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Young Lawyers Private Equity Forum 2025

17 September 2025, The Savoy, London, England

Working programme

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Conference Co-ChairsFilippo de Falco *Slaughter and May, London*Alex Edmonson *Macfarlanes, London*

Wednesday 17 September

**All working sessions will take place in the Abraham Lincoln Ballroom.
All coffee/tea breaks and lunch will take place in the Manhattan Rooms.
The Drinks reception will take place in the River Rooms.**

1230 – 1800 **Registration**

1245 – 1400 **Lunch**

1400 – 1410 **Introduction**

Filippo de Falco *Slaughter and May, London*

1410 – 1500 **GC Panel**

The panellists will discuss topics ranging from how the role of an inhouse lawyer compares to that of a private practice lawyer, how that has changed during their time spent inhouse and what keeps them up at night. They will also share tips on how private practice lawyers should build relationships with sponsor lawyers and deal executives, and what private practice lawyers could do to improve the way they service sponsor clients.

Moderator

Alex Edmonson *Macfarlanes, London*

Speakers

Aimee Fabri *Oakley Capital, London*

Natasha Gopaul *Senior Managing Director and General Counsel, The Blackstone Group, New York*

Adam Porter *Alchemy Partners, London*

1500 – 1550 **Investing in professional services firms – the hottest sector?**

This panel of experts will discuss their experiences, from different perspectives, of working on some of the most high-profile professional services deals during the recent sudden surge of activity in this sector in the private capital arena, including what makes these transactions different to other types of buyout or growth investment and how to go about executing them.

Moderator

Daisy Wu *Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York*

Speakers

Ollie Clayton *Evercore, London*

Thibault Huysseune *Permira, London*

Claudia van Rappard *De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam*

1550 – 1610 **Coffee break**

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Wednesday continued

1610 – 1700

Exits – is this still the year and what lies ahead?

2025 was widely predicted to be 'the year of exits'. The panellists will discuss the current state of the exit market across various jurisdictions, including which sectors have been most affected by a difficult environment for executing transactions and what recent trends have been observed in deal terms or structures.

Moderator

Harry Bourne *Jefferies, London*

Speakers

Alvaro Ramirez de Haro *Perez Llorca, London*

Samra Tesser *Vinge, Stockholm*

Will Yates *Travers Smith, London*

1700 – 1750

Private Equity strategies – PE-RE vs PE-Infra

From underwriting to exit, our panellists will discuss similarities and differences across investment verticals in PE real estate and infrastructure, drawing on the huge expertise gained in their roles as senior in-house lawyers and deal professionals to highlight key themes and share their views on what they look for in their external counsel.

Moderator

Harry Bacon *Slaughter and May, London*

Speakers

James Gordon *KKR, London*

Kyle Lewis *Cloud Capital, London*

Chris Tolley *Blackstone, London*

1750 – 1800

Wrap up

Alex Edmonson *Macfarlanes, London*

1800 – 2000

Drinks reception

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