Former Deputy Governor at the Bank of England

Erik Neilsen

Global Chief Economist at UniCredit

MODERATOR

John Humphrys

Broadcast Journalist

TIME AND DATE

Tuesday 7 November

6:00 p.m. Registration and drinks

7:00 p.m. Event begins

8:30 p.m. Drinks and canapés

LOCATION

Royal Society of Arts

8 John Adam Street

London WC2N 6EZ

By invitation only





American import? The growth of securities and class action litigation in the UK

A number of the biggest cases before the Commercial Court this year feature large groups of Claimants, with listed companies as defendants, the most high-profile being the RBS case. The significant “class action” know-how built up by the firms representing the claimants, taken with the widespread availability of litigation funding is leading to a litigation culture in the UK that is closer to the US than it has ever been. At present, we are a long way off from American-style class actions, but it is an area in which we anticipate increased activity. Claimant firms and the litigation funders who stand behind them are closely watching regulatory findings, criminal investigations and share price fluctuations to spot displacement events which support a claim.

Our panel will discuss

- The recent past and the future of securities litigation in the UK, including key developments and causes of action
- A claimant’s perspective on securities litigation, including GLOs, funding and other coordination issues
- A comparison with the state of play in the US

SPEAKERS include

Charles Balmain

Partner, White & Case London

Clive Zeitman

Stewarts Law

MODERATOR

John Reynolds

Partner, White & Case London

TIME AND DATE

Wednesday 29 November

8:00 a.m. Registration and breakfast

8:30 a.m. Event begins

9:30 a.m. Event finishes

LOCATION

White & Case, London



Cybersecurity risk management and the growing threat

Cybersecurity has become a buzzword at the moment and for good reason. Companies, banks and other financial institutions face constantly evolving cyber threats and the consequences from a major breach can be colossal, impacting not only data but networks and physical devices as well.

Legislators are reacting: privacy and cybersecurity laws are continually evolving, vary by jurisdiction, are interpreted unpredictably, and are in a constant state of flux. The fallout for not complying with industry standards or regulation can be serious: heavy fines, injunctions, government audits, lawsuits, and the potential for criminal liability, as well as harms to business reputation and business profits.

SPEAKERS include

Steven Chabinsky,

Partner, White & Case New York

TIME AND DATE

4 December 2017

8:00 a.m. Registration and breakfast

8:30 a.m. Session begins

9:30 a.m. Event finishes

LOCATION

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