



# GLBO 2025 Agenda

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11.45am-12.15pm	<p><b>Feature</b> <b>The evolution of digital assets: 2017's "utility token" vs 2025's "tokenised security"</b></p> <p>The world of digital assets has changed hugely since the first "bull run" of crypto in 2017. Blockchain technology is finally becoming mainstream after many false starts, gently starting to have its day alongside a red-hot crypto assets market. "Tradfi" and "crypto" are starting to merge, with tokenised products, crypto derivatives and others now being offered in mainstream, regulated markets. This session explores the latest in this sector, looking particularly at some of the more innovative structures being offered, and the political landscape that is being formed in the background to support (and throttle) this new world.</p>	<p><b>Feature</b> <b>Funds finance unlocked: trends, jurisdictional insights, and innovative structures</b></p> <p>Explore the latest developments in capital call, NAV, and GP financing, alongside jurisdictional insights from Ireland, Luxembourg, and France. Gain a deeper understanding of trending fund finance innovations, including securitisations, SRTs, and repo-backed leverage. This session offers insights into the evolving Funds Finance landscape, equipping attendees with the tools to navigate this complex and fast-evolving sector.</p>	<p><b>Contentious asset management hot topics</b></p> <p>Explore the latest developments and emerging trends in contentious asset management. This session will delve into key issues impacting both assets and their managers, such as private credit, ESG considerations, non-financial misconduct, investment disputes, and the impact of cyber incidents. Gain valuable insights and explore the critical challenges of this rapidly evolving landscape.</p>	<p><b>FiDA unlocked: what the latest developments mean for you</b></p> <p>FiDA is back on the EU agenda, and the first trilogue discussions are already underway. But what does this mean for your business? In this session, we'll break down the FiDA proposals, their ambitious goals to transform financial data sharing, and the key sticking points causing debate among the Commission, Parliament, and Council.</p> <p><b>You'll gain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clear understanding of FiDA's scope, from customer empowerment to data-sharing schemes.</li> <li>• Insights into the latest behind-the-scenes developments and what's driving the discussions.</li> <li>• Practical guidance on how to prepare your business for the regulatory, operational, and technological changes FiDA could bring.</li> </ul> <p>Whether you see FiDA as a challenge or an opportunity, this session will equip you with the knowledge to navigate the road ahead and position your business for success in a new era of financial data access.</p>
12.20-12.50pm			<p><b>Evolving regulatory landscape in the Middle East for asset managers</b></p> <p>This session explores the rapid growth of asset management in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, highlighting key regulatory updates across DIFC, ADGM, and UAE onshore, including licensing, prudential capital, fund platforms, and passporting. It will also cover Saudi Arabia's evolving framework and the rise of Shariah-compliant funds, offering insights into opportunities and challenges in these dynamic markets.</p>	<p><b>PSD3: the next payments revolution - what legal leaders need to know now</b></p> <p>Discover the key changes introduced by PSD3 and their impact on the UK and EU payments landscape. This session will explore the regulatory drivers behind PSD3, its expanded scope, and headline reforms, including stronger consumer protections, Open Banking 2.0, and new rules for payment institutions. Gain insights into the UK's post-Brexit approach, potential regulatory divergence, and strategic priorities for legal teams. Join us to understand what's changing, why it matters, and how to prepare for the evolving payments framework.</p>
12.55-1.25pm	<p><b>Products drop-in session</b> Have a demo of our marketing leading products.</p>	<p><b>EU pay transparency directive – the countdown is on</b></p> <p>Member states have until 7 June 2026 to implement the provisions of the EU Pay Transparency Directive which aims to have a transformational impact on pay equity across Europe. We anticipate it will drive a cultural shift around pay transparency in the financial services sector with more firms introducing job evaluation schemes and robust data analytics to tackle gender pay gaps. In this session we will summarise what employers need to do to comply with the Directive, provide an update on implementation across key jurisdictions and share market insights on how financial services firms are preparing for the change.</p>	<p><b>Infrastructure at the crossroads: financing, challenges, and growth in the data centre market.</b></p> <p>A broad overview of the increasing demand for data centres and the strategies being employed to support this growth. It provides insights into the key trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the future of the data centre industry.</p>	<p><b>Unlocking cross-border opportunities UK – Switzerland: looking at practical implications of the Berne Agreement</b></p> <p>An in-depth exploration of the forthcoming Berne Agreement, a landmark arrangement between the UK and the Swiss Federal Department of Finance aimed at enhancing cross-border market access for financial services. You'll gain insights into the key provisions of the agreement, its implications for financial services (in particular investment services), and the practical steps firms need to take to prepare. We will also look at the ways in which financial services can be provided outside this Agreement. Join us to understand how this agreement will shape the future of UK-Swiss financial collaboration and unlock new opportunities for your business.</p>

