



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 look back on an incredible first half of the year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our phenomenal community for making our recent initiatives such a resounding success. We are still buzzing from the amazing turnout and vibrant energy at our recent events—from the sharp market insights shared in Chicago to the incredible hometown engagement and deep community building we witnessed in Toronto. Your overwhelming participation continues to strengthen the bonds within our network and elevate women across every corner of the fund finance industry.

We are also excited to expand WFF's global footprint with our inaugural Middle East luncheon in Abu Dhabi, bringing the community together to foster connection, innovation, and next-generation leadership in the region.

A major highlight of this season has been the highly successful launch of our podcast— **WFF Voices** which has already brought inspiring stories and critical market perspectives from industry pioneers directly to your headphones. Looking ahead, we have an exciting calendar of educational and networking sessions designed to keep this momentum going. Because this community thrives on your voice, we want to hear from you as we curate our next chapters. Please reach out with your feedback, future event ideas, or suggestions for topics and hosts for the podcast so we can continue to build a platform that truly serves and empowers you!!

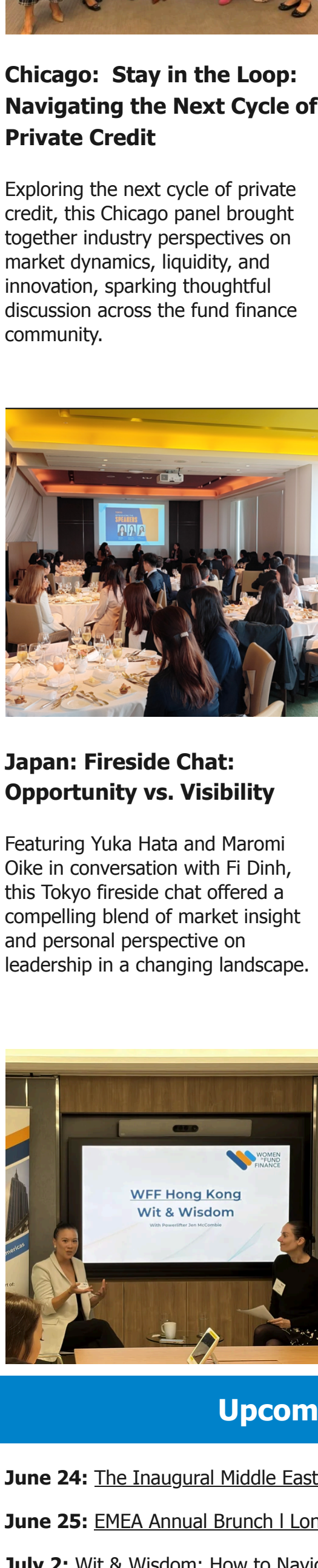
Warmly,
Dee Dee Sklar
Ann Richardson Knox
Co-Chairs, Women in Fund Finance

Expanding Horizons

Women in Fund Finance will host its Inaugural Middle East Luncheon in Abu Dhabi on June 24, marking a key milestone in expanding the platform's global footprint. The event brings together leading fund finance professionals to foster connection, innovation, and regional market growth.

This inaugural gathering aims to lay the foundation for a lasting community advancing leadership and diversity across the Middle East fund finance ecosystem. Partnering with us, your organization will support the next wave of regional market growth while gaining premium visibility among leading fund finance professionals and decision-makers. Together, we can lay the groundwork for a powerful, lasting community that accelerates regional innovation and fosters next-generation leadership.

Event Recap



Singapore: Meditation & Crystal Bowls Sound Healing

Hosted by Fi Dinh, *Meditation & Crystal Bowls Sound Healing* session offered a reflective journey through the themes of Time and Presence. Attendees were invited to pause, reconnect, and reflect.



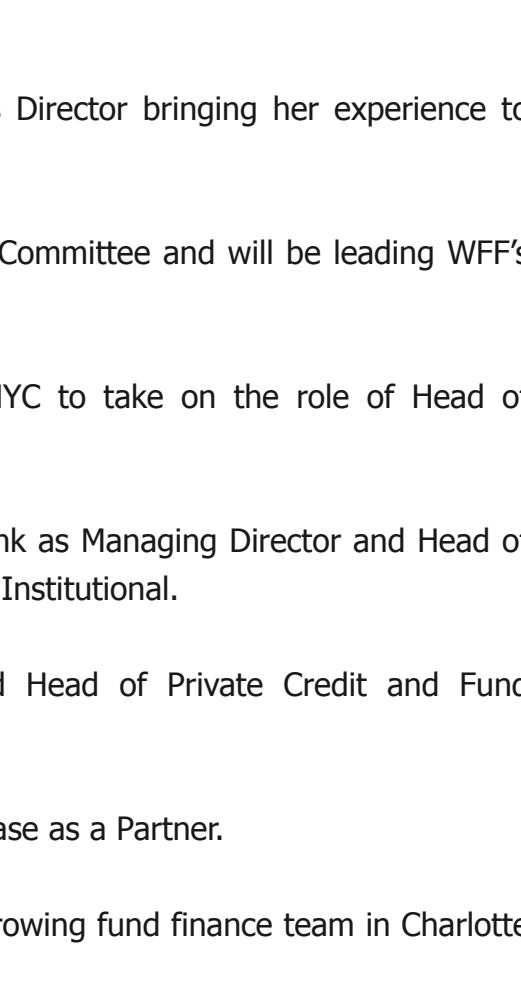
Boston: Spill the Beans: Secrets of Deception from an FBI Profiler

Our WFF Boston community hosted an incredible *Spill the Beans* event, featuring Dawn Norris Doak in conversation with Melanie Herald—delivering powerful insights on human behavior, risk, and decision-making.



