



Welcome to WFF Wire!

At Women in Fund Finance (WFF), we champion gender diversity and inclusion across all facets of the fund finance industry. In this issue, we spotlight inspiring leaders, share insights and celebrate community accomplishments.

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Leading the Way

A Message from our WFF Co-Chairs

As we celebrate International Women's Month, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible strength, ambition, and collective power of this network. This is a moment to honor the progress we've made together over the last decade and to double down on our commitment to elevating women across the fund finance industry.

We are still buzzing from the energy of our recent Annual Miami networking event. It served as a powerful reminder that while our industry is technical and fast-paced, it is the personal connections within this community that drive our true success. If Miami was the spark, the rest of 2026 is the flame! Our global calendar is more vibrant than ever with a stellar lineup of events across all regions plus, we've officially taken to the airwaves with the launch of our new monthly podcast- "**WFF Voices**."

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors. Your investment in Women in Fund Finance is an investment in the future of our industry, and we are profoundly grateful for your continued partnership. To our community: thank you for your engagement, your brilliance, and for showing up for one another every single day. You are the heartbeat of WFF.

Happy International Women's Month! Here's to shattering more ceilings and building more bridges in 2026.

Warmly,

Dee Dee Sklar

Ann Richardson Knox

Co-Chairs, Women in Fund Finance

Celebrate Allyship

We are delighted to announce our **WFF 2026 Male Allyship Award Winners**—honoring those who champion gender equity and inclusion.

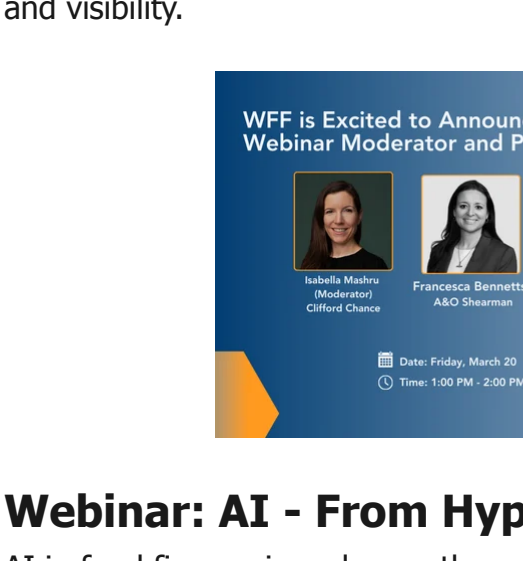
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 - **Vassiliyan Zanev, Loyens & Loeff**

Event Recap



Miami: Spritzers by the Sea

This Annual Networking Event at Miami was a true highlight, welcoming hundreds of participants for an afternoon of connection and camaraderie. Set against a stunning backdrop, the event buzzed with energy as colleagues and friends came together to share conversations, laughter, and new connections. It was a wonderful celebration of the strength and spirit of the WFF community.

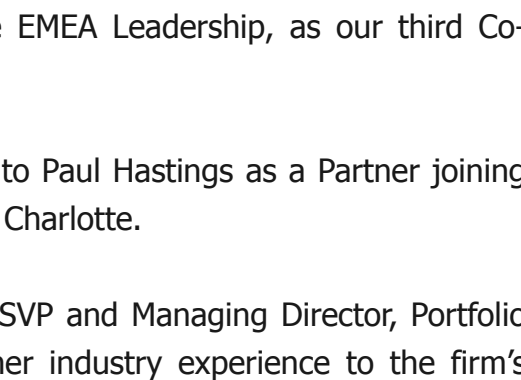
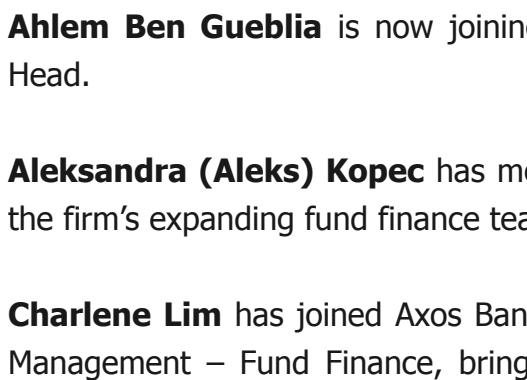


Melbourne: Developing Clarity and Presence in Leadership

Our WFF Melbourne community hosted a meaningful pause in a busy season—bringing our community together to reconnect with clarity, resilience, and purpose with Lalita Wu and Heather Bain at Ashurst.

