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**Education Session No. 601:
European M&A Trends and Challenges**

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Paris

While European politicians focus on the best course for sustained economic growth, companies across the region have decided that unity is strength. The current environment, with sustainably low interest rates, supportive currency levels and increased balance sheet liquidity, has contributed to a wave of consolidations.

Is this trend sustainable? How can we identify future potential alliances, and understand their chances of success? Join us for a challenging debate by experts in the fields of asset management, legal and fundamental database analysis, in the context of the current very particular economic environment to answer these questions.

Participants

Dana Anagnostou, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Fabienne Cretin-Fumeron, OFI Asset Management
Blaise Ganguin, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services
Jean-Michel Six, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services
Annoa Da Rugna, *Moderator*, 100 Women in Hedge Funds Paris

Event Details

Date: February 16, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM Registration.

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Biographies

Dana Anagnostou, Partner, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Dana Anagnostou advises European and American clients on several aspects of international business law, including finance and financial services, and M&A. Her finance practice focuses on banking, structured finance, capital markets, derivatives and EuroPP. She also advises French, EU and non-EU funds (UCITs and AIFs), fund managers, administrators and custodians on corporate governance, compliance and regulatory issues (including AIFMD and EMIR), as well as on a wide range of contractual and operational issues. Her M&A experience centers on cross-border acquisitions, generally involving France and/or the US, and often in the finance or technology fields. Her clients include financial institutions, industrials and private equity funds.

Fluent in both French and English, she is an American who began her career in 1994 in the New York office of a large firm, moving to Paris in 1998. She is a member of the New York and Paris bars.

Ms. Anagnostou is ranked by *Décideurs Stratégie Finance Droit* 2014, for being a "highly recommended" lawyer (*forte notoriété*) in Acquisition Finance.

Fabienne Cretin-Fumeron, Directeur Gestion Performance Absolue-Arbitrage actions, OFI Asset Management
Fabienne Cretin, with 19 years experience is the Director of the Risk Arbitrage Investment Management team at Ofi Asset Management. She started her career with Deloitte & Touch in M&A and Audit in 1997, after gaining her Masters from the ESSEC. In 2001 she joined ADI, responsible for the Equity Strategy team where she stayed until 2009. She joined Ofi in 2009, and now manages a team of 5 people, running Ofi Risk Arb Absolu, a UVITS IV fund.

Blaise Ganguin, MD, Head of Corporate Ratings, EMEA, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

Blaise Ganguin is Head of Corporate Ratings & Managing Director for the EMEA region. In this function, he coordinates a group of 170 analysts spanning 10 offices and over 1600 credit opinions on corporate and infrastructure issuers. He is part of the European Executive Committee of Standard & Poor's.

Since joining Standard & Poor's in Toronto in 1994 as a corporate analyst, Blaise has held various positions including Chief Credit Officer, EMEA until 2011 and previously Head of the Leverage Finance team for Europe. Prior to this, Blaise worked with UBS in Geneva, New York and Toronto as a credit analyst.

Blaise co-authored with John J. Bilardello the book "Fundamentals of Corporate Credit Analysis", published at McGraw Hill in 2005. He holds an MBA from the University of Toronto, Canada; a post-graduate degree in International Development and Cooperation from the University of Ottawa, Canada; and an MA in History and International Affairs from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Jean-Michel Six, MD, Chief Economist EMEA, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

Jean-Michel is Standard & Poor's Ratings Services Chief European Economist, based in Paris. He held a series of positions for Standard & Poor's economic and financial information division, DRI (Data Resources) between 1982 and 1997, both in Europe and in the US, including Chief Economist and Managing Director.

He left Standard & Poor's in 1997 to help found Global Partners, Inc., a US-based consulting firm. Jean-Michel rejoined Standard & Poor's at the beginning of 2005 in New York and subsequently moved back to Europe.

Jean-Michel has been a member of the European Central Bank's Shadow Council since 2006.

Jean-Michel holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris.

Annoa Da Rugna, Vice-Chair, 100 Women in Hedge Funds Paris

Annoa is Exane asset management institutional Investor Relations manager, based in Paris.

Annoa has spent her entire career in the alternative assets area : she began her career in 2005 at Barep Bank in the structured products department and joined the sales team at Barep Asset Management in 2007. French institutional investors have always been her focus - wholesale and institutional investors - promoting single hedge funds, funds of hedge funds and structured products.

Annoa joined HDF Finance, one of the French Fund of Hedge Fund pioneers in 2008 responsible for French institutional investors.

In 2012 , she launched an independent third party marketing boutique dedicated to French institutional investors offering foreigners asset manager in alternatives strategies. She joined Exane asset management in late 2015.

Annoa holds a DESS in Finance of Bordeaux IV University and has been a key member of 100 Women in hedge funds in Paris since she joined the organisation in 2009.



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