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Converging Risks: A 360° View of Risk Management Today

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Time	Agenda	Speaker(s)
08:30–09:00	Registration | Coffee	
09:00–09:15	Opening Remarks	
09:15–10:00	**Panel Discussion | Political Risk | Navigating the New Normal: Global Risks Reshaping Financial Markets** From geopolitical conflicts to climate disruption, interconnected global risks are driving unprecedented market volatility. This session examines how wars, sanctions, trade tensions, and political polarisation impact supply chains and financial operations. Industry experts share proven frameworks for risk assessment and mitigation strategies to help leaders anticipate disruption and build resilience.	**Panellists** James Ker-Lindsay Fiona Mullen Christian Hunt **Moderator |** Adonis Pegasiou
10:00–10:30	**Keynote Address | Strategic Risk | Beyond Black Swans: Mastering the Art of Strategic Foresight** In an era where macro volatility is crushing traditional five-year plans, the biggest risk may be the one you're not even considering. This provocative keynote explores the spectrum of strategic threats, from ignored 'Grey Rhinos' to unimaginable 'Unknown Unknowns', and why conventional planning is failing. Learn how leading organisations are replacing static forecasts with real-time scenario modelling, implementing horizon scanning, and fostering organisational curiosity to anticipate failure before it strikes.	**Panellist** Jennifer Geary
10:30–11:00	**Round Table Discussion | Regulatory Risk | The Regulatory Radar: Staying Ahead of Tomorrow's Compliance Landscape** Get unfiltered insights straight from the source. This exclusive panel brings together senior regulators to discuss their rapidly evolving focus areas from AI governance and cyber resilience to ESG transparency and financial crime enforcement. Hear directly from regulatory leaders about emerging priorities, the shift toward data-driven supervision, and navigating fragmented global regimes. Gain insider perspective on building proactive compliance strategies and preparing for 2026's regulatory horizon.	**Panellists** George Michaelides Konstantinos Kaniouras

11:00–11:15	**Coffee Break | Networking**	
11:15–11:45	**Keynote Address | Human Risk | Why People are the Biggest Threat and Asset** Every major financial crisis traces back to human decision-making, yet most risk frameworks treat people as an afterthought. In this compelling keynote, Christian Hunt explores the paradox of human risk and how the same employees who can devastate an organisation are also its greatest defence. From insider threats and toxic cultures to the power of psychological safety and effective whistleblowing, Hunt reveals why "tone from the top" isn't enough and shares evidence-based training methods that actually change behaviour and reduce risk.	**Speaker** Christian Hunt
11:45–12:25	**Panel Discussion | Financial & Operational Risk | Systems Under Stress: How to Build Financial and Operational Resilience** When markets turn volatile and systems fail, resilient institutions don't just survive, they thrive. This panel examines the dual challenge of financial and operational risk management, from credit exposure and liquidity crunches to system failures and supply chain breakdowns. Expert panellists share proven strategies for hedging market volatility, strengthening internal controls, and building bulletproof business continuity plans that withstand both predictable pressures and unexpected shocks.	**Panellists** Louis Protopapas Jennifer Geary Christos Pieridis **Moderator |** Mateo Jarrin Cuvi
12:25–13:05	**Panel Discussion | Compliance & Regulatory Risk | Turning Compliance into Risk Intelligence** Move beyond reactive compliance to predictive risk management. This panel explores how forward-thinking organisations are transforming compliance data and monitoring tools into strategic intelligence systems that anticipate threats before they materialise. Expert panellists discuss frameworks for embedding compliance thinking across all business functions and how early regulatory signals can reveal critical operational vulnerabilities and strategic blind spots.	**Panellists** Faisal Islam Antigoni Hadjixenophontos Mona Zoet Idan Levy **Moderator |** Despina Christofi
13:05–14:00	**Lunch Break | Networking**	
14:00–14:20	**Presentation | Risk Assessment | The Anatomy of a Risk Assessment: From Analysis to Action** Turn risk assessment from a checkbox exercise into a strategic decision-making tool. This hands-on workshop breaks down the essential components of professional risk assessment, from structuring scenarios and developing scoring methodologies to crafting recommendations that actually influence business decisions. Participants will work through a real-world case study, learning proven frameworks and practical techniques to create risk assessments that drive meaningful organisational action.	**Speakers** Panagiotis Vassiliades Panayiotis Antoniou

14:20–14:50	**Keynote Address | Crypto Risk | Crypto: Beyond the Hype to Practical Risk Management** Cryptocurrency has evolved from speculative novelty to legitimate business imperative, but the risk landscape remains treacherous. This keynote cuts through the hype to deliver practical insights on managing digital asset risks in traditional financial institutions. Explore the emerging risk categories, from technical vulnerabilities and compliance gaps to reputational dangers, and learn frameworks for balancing crypto's transformative potential against its significant perils in enterprise settings.	**Speaker** Tara Annison
14:50–15:30	**Panel Discussion | AI & Cyber Risk | AI-Powered Threats: Balancing Human Judgement with Automated Risk** As AI transforms both cyber defence and attack capabilities, financial institutions face an evolving threat landscape where algorithms battle algorithms. This expert panel explores how AI-powered phishing, ransomware, and supply chain attacks are outpacing traditional defences, while examining the risks within AI systems themselves, from model bias to third-party vulnerabilities. Panellists discuss strategies for managing generative AI risks, preparing for post-quantum cryptography, and determining when human judgment must override automated decisions.	**Panellists** Georgina Tryfou Tara Annison Pantelis Angelides Solon Houtris **Moderator |** Mateo Jarrin Cuvi
15:30-15:45	**Coffee Break | Networking**	
15:45–16:05	**Presentation | Reputational Risk | Managing Reputational Risk in the Age of Instant Outrage** In today's hyperconnected world, a single tweet can trigger millions in market cap losses within hours. This presentation examines how financial institutions can navigate the volatile landscape of social media-driven reputational crises, from managing public backlash to containing brand damage. Learn proven frameworks for crisis communications, proactive brand monitoring strategies, and rapid response protocols that can mean the difference between temporary turbulence and lasting reputational harm.	**Speaker** Penny Kozakos
16:05–16:25	**Presentation | ESG Risk | Managing ESG Risk: Sustainable Leadership and Corporate Responsibility** ESG isn't just about compliance, it's becoming a core risk management discipline that can make or break financial performance. This presentation explores how to build robust ESG-risk frameworks that address regulatory requirements while avoiding costly greenwashing pitfalls. Learn practical approaches for integrating environmental, social, and governance considerations into traditional risk models, managing stakeholder expectations, and ensuring data quality in an evolving regulatory landscape.	**Speaker** Petros Florides
16:25–16:30	**Closing Remarks**	

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