

Breakout sessions

Title	Open financial services: the dawn of a new era
Overview	<p>As the language of technology continues to infiltrate financial services – from API (application programme interface), to platforms, apps and AIS (account information services) – to what extent does this disruption provide opportunities for the financial services sector?</p> <p>As Hong Kong embarks on its open banking journey, join this session to understand the legal, commercial and regulatory implications for banks doing business in Hong Kong and learn from the UK open banking experience to understand the opportunities (and risks) there for the taking. As Norman Chan, Chief Executive of the HKMA, said: “Open API is one small step for a bank, but a milestone for financial innovation in the banking sector” (HKMA Press Release, 18 July 2018).</p>

Title	Private credit: the rise of the direct lenders and alternative funding structures
Overview	<p>The 10 years since Lehman has seen a dramatic growth in alternative finance, which is seen by banks as a threat to their share of the lending market. Commenting from the Asia, Australia and European perspectives, the panel will discuss the latest development in direct lending by private debts funds and non-bank lending in the infrastructure space, and more importantly, how the banks could create opportunities out of these developments.</p>

Title	FinTech and TechFin: the new landscape in digital finance
Overview	<p>As financial institutions embark on their journeys into the new frontier that is digital finance, how does the existing landscape accommodate the reinvention of the market?</p> <p>This is especially challenging given the myriad regulators involved at local and international level. With insights from our U.S. partners working at the cutting edge of developments in Fintech and Techfin, join this session to explore and learn how we in Hong Kong and Asia can maximise the opportunities in this space.</p>

Title	In-house innovation: from cost centre to value centre
Overview	<p>In-House legal teams are forever trying to balance burgeoning legal and regulatory demand whilst driving efficiency in how they deploy resources. This session will look at those two seemingly divergent pressures and why 'working harder' is not a solution in trying to unify them. The speakers will then provider a context and language for defining legal value, show attendees where legal value can be found</p>

	and discuss techniques on how to realise legal value.
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Title	Blockchain: fact, fiction, and the future
Overview	From DLT in the capital markets and trade finance to Bitcoin, the ultimate disruptor, our panellists will discuss the application of Blockchain beyond the theoretical.

Title	Infrastructure and development finance in emerging markets: a global perspective
Overview	<p>Since the fall of Lehman Brothers, emerging markets and developing economies across the globe have seen a shift in the sources of finance for infrastructure projects as well as the types of assets that are being developed.</p> <p>This session brings together a global panel of speakers who will examine the issues, risks and global trends we are seeing in infrastructure and development finance and how the ripples of the global financial crisis are still being felt in the way we now assess, evaluate and structure infrastructure and development finance in emerging markets.</p>