San Francisco: Golden Gatekeeper Luncheon

Our inaugural San Francisco luncheon at Pabu—bringing the community together for meaningful conversation and fresh perspective, led by Lisa Pepper-Satkin.

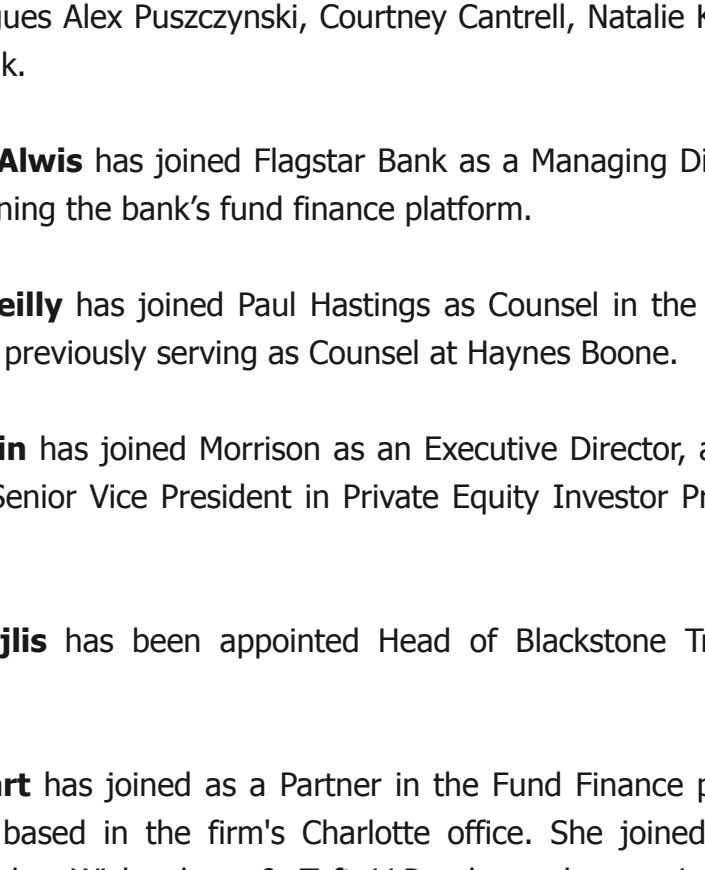


London: Wit & Wisdom: Opportunity vs. Visibility

On March 5, we hosted a *Wit & Wisdom* breakfast in London on "Opportunity v. Visibility," where 30 attendees gathered for an interactive session—co-led by Rugile Bianchi and Emily Fuller—sharing perspectives on career progression and visibility.

Hong Kong: Finding Balance at A Sound Bath Experience

Our Hong Kong region, hosted a restorative sound bath experience at ANZ with the support of Ashurst, bringing the community together for a mindful pause focused on well-being, reflection, and balance.



Webinar: AI - From Hype to Strategic Impact

AI in fund finance is no longer theoretical—it's here. Our panel—Francesca Bennetts (A&O Shearman), Jonathan Lics (KBRA), Isabella Mashru (Clifford Chance), and Alternative Assets (Noah Regen)—explored what AI really means today, where it's creating real value, and how organizations can move from experimentation to meaningful, responsible adoption.

Community Spotlight

Shifting Gears: *People in Motion*

We're proud to spotlight the achievements, transitions, and journey of the women in our community. Every milestone reflects the power of women leading, shaping and excelling in the world of fund finance. This quarter's highlights include:

Dee Dee Sklar has been proudly named a 2026 Active Icon Honoree for her visionary leadership, lasting influence, and remarkable contributions to the fund finance industry.

Ahlem Ben Gueblia is now joining the EMEA Leadership, as our third Co-Head.

Aleksandra (Aleks) Kopec has moved to Paul Hastings as a Partner joining the firm's expanding fund finance team in Charlotte.

