

Education Session No. 630: The Bright and Dark Sides of Bond Investing

May 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM London

It has been a challenging time for bond investors as the global markets grapple with the Fed increasing rates, extreme volatility in energy, uncertainty in China, and more. High yield spreads widened in 2015 as a result of these concerns, while investment grade bonds were generally flat for the year. Join our panelists as they share best practices in navigating the bond markets and how to identify both opportunities and perils during these challenging times. Networking and canapes will follow the interactive discussion.

Participants

Mia Drennan, Global Loan Agency Services Limited Monica Gogna, Ropes & Gray LLP Sarah Mook, Goldman Sachs Jane Rogers, Ropes & Gray LLP James Douglas, *Moderator,* Ropes & Gray LLP

Event Details

Date: May 18, 2016 Time: 6 PM Registration. We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early. Networking and cocktails will follow. Host: Ropes & Gray LLP Location: 60 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7AW, United Kingdom RSVP: <u>RSVP Now</u>

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Biographies

Mia Drennan, Chief Executive Officer, Global Loan Agency Services Limited

Mia is the CEO and Founding Partner of Global Loan Agency Services Limited ("GLAS") which she setup in 2011. GLAS is an independent, conflict free, provider of independent loan agency and trustee services with a particular niche in restructurings and special situations. GLAS is also Agent of choice for many funds and non-banks involved in direct lending. GLAS now has offices in London, New York and Sydney.

Mia started her career at KPMG and had positions within Simmons & Simmons, Citibank and The Bank of New York all of which she classed as entrepreneurial. She is an experienced finance professional who has gained significant experience in the debt capital markets and worked on a wide range of complex products. During her time at BNY Mellon, Mia successfully built the Bank's EMEA Global Structured Finance Trustee and Agency business and became the leading provider of choice for the market covering a myriad of asset classes, jurisdictions and complex structured transactions.

Prior to founding GLAS, in 2005 Mia took a entreprenuerial path and established her own enterprise, Square Mile Connections Limited to provide a range of consultancy services to the fiduciary industry which included business development, growth strategy, talent acquisition and search. Mia studied at the London Guildhall University and has a 2:1 BA Hons in Financial Services.

Monica Gogna, Partner, Ropes & Gray LLP

Monica Gogna is a partner in the investment management and financial services regulation team. She serves as a board member of the European Chapter of 'Women in ETFs', and is currently a member of the HM Treasury working group for P2P ISA eligibility.

Monica has extensive experience advising banks, investment managers (including traditional, private equity and hedge funds), private banks, foreign governments and regulators on a wide range of regulatory issues. Her experience extends to advising firms on cross-border regulatory matters, as well as advising them on the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS), European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR), the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID), exchange traded funds (ETFs), derivatives and retail structured products. Monica has also advised a vast number of financial services clients in terms of developing compliance, governance and risk management policies. She focuses on the impact of shadow banking, including advising peer-to-peer lenders on establishment and compliance with the new FCA regime.

Sarah Mook, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

Sarah is a managing director in Goldman Sachs' European Restructuring Group. She joined Goldman Sachs in 2006 in the Structured Finance Group and joined the European Restructuring Group when it was established later that year. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Sarah was a lawyer in private practice, specialising in structured finance and derivatives transactions at international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer working in London, Paris and Tokyo.

Sarah earned a BA (Hons) in Pure Mathematics from The University of Liverpool. She earned her legal qualifications at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Jane Rogers, Partner, Ropes & Gray LLP

Jane Rogers is a partner in Ropes & Gray's finance group in London and co-head of the firm's global finance practice. She focuses on private equity and debt financing transactions and was previously based in the Boston office before relocating to London in 2010.

Jane regularly represents corporations and private equity funds in a variety of financing transactions, including high yield debt offerings, syndicated credit facilities and subordinated debt and mezzanine financings. She also has represented companies in merger and acquisition transactions, public and private securities offerings and general corporate advisory matters. In addition, Jane has advised private investment funds in connection with fund formation, investment activities and other matters.

James Douglas, Partner, Ropes & Gray LLP

James Douglas is a partner in Ropes & Gray's special situations group in London. He has represented stakeholders and office holders in major corporate debt restructurings and formal insolvencies. He also has extensive experience in the litigation, arbitration and mediation of commercial disputes, including disputes arising out of corporate joint ventures, debt financings, derivatives and corporate insolvencies.

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