

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for developing the UK listing regime

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6th February 2024

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Clare Bromiley-Carmen, Head of Banking and Asset Management, Department for Business and Trade
- 9.05 **The UK listing regime - developments since the UK Listings Review and next steps for reform**
Clare Cole, Director, Market Oversight, Financial Conduct Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Improving market competitiveness and increasing the attractiveness of the UK for investors**
Assessing proposals for reform | Easing listing accessibility | Catering for a more diverse range of companies
Julie Shacklady, Director, Primary Markets, UK Finance
Ravi Takhar, Chief Executive Officer, Orchard Funding Group
James Ashton, Chief Executive Officer, Quoted Companies Alliance
Cees Vermaas, Chief Executive Officer, The International Stock Exchange
Richard Fox, Head of Public Policy UK, Schroders
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Clare Bromiley-Carmen, Head of Banking and Asset Management, Department for Business and Trade
- 11.00 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Flockhart, Managing Partner, Corporate, Herbert Smith Freehills
- 11.20 **Priorities for transparency, asset stewardship and investor rights**
Examining risks and burdens for investors and how they might be alleviated | Emphasising due diligence processes | Implications of removal of mandatory votes | Protection of shareholder rights | Potential for easing eligibility requirements
Tiffany Tsang, Head of DB, LGPS and Investment, Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association
Mike Flockhart, Managing Partner, Corporate, Herbert Smith Freehills
Adam Wregglesworth, Manager, Primary Markets Policy Team, Financial Conduct Authority
Edmund Truell, Co-founder and Director, Pension SuperFund Capital
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Broader factors affecting choices for IPOs**
Implications of wider issues influencing a company's choice of where to list | Assessing the impact of taxation and remuneration | Approaches to addressing key barriers and disincentives
Professor Bobby V. Reddy, Professor of Corporate Law and Governance, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Mike Flockhart, Managing Partner, Corporate, Herbert Smith Freehills
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum