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**Education Session No. 636:  
Brexit Vote - Will Britain Quit the E.U.?**

May 26, 2016 at 12:00 PM  
Zurich

Will Britain negotiate an amicable divorce from the E.U. or is it better off remaining in a less than perfect union? Before Britons cast their votes in June, join 100 Women in Hedge Funds for a lively discussion on "Brexit" and whether the strategic benefits of bloc membership outweigh national sovereignty. Learn from Chris Wright, Head CIO Private Investments team of UBS, and from Professor Dr. Tobias Straumann, University of Zurich Department of Economics, about the potential financial, economic and political consequences if the U.K. remains in or leaves the E.U. Wright and Straumann will also provide an in-depth view of the potential impacts Brexit could have on investments across asset classes.

**Participants**

**Professor Dr. Tobias Straumann**, University of Zurich

**Chris Wright**, UBS

**Sona Blessing**, *Moderator*, Independent Research Specialist Alternative Alternatives & Moderator, Opalesque

**Event Details**

**Date:** May 26, 2016

**Time:** 11:30 AM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 12:00 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.

Lunch will be served.

**Host:** UBS

**Location:** UBS Gruenenhof

Nueschelerstrasse 9, **Zurich**, 8001, Switzerland - [Directions](#)

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

## Biographies

**Professor Dr. Tobias Straumann**, Department of Economics, University of Zurich

Tobias Straumann is a professor of economic history and teaches at the Universities of Basel and Zurich.

His main research field is European financial and currency history. In addition, he has written papers and books on Swiss corporate history and economic policy. He is currently working on a book about the German financial crisis in 1931 and its global consequences.

**Chris Wright**, Cross-Asset Strategist within UHNW & Alternatives, UBS

Chris Wright is a Cross-Asset Strategist within the Global Chief Investment Office (CIO). In this capacity, he contributes to the formulation of the CIO House View investment strategy. He regularly speaks with UHNW/HNW clients and their advisors, presenting the CIO House View asset allocation strategy, derivative strategies, and discussing the latest financial market developments and their implications for asset price performance.

Chris also heads the Private Markets team within CIO and runs the UBS Industry Leader Network.

Prior to joining CIO, Chris worked as an equity strategist, focusing on quantitative-based investing and derivatives at Aviva Investors in London.

Chris holds a Masters degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and is a CFA charter holder.

**Sona Blessing**, Independent Research Specialist Alternative Alternatives & Moderator, Opalesque

Sona Blessing is a Director on the London Board, 100 Women in Hedge Funds and is past Chair of the Zurich Education Committee.

She is the author of "Alternative Alternatives: Risk, Returns and Investment Strategy" - Wiley Finance, Feb.11, and contributing author, in German, on real assets for "Alternative Investments: Analyse und Due Diligence" - NZZ Libro Dec.13.

She is also a previewer of CAIA text book chapters on real assets.

She has been self-employed since Oct.2010. Besides being a research specialist on 'alternative alternatives', she launched and moderates, Opalesque Radio/Podcasts as her own start-up venture.

Prior to, she was Opalesque's Director of Research, and is accredited with solely conceiving, launching and authoring A SQUARE (Alternative Alternatives) as the research portal on the Opalesque platform.

She has also been a guest lecturer on 'alternative alternatives' at the Zurich School of Management and Law.

Sona has served as a hedge fund research strategist at Bank Sarasin (Zurich) and was a global market strategist within Economic Research and Investment Strategy at UBS (Zurich).

She has extensive experience in business journalism (India, Indonesia, U.K. and Taiwan). Sona has also been a marketing consultant with Cadbury Schweppes when it launched its soft drinks portfolio in India.

She is often invited to moderate panels, and to share her expertise as a speaker and author.

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