Charlene Lim has joined Axos Bank as SVP and Managing Director, Portfolio Management – Fund Finance, bringing her industry experience to the firm's growing fund finance platform.

Danyeale Chung has joined Paul Hastings as a Partner from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, reuniting with former colleagues as part of the firm's newly launched Charlotte fund finance platform.

Holly Loftis has joined Paul Hastings LLP, as a Partner from Haynes and Boone LLP, helping launch the firm's new Charlotte office and further strengthening its fund finance practice

Katie McShane has moved from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, where she was a Fund Finance Partner, to DLA Piper, joining as Head of East Coast Fund Finance and Partner in New York.

Leah Edelboim has moved from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, where she was a Fund Finance Partner, to Sidley Austin LLP, joining as a Partner in the Global Finance practice in New York. She joins Sidley Austin alongside her former colleagues Alex Puszczynski, Courtney Cantrell, Natalie Klein and Mary-Carter Chomiak.

Malindri De Alwis has joined Flagstar Bank as a Managing Director, building and strengthening the bank's fund finance platform.

Meghan O'Reilly has joined Paul Hastings as Counsel in the Global Finance practice, after previously serving as Counsel at Haynes Boone.

Nathalie Klein has joined Morrison as an Executive Director, after previously serving as a Senior Vice President in Private Equity Investor Product Strategy at Blackstone.

Nathalie Majlis has been appointed Head of Blackstone Treasury Capital Markets.

Olivia Stewart has joined as a Partner in the Fund Finance practice at Paul Hastings LLP based in the firm's Charlotte office. She joined Paul Hastings from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, where she previously served as special counsel.

Pooja Joshi has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Fund Finance Origination at BBVA.

Ramya Tiller has been appointed as the Co-Chair of the Fund Finance practice at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

WFF Voices

We are thrilled to launch our brand-new podcast, **WFF Voices**, dedicated to bringing you exciting and insightful conversations from women in the fund finance community. Our inaugural episode features **Sarah Elliott**, Executive of Fund Sponsors, Strategic Investors, and Alternative Assets at National Australia Bank (NAB). With over 20 years of experience across Sydney and New York, Sarah is a powerhouse in the sector. In part one of two of this series, we focus on Sara's background, career trajectory and her perspectives on mentorship, sponsorship and skills for career development.

[Listen Here](#)

Round the Virtual Race

Lace up and join the **Global Virtual Race** on Racery to move for something that truly matters. Every step, stride, or mile you log helps support **Magic Bus**, an organization that uses the power of sport, play, and mentoring to empower young people on their journey from childhood to livelihood. By taking part, you're helping create opportunities, build confidence, and change futures. Wherever you are, however, you move, join us and be part of a global community racing together for a powerful cause.

Upcoming Events

[March 31: Singapore | Meditation & Crystal Bowls Sound Healing](#)

[April 13: Boston | Spill the Beans: Secrets of Deception from a FBI Profiler](#)

[April 23: Luxembourg | Emerging Trends in Fund Finance](#)

[April 28: DFW | Hats Off to Fund Finance](#)

[May 5: Toronto | Table Talks](#)

[May 7: LA: McKinsey's Broken Rung Session](#)

[May 19: WFF Chicago: Stay in the Loop](#)

...more to come, make sure you are subscribed here.

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Career Corner

MOODY'S SINGAPORE

- [VP in Fund Finance in Singapore](#)

REDDING RIDGE ASSET MANAGEMENT

- [Associate, ABF Junior Deal Captain](#)
- [Associate, CLO Structuring](#)
- [Associate, Rating Advisory](#)

Get Involved

WFF thrives on the energy and contributions of our community. Here's how you can make an impact:

- **Sponsorship:** Access exclusive resources, events, and mentorship programs.
- **Volunteer:** Support with our events and programming.
- **Feature Your Story:** Share your journey or a success story to inspire others.

Contact us at info@womeninfundfinance.com or join our [Linkedin](#) community.

About Women in Fund Finance

Women in Fund Finance is dedicated to creating a more inclusive and diverse fund finance industry. By offering mentorship, networking, and educational opportunities, WFF enables women to achieve their full potential and fosters systemic change across the industry.

Learn more at www.womeninfundfinance.com.

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