

EMEA TRADING CONFERENCE 2024

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH | ETC.VENUES 133 HOUNDSDITCH, LONDON

08:00	Registration Opens		
08:45	Event Welcome		
09:00	Keynote Address		
09:40	Regulation 2024 - What Needs to Be on Your Radar In this panel we will welcome senior regulators from around the world to talk about the challenges they continue to face and how they are addressing the most pressing issues. This will cover subject such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The upcoming agenda priorities for each regulator ▪ Competitiveness of different regulatory regimes and the associated risks of regulatory divergence ▪ Global conformity vs regional disparity - which is better? ▪ Innovation in regulation – what still needs to be addressed? 		
10:30	MORNING BREAK & NETWORKING		
	STREAM 1	STREAM 2	WORKSHOPS
11:00	Why T+1? With markets just months away from North America moving to T+1 settlement the panel will take the opportunity to dig a bit deeper into market readiness for T+1 and whether or not the rest of the world should follow by considering areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How ready is the market for T+1? ▪ Where are the main areas of concern? ▪ Should all other markets follow or stand firm? ▪ Will the North Americas markets moving to T+1 make American investments in the EU less attractive (and vice versa)? 	Consolidated Tape and Transparency With the plans for consolidated tapes in both the EU and UK well underway the debate has moved on from ‘should we’ to ‘how and who’? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will consolidated tapes provide greater transparency, and how? ▪ What is the current state of the development of consolidated tapes across asset classes? ▪ How will they work in practice? ▪ How should participants be preparing? ▪ What are the governance requirements for CTPs? 	

11:45	Making Markets Better In a competitive market environment, the balance between regulation and innovation continues to challenge. In this panel, the participants will look to address some of the areas where improvements need to be made, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross pollination across asset classes ▪ How retail is fully integrated into wholesale markets in some regions but not others ▪ How to improve financial market education ▪ The impact of Capital Markets Union ▪ Changes to pension legislation and its potential impact on markets ▪ How to improve primary issuance 	AI – Electronic Trading Mk2? Whilst AI has been a buzz word in the industry for many years, it is only recently that the electronic markets are seeing an upsurge in the use of AI. We will explore this area, asking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is AI in the context of financial markets? ▪ What can it be used for in trading and what is it being used for today? ▪ How could AI impact mainstream trading and what do we need to do to get there? ▪ What does effective AI regulation look like? 	T+1 Workshop 1: The Global Ramifications of US T+1 Migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cash management ▪ Fund management/performance ▪ Market liquidity ▪ Specific asset classes ▪ Financing ▪ Trading workflows ▪ FX workflows
12:30 LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING			
	STREAM 1	STREAM 2	WORKSHOPS
13:30	Keynote Address		
13:50	Fixing Equities Following the Making Markets Better panel earlier in the day, this session will look to take more of a nuanced view of market structure and trading behaviour specifically within the equities landscape and will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is in the regulatory pipeline? ▪ Addressing the decline in secondary markets trading ▪ The attractiveness of US markets vs. EU and UK ▪ Is there overcomplexity in equities market structure? 	Digital Assets – Boom or Bust Digital assets have been with us in one form or another for over 15 years. This panel will explore how both the asset class(es) and underlying technology can or will impact the traditional asset space, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where are the markets on their journey towards the digitization of traditional assets? ▪ Will tokenization of assets provide the answers to market issues, and which ones? ▪ Can digital and traditional markets co-exist, and how? 	T+1 Workshop 2: Fixing the Plumbing – Achieving Electronification of the Post-Trade Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standardisation across allocations, confirmations and affirmations ▪ Achieving full market coverage across all asset classes

14:35	Fixing Fixed Income This panel will look at the current state of affairs in fixed income markets and will consider topic such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fixed income hot spots ▪ Chasing fixed income yields in an unstable and ageing world ▪ Pre-hedging – its importance and future in Fixed Income ▪ The electronification of fixed income markets – what next? ▪ How do you evaluate performance in fixed income markets? 	Keeping Markets Moving In an increasingly complex and connected world, financial markets are exposed to evolving operational risks every day. In this session we will look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding the risks and how can we mitigate them ▪ Getting the right data to the right people at the right time ▪ Planning and preparation - outage playbooks, recovery plans, testing and similar ▪ What lessons have we learnt from the past? 	T+1 Workshop 3: Impact on Asset Servicing and the Liquidity it Brings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronification of securities lending and repo ▪ Corporate actions ▪ Instant reference data ▪ Impacts and adjustments to liquidity provision 	
AFTERNOON BREAK & NETWORKING				
STREAM 1		STREAM 2		WORKSHOPS
15:50	Keynote Address			
16:10	People As we come to the end of our day, we turn our attention to the people who make the markets work – the conference day will end by looking at the human side of what we do and will consider subjects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do we encourage new people into the industry and retain them? ▪ Are we actively trying to attract diversity into our industry? ▪ Progression and training - how can companies move their people forward? 		T+1 Workshop 4: Impact on Mutual Funds, ETFs and Underlying Liquidity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What multiple settlement cycles mean for ETF creation and redemption ▪ How this impacts market participants, from issuers to APs to liquidity providers to investors 	
16:50	Closing Remarks & Presentation of the Tim Healy Award			
17:00	Cocktail Reception			