

BRIEFING Finance Leaders

24 September 2024

HFW, 8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4BQ

Draft day shape, subject to change // Richard to host

08.00am-08.30am	BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING Grab a coffee and croissant, and connect with your peers!		
08.30am-08.40am	WELCOME <i>Richard Brent, head of content</i>		
08.40am-09.25am	PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: A GLOBAL ECONOMIC INSIGHT How will the change in government, looming US elections, and other factors impact the economy? This session will assess key considerations for finance leaders as they plan for the coming year. <i>Josie Anderson, senior economist, Experian</i>		
09.25 – 10.10 am	STRATEGIC FINANCE CHALLENGE ROUNDTABLES Choose a table and share your perspective on the strategic challenge for finance leaders.		
	<i>Finance collections and working capital management: strategies for protecting cash flow in an uncertain, high interest environment.</i>	<i>Budget - getting buy-in and better outcomes Gaining multidisciplinary input in a law firm's financial planning, and budget production efficiency and streamlining.</i>	<i>Efficiency - leveraging technology and process to drive profitability: How have members of the community managed to drive down time and cost in service delivery without affecting quality, compliance or price?</i>
10.10 – 10.30	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30 – 10:45	Perspectives: a view from HFW Mike Giles, CFO at our hosts HFW, gives his view of the changing role of the CFO, and the importance of professionalising law firm support in increasingly competitive markets. <i>Mike Giles, chief finance officer, HFW</i>		
10.45 – 11.25am	ESG REPORTING IN THE SPOTLIGHT As ESG regulation continues to ramp up, carbon expert and accountant Nicky Sinker will give an overview of mandatory reporting requirements, consider the impact on the finance function and the wider business and explore data requirements. <i>Nicky Sinker, cost, procurement and carbon specialist</i>		
11.25 - 12:10pm	FINANCE REPORTING ROUNDTABLES (FP&A) Data underpins financial reporting; find out how your peers are approaching the issues around data, and share solutions. <i>Data in, data out: getting company-wide input, metrics and reporting right.</i> • <i>Understanding hierarchical priorities and building ordered data</i>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tagging and meta-data</i>• <i>Using AI and tech to reduce barriers, increase efficiencies</i>• <i>Developing best practice in ESG reporting (assessing carbon footprints and target-setting, reporting frameworks, recording, analysing and presenting data).</i>
12.10pm	CLOSING REMARKS <i>Richard Brent, head of content</i>
12.15pm- 12.45pm	EARLY LUNCH