

Speaker Biographies

Miranda Abraham, Loan Syndications Africa – RMB



Miranda has worked across Loan Syndications and Debt Capital Markets for over 20 years, having started her career in the Corporate & Investment Banking team at RBS in 1999. Miranda worked at RBS for 5 years, before joining Barclays Capital (the Investment Banking Division of Barclays) in 2004 and working in the Loan Syndications team there until 2016, when she moved to the Financial Conduct Authority. At the FCA, Miranda was responsible for approving companies for listing on the London Stock Exchange and advising investment bankers on technical corporate finance issues. In January 2019, Miranda moved to her current role of Loan Syndications & Distribution for Africa, at Rand Merchant Bank, the Investment Banking division of First Rand Group.

Sukhvir Basran, Counsel – Hogan Lovells



Sukhvir is a highly experienced senior lawyer in the Banking and Finance practice. She is Senior Legal Director and Co-Head of Impact Financing and is a member of the firm's Social Enterprise Board and a senior core member of the Business Integrity Group.

Sukhvir has represented banks, debt funds, private equity funds and borrowers on a range of complex domestic and cross-border financing transactions including acquisition and leveraged transactions, project and infrastructure finance and debt restructurings. Sukhvir's substantial experience in cross border leveraged finance includes working on numerous high profile deals and includes senior, mezzanine and unitranche/super senior financing arrangements.

As part of her impact finance and social enterprise work, Sukhvir has represented and worked with lenders, foundations, charities, funds, social enterprises and local and international organisations on a range of domestic and international finance and non-finance ESG matters.

Tedd George, Chief Narrative Officer – Kleos Advisory



Tedd is the founder and Chief Narrative Office of Kleos Advisory. Kleos provides thought leadership and strategic advisory on African markets, commodity value chains and fintech. Tedd advises on a number of fintech & agritech projects in Africa and is a regular speaker on the conference circuit and commentator in the media (see @DrTeddGeorge for details). Tedd has a number of specialities, including disruptive technology (especially fintech, blockchain, agritech & regtech), soft commodities (especially cocoa), agribusiness, trade and trade finance.

Benjamin Gibbons, Credit & Political Risk Insurance – Miller Insurance



Ben leads Miller's experienced financial institutions team that specialises in the structuring of credit risk insurance policies for international banks. His role involves assisting clients with the integration and centralisation of the product into their credit distribution practices, including the drafting of regulatory compliant policy documentation. Ben also has experience of broking traditional political risks insurance for corporate clients investing in emerging markets. Ben began his insurance career in 2007 and joined Miller in 2016. He was once a keen rugby player representing regional and international level whilst at school.

Ashley McDermott, Partner – Mayer Brown International LLP



Ash is a partner in Mayer Brown's London office and was listed as a 'Leading Individual' by Legal 500 2020. He primarily focuses on financings in emerging markets, particularly export, trade and multilateral financings in the commodity, energy and infrastructure sectors.

Ash has spent time working in Hong Kong, Moscow and Tokyo (in addition to London) during his 13 year career. Ash advises banks and borrowers on a variety of trade finance work, including borrowing base, prepayment and pre-export financing. He has significant experience in export and agency finance and has a particular interest in financings involving sovereigns, state-owned enterprises and parastatals. In recent years, he has advised on the eligibility of certain guarantee and insurance products as unfunded credit risk mitigation (CRM) under the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR), together with the firm's insurance and regulatory specialists. He also advises on a range of distribution methods, including insurance, secondary loan trading, participations, credit default swaps and other risk transfer agreements.

Amelia Slocombe, Managing Director, Head of Legal – LMA



Amelia joined the LMA in October 2010, establishing the in-house legal team and working on the Association's documentation projects, education and training events and regulatory and lobbying matters. Amelia was also responsible for contributing to and editing the LMA's four most recent books: "The Loan Book", "Developing Loan Markets", "The Real Estate Loan Book" and "20 Years in the Loan Market" (published in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016 respectively) and wrote the LMA's Guide to Regulation.

Prior to joining the LMA, Amelia was a banking and finance solicitor at Pinsent Masons LLP, where she acted for numerous domestic and international corporate banks and a variety of UK and international borrowers, focusing on general syndicated finance, leveraged and investment grade acquisition finance and real estate finance. Amelia also spent time on secondment in the FI, NBF and Insurance teams at Barclays, where she gained experience of cash management, structured finance products, and clearing and settlement systems.

Constantin von Moltke, Head of Syndication – Afrexim



Constantin has been Head of Syndicated Loans at African Export-Import Bank since September 2016. He joined Afreximbank from the African Development Bank (AfDB), where, for the past four years, he served as Head of Loan Syndication and Co-Financing in the Private Sector Department. Constantin has more than 20 years' experience in structured finance, including 15 years focused on syndicated loans.

Prior to his AfDB experience, he was Global Head of the Project and Commodity Finance Loan Syndication team at UniCredit Group from 2002 to 2012 and also served as Manager in the European Energy and Utilities project and acquisition finance team at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein where he worked from 1996 to 2001.

Constantin started his career at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva. He is a member of the Loan Market Association's Africa Group and Chairman of the working group of the African Financing Partnership, a formal cooperation entity of eight development finance institutions active in Africa. Constantin holds a Master of Economics and Social Sciences from Universite de Fribourg, Switzerland, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelm Univerisitat, Germany.

Logan Wright, Partner – Dentons



Logan is a London-based partner in our global Banking & Finance practice. He specialises in cross-border financings for developing markets, including Africa, LatAm, Turkey and the Middle East, and the CEE, Russia and the wider CIS. Logan's practice covers a wide range of financing products, in particular, syndicated lending, trade and commodity finance, acquisition finance, real estate finance, mezzanine finance and corporate restructurings. Logan has extensive experience of working in developing markets, including fifteen years based in Moscow, and his clients include international and local banks and corporates, development finance institutions and export credit agencies, and credit funds.