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2.30-3pm	<p><b>Wealth Management across borders: tax and regulatory insights for individual relocation</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the relocation of individuals and the associated tax implications, regulatory triggers, and guidance from local regulators. The discussion will compare key jurisdictions currently of interest including Italy and the UAE, highlighting pull factors, tax regimes, and practical considerations for high-net-worth individuals considering relocation.</p>	<p><b>Unlocking opportunities: democratisation, innovation and the future of private markets</b></p> <p>An insightful discussion on the opportunities from the democratisation of private assets and the role of innovative investment vehicles such as LTAFs and ELTIFs in reshaping the asset management landscape. This session will explore emerging trends and challenges in broadening access to private markets, offering a fresh perspective on the future of investment funds.</p>	<p><b>Feature</b> <b>Private credit: market dynamics, deal structures, and regulatory change</b></p>	<p><b>Sanctions under scrutiny: legal risk and strategic defence</b></p> <p>With enforcement, regulatory scrutiny and litigation risk on the rise, this session will spotlight the legal risks and strategic challenges facing financial services firms as they navigate sanctions regimes. We'll examine recent enforcement trends, case law, and the practical implications and key risk mitigation strategies for compliance and defence.</p>
3.05-3.35pm	<p><b>Data protection decoded: AI under the GDPR lens</b></p> <p>Artificial intelligence is revolutionising financial services, from portfolio management and risk modelling to fraud detection and client profiling. In this context AI systems and Large Language Models play a massive role. But with innovation comes complexity. This session will explore the intersection of AI and data protection, focusing on key regulatory considerations under the (EU and UK) GDPR, taking into account latest guidance by data protection authorities. We'll discuss practical challenges such as conducting DPIAs for AI systems, but also drilling down on questions such as concerning LLMs that have been trained using GDPR non-compliant data-sets and its consequences for AI systems that integrate such LLMs. Gain insights into how financial institutions are leveraging AI while managing GDPR compliance. Join us to stay ahead of the curve in this rapidly evolving space.</p>	<p><b>Investigations: Pitfalls and priorities</b></p> <p>All firms have to investigate issues at some point, whether it is non-financial misconduct, fraud, customer complaints, systems and controls failures. They come in a variety of forms and can involve multiple jurisdictions, stakeholders and regulators as well as criminal and civil litigation risk. This session looks at some of the mistakes that get made (and can be avoided) and some of the issues that should be front of mind for any investigator.</p>	<p>An overview of the private credit market, tracing its evolution from traditional bank lending to the rise of credit funds and the convergence with structured finance. Our expert panel will discuss major trends including distressed credit, back leverage, securitisation, and regulatory developments.</p>	<p><b>Key trends and insights in M&amp;A and PE transactions in Europe</b></p> <p>In a world of heightened geopolitical tensions and evolving regulations, staying compliant is more critical than ever. Join us to explore the latest enforcement priorities in merger control, foreign direct investment, and the EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation. Gain actionable insights to navigate these challenges and safeguard your transactions in an increasingly complex regulatory landscape.</p>
3.35-4pm	Tea/coffee			
4-5.30pm	<p><b>Feature: AI and the future: people, practice and policy</b></p> <p>How do teams move from AI hype to demonstrable, valuable impact? In this extended session, our panel explore what great looks like when people, practice and policy evolve together. We'll first explore how our clients have implemented AI to great effect in their own organisations, before moving to discuss how organisations can manage risk and deliver value when implementing AI solutions. Finally, we'll discuss what the future holds for the workforce empowered by AI, and how organisations and individuals can stay ahead of the curve.</p>			