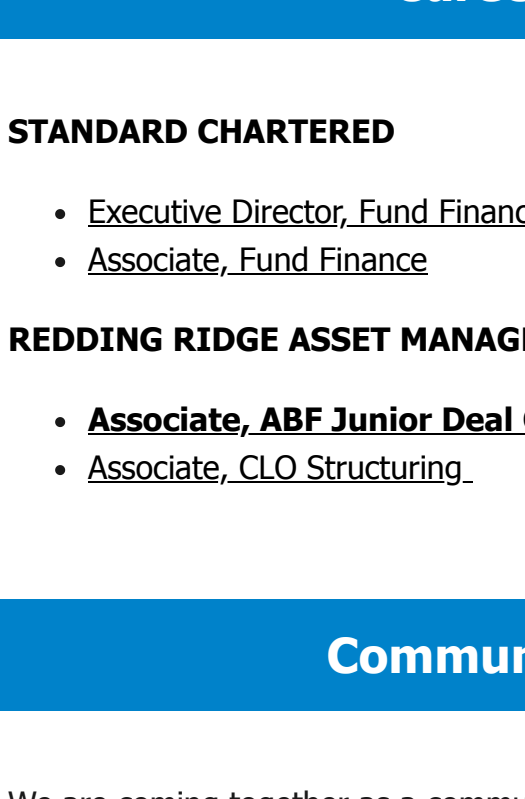
Luxembourg: Emerging Trends in Fund Finance

In Luxembourg, industry leaders came together for an engaging discussion on emerging trends in fund finance, exploring evolving market dynamics, innovative structures, and what's ahead for the local community.



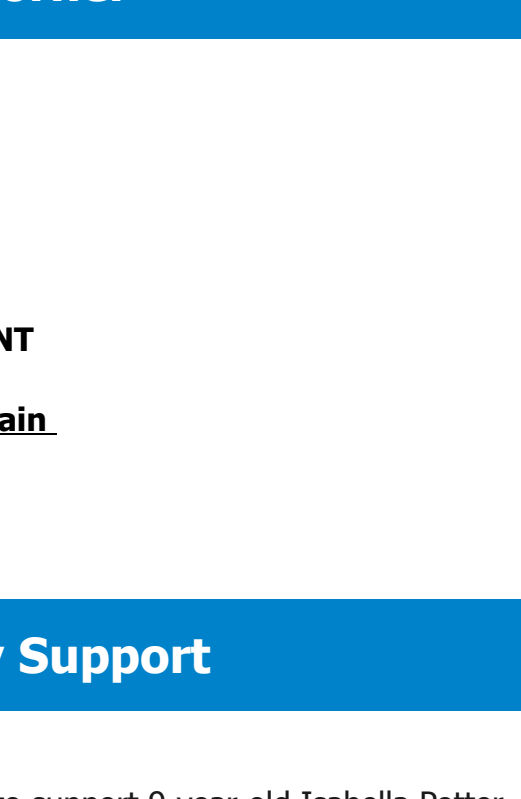
Toronto: Table Talks

The room was packed for *Toronto Table Talks* with talent and leadership from across the Canadian Fund Finance community. We are thrilled to see the WFF Toronto chapter continue to grow, bringing together an ever-stronger and more vibrant community each year.



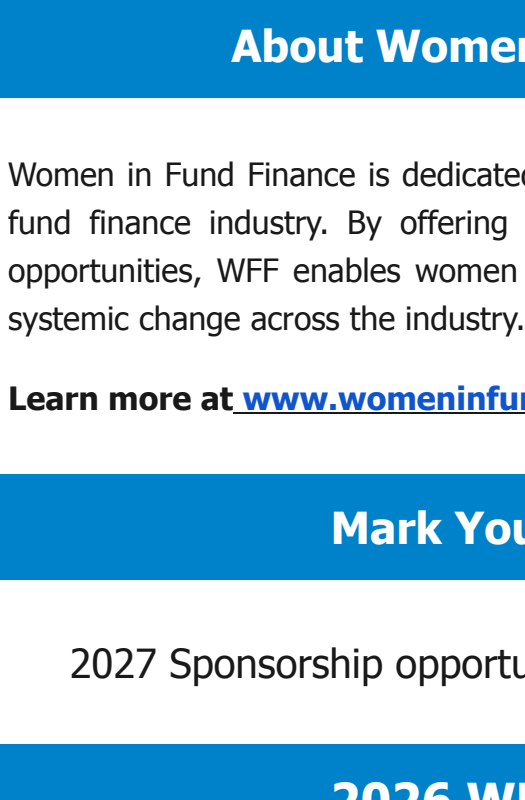
Chicago: Stay in the Loop: Navigating the Next Cycle of Private Credit

Exploring the next cycle of private credit, this Chicago panel brought together industry perspectives on market dynamics, liquidity, and innovation, sparking thoughtful discussion across the fund finance community.



