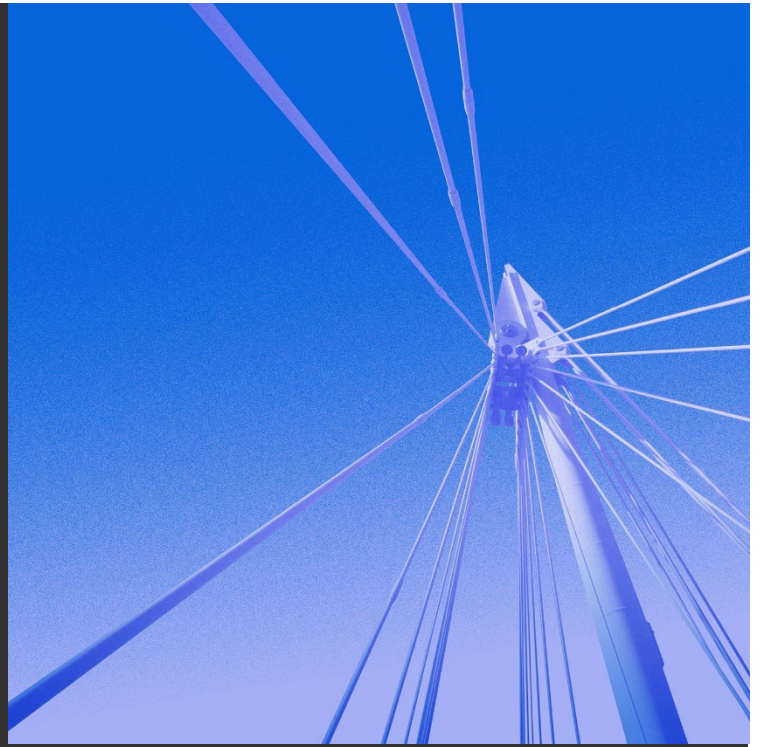


**2026 Cross-Border
Transactions Global
Seminar**
London
29-30 January 2026



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Wednesday, January 28

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Optional no-host activity

Flight Club Shoreditch

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Warm up your aim and your connections—join us for a lively evening of darts and networking before the seminar kicks off. It's the perfect chance to meet fellow attendees, spark conversations, and start the event with a bullseye.

Thursday, January 29

Location	The Ned, London
9.00am - 12.00pm	Optional Session: Hi-Impact Networking <i>The Saloon</i>
9.00am – 12.00pm	Registration <i>The Saloon</i>
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Opening Welcome Lunch <i>The Saloon</i>
12.45pm - 1.15pm	Opening Remarks and Self-Introductions <i>Tapestry Room</i>
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Advising in an uncertain world: the impact of geopolitical turbulence on cross border transactions <i>Tapestry Room</i> Andrew Hilland, Partner, Hakluyt & Company
2.15pm - 3.00pm	Current State of Global M&A <i>Tapestry Room</i> Moderator: Jennifer Maxwell, Partner, Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP (member firm for Canada, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec) Speakers: • Biliana Barboutova, Head of Financial Sponsors EMEA, UBS • Miles Cox, Head of UK M&A, Berenberg • Rabee Sahyoun, Head of M&A, UK, Americas and APAC, and Head of Capital Markets and Advisory, ING
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Coffee Break <i>The Saloon</i>
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Private M&A Market Trends <i>Tapestry Room</i> Moderator: Magnus Hedsund, Partner, Vinge (member firm for Sweden)

	Speakers: • Yoshiyuki Kizu, Partner, Nishimura & Asahi (member firm for Japan) • Nadine Leitner, Partner, CERHA HEMPEL Rechtsanwälte GmbH (member firm for Austria) • Jamie Stone, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (member firm for USA, North Carolina)
4.15pm – 5.00pm	Trends in Global Foreign Investment Restrictions and National Security <i>Tapestry Room</i> Moderator: Gerrit Oosterhuis, Partner, Houthoff (member firm for the Netherlands) Speakers: • Rachel Alpert, Partner, Jenner & Block (member firm for USA, Illinois) • David Blackburn, Partner, Brunswick • Jurgen Theeven, Senior Director Legal, Nexperia • Fang HE, Partner, JunHe (member firm for China)
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Networking Cocktails <i>The Saloon</i>
6.00pm – 10.00pm	Reception and Dinner <u>Vinoteca City</u> 21 Bloomberg Arcade, London EC4N 8AR

Friday, January 30

8.45am - 9.30am	Registration and Coffee <i>The Saloon</i>
8.45am - 9.30am	Optional Session (for member firms only): Using Generative AI to Unlock Buried Knowledge <i>Tapestry Room</i> In this session, Andy McDonnell (Lex Mundi) and Adam Roney (Kalisa) will demonstrate how generative AI can unlock knowledge and expertise

	across the network. This premium solution will be made available to the leadership of each firm beginning in 2026.
9.30am – 10.15am	Transactional Risks Insurance <i>Tapestry Room</i> Moderator: Heloise Husson, Head of Transactional Risks Insurance, Diot Siaci Speakers: • John Matson, Partner, Arthur Cox (member firm for Ireland and Northern Ireland) • Tanyel Serpemen, Managing Director, Ambridge • Syed Mahbub Murshed, Senior Legal Counsel, Cordiant Digital Infrastructure
10.15am – 11.00am	Structuring Deals with Gulf Counterparts <i>Tapestry Room</i> Moderator: Bashir Ahmed, Managing Partner, Afridi & Angell (member firm for United Arab Emirates) Speakers: • Steven Fink, Former Vice President, Company & Commercial Law for DHL Group • Chris Johnson, Managing Attorney, Law Firm of Mohamed Al-Sharif (member firm for Saudi Arabia) • John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist and Head of Economic Research, Gulf Research Center
11.00am – 11.30am	Coffee Break <i>The Saloon</i>
11.30am – 12.00pm	Private Equity Investments in Law Firms <i>Tapestry Room</i> David Morley, Dejognhe & Morley LLP
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Closing Lunch <i>The Saloon</i>

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