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**Next Gen London Alternatives Masterclass - Opportunities in Private Credit**

September 6, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
London

In recent years private credit has emerged as an attractive alternative to traditional bank lending as both companies and investors react to the stagnant low interest rate environment and heavy post-crisis financial regulation. Next Generation London is excited to welcome you to an Alternatives Masterclass to discuss navigating opportunities in this shifting landscape.

We will explore the dynamics, trends and opportunities within this emerging alternative asset class. Viewing this from both an investor and investment perspective our speakers will unpack how this structural shift in the global credit market can benefit not only private lenders but also those looking for career opportunities within the alternative asset management space.

A Q&A will follow the discussion and you can continue the conversation and network afterwards over drinks.

Please find two thought pieces published by both [Willis Towers Watson](#) and [BlackRock](#) that will shape some of our conversation.

**Participants**

**Stephan Caron**, BlackRock  
**Nishant Nayyar**, Apax Partners  
**Nimisha Srivastava**, Willis Towers Watson  
**Kate Fieldhouse**, *Moderator*, BlackRock

**Event Details**

**Date:** September 6, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 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:** BlackRock

Location: 12 Throgmorton Avenue, **London**, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom

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

## **Biographies**

**Stephan Caron**, Managing Director, Head of European Middle Market Private Debt, BlackRock  
Stephan Caron, Managing Director, is Head of European Middle Market Private Debt for the Global Credit team within BlackRock's Global Fixed Income group. In this role, he is responsible for establishing the platform, originating investment opportunities, leading the investment process and maintaining relationships with key sponsors and intermediaries. Prior to joining BlackRock in 2014 Mr Caron was Chief Commercial Officer at GE Capital Bank Ltd, where he was responsible for originating, structuring and executing mid-market lending and leasing transactions and was also member of the Bank Executive and Investment Committees. He was with GE for 14 years in roles of increasing responsibility in structured finance, equity investing, Mergers & Acquisitions and leveraged finance. Prior to that Mr Caron worked at Suez and JP Morgan. Mr Caron earned an undergraduate degree from ISG in Paris in 1991 and a Masters from ESCP-EAP European School of Management in 1992. He is also a two-time Olympic medalist in swimming.

**Nishant Nayyar**, Principal, Capital Markets Team, Apax Partners  
Nishant Nayyar is a Principal in the Capital Markets Team. Nishant joined Apax Partners in 2009 as a member of the investment team based in the London office. He has been involved in a number of key deals in the Tech & Telco / Services space including iGATE, Orange Switzerland, Garda, GlobalLogic, Rhiag and EVRY and sat on the Board of Garda World Security Corporation. In addition, Nishant has been involved with Sisal, Travelex, Takko, ALM, Top Right Group and GHG at the portfolio company level. Prior to joining Apax Partners, Nishant worked at Warburg Pincus, a global private equity firm, on a wide variety of transactions across industry groups. Before his time at Warburg, he worked with Bain & Co. in Boston and Singapore and Goldman Sachs in New York. Nishant has a BA from Williams College in Politics and Economics as well as an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**Nimisha Srivastava**, Head Research, EMEA, Willis Towers Watson  
Nimisha Srivastava, CAIA is head of EMEA Manager Research at Willis Towers Watson, overseeing and linking research efforts with consultants and European clients. She is also a senior member of the Credit research team, focused on alternative and illiquid credit, working across strategy, client portfolio construction and research efforts. Prior to joining Willis Towers Watson in 2014, Nimisha helped manage the credit portfolio for the Universities Superannuation Scheme, one of the largest pension schemes in the UK. Before moving to the UK, she was a senior member of the hedge fund and alternatives research team at Segal Rogerscasey, a US investment consultant focused on Taft-Hartley, Public and Corporate pension plans. She began her career at Deutsche Bank in Sales & Trading, working across hedge fund/structured products sales and advising institutional clients on hedge fund allocations. She has also worked with the KAUST Endowment helping to launch their hedge fund portfolio and was selected as one of ten 100 Women in Hedge Funds/CAIA Scholars in 2012. Nimisha graduated with honours from Carnegie Mellon University with a B.S. in Mathematical Sciences and holds an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management.

**Kate Fieldhouse**, Vice President, BlackRock

Kate Fieldhouse, Vice President, is the business manager for the European Credit team within BlackRock's Global Fixed Income group. Ms. Fieldhouse's service with the firm dates back to 2008. Prior to her current role, she was a member of the Alternative Investment Executive team where she focused on business management, investment governance and product development across the alternatives platform. She began her career at BlackRock as an Analyst within the US Wealth Advisory group. Ms. Fieldhouse is Chair of BlackRock's EMEA 100 Women in Hedge Funds Committee. Ms. Fieldhouse earned a BS degree in Finance from Pennsylvania State University in 2008.

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