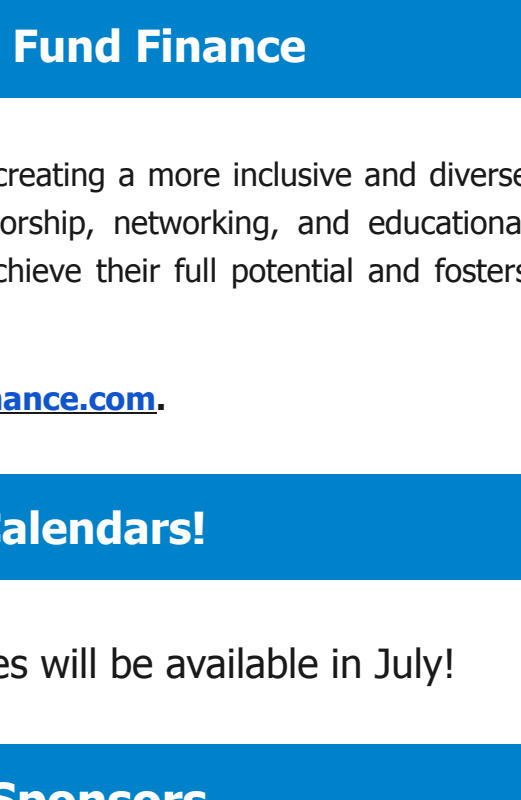
Los Angeles: McKinsey's Broken Rung Session

A candid and impactful session led by Yenli Wong brought McKinsey's "Broken Rung" research to life, combining data-driven insights with open discussion on how to build stronger pathways to leadership.



Japan: Fireside Chat: Opportunity vs. Visibility

Featuring Yuko Hata and Maromi Oike in conversation with Fi Dinh, this Tokyo fireside chat offered a compelling blend of market insight and personal perspective on leadership in a changing landscape.



New York: Mahjong 101

Deal Me In: Mahjong 101 event in New York, brought together professionals across the Big Apple for a fun evening of networking and instruction.



Hong Kong: Wit and Wisdom

In June, Mourant, together with Women in Fund Finance, hosted "*Wit and Wisdom with Jen McCombie*." Moderated by Claire Potter, the session featured an inspiring conversation with Jen—A World Masters powerlifting champion who has forged her own path with discipline, determination, and grace.

Upcoming Events

June 24: [The Inaugural Middle East Lunch | Abu Dhabi](#)

June 25: [EMEA Annual Brunch | London](#)

July 2: [Wit & Wisdom: How to Navigate Tough Conversations](#) | London

July 22: [Golf Experience](#) | New York

Sept 2: [Managing Your Wealth](#) | Dublin

Sep 10: [Hats Off to Fund Finance](#) | Dallas

October 14: Fall Reception | New York

November 12: 3rd Annual Career & Learning Forum | New York

...more to come, make sure you are subscribed [here](#).

Community Spotlight

Shifting Gears: *People in Motion*

We're proud to spotlight the achievements, transitions, and growth journeys 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:

Fi Dinh, Head of Fund Finance APAC at MUFG Investor Services, received the Trailblazer Award at the 2026 Markets Media Women in Finance Asia Awards.

Julia Kohen, Partner at Simpson Thacher's Fund Finance Practice has joined the FFA Board.

Katy Kouzinas will shortly be relocating to Singapore to take on the role of Head of Asia, Financial & Strategic Investors at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Maddie Barnes has joined US Bank as Director bringing her experience to the firm's growing fund finance platform.

Natalie Kirk has joined the WFF EMEA Committee and will be leading WFF's Abu Dhabi region.

Niamh Targett will be relocating to NYC to take on the role of Head of Financial Institutions at ANZ.

Shani Unantenne has joined Lloyds Bank as Managing Director and Head of Sponsor Coverage for Lloyds Corporate & Institutional.

Shelley Morrison has been appointed Head of Private Credit and Fund Finance at Aberdeen Investments.

Shao-Ling Angoh has joined White & Case as a Partner.

Vanessa Brown has joined US Bank's growing fund finance team in Charlotte as Associate.

AI In Focus

A weekly AI and robotics [newsletter](#) covering five key developments reshaping how we work, live, and compete. Five Minutes. No jargon. Verified facts.

As AI reshapes the financial services landscape, this DLA Piper Fireside Chat Series [session](#) explores how banks and lenders are putting these tools to work in fund finance.

WFF Voices

The latest episode of **WFF Voices** is officially live! We are thrilled to feature **Mary Touchstone**—former Head of Fund Finance at Simpson Thacher, industry pioneer, and former Global Co-Head of Women in Fund Finance.

In this episode, Mary sits down with **Ann Richardson-Knox**, **