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AGENDA

Moderator: To be confirmed

9.30 Registration & Networking Coffee

10.00 Opening Remarks

Panagiotis Panagopoulos, CEO & Founder, Aeropodium

10.10 A practical introduction to the legal aspects of engine leasing

Joe Snell, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight

10.40 When smart teams get overloaded: Decision fatigue in engine management

Charlie Whyman, Managing Director, TGIS Aviation

11.10 Networking Coffee Break

11.40 Where leasing meets logistics

Rob Droog, Global Director Engine Services & Solutions, TALA

12.10 Banker's point of view: Engines as collateral

Francois Soldan, Director Structured Lending, Aviation & Space, Bayerische Landesbank

12.40 Networking Lunch Break

14.00 Default and distress: Challenges for the engine leasing market and turbulent times

Reece Davison, Senior Associate, Alius Law

Bree Taylor, Partner, Alius Law

14.30 Investing in engines

Meza Irani, Vice President - Aviation Advisory, MUFG Bank

15.00 Concluding Remarks

SPEAKERS

Meza Irani, Vice President - Aviation Advisory, MUFG Bank

Meza Irani has 15+ years of aircraft leasing, corporate advisory, structured finance and acquisition finance experience across lessors, banks and advisory firms.

Based in London, Meza is Vice President in the Aviation Advisory practice at MUFG Bank, Ltd.

Meza's expertise has been in financial modelling and structuring of real asset backed transactions, for public or private placement with a focus on implementation of deal based dynamic platform/fund models for clients.

Meza holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from University College London and master's in finance from Imperial College London.

Joe Snell, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight

Joseph P. Snell is a Senior Counsel in Holland & Knight's London office and a member of the firm's Asset Finance Group. He provides representation for a breadth of clients on a range of asset-based financing and transactional matters in multiple and diverse jurisdictions.

Mr. Snell regularly advises a range of clients, including aviation leasing companies, banks and airlines, on a diverse range of cross-border asset-based financing, leasing and transactional matters, and works with clients and other lawyers throughout Europe, the U.S., Asia and the Middle East. He is well-versed in advising many of the leading aviation lessors in their trading and portfolio management. In addition to fixed-wing aircraft, Mr. Snell advises in the specialist helicopter and engine leasing space. Mr. Snell was recommended in the 2025 edition of The Legal 500 United Kingdom guide in the Finance: Transport Finance and Leasing practice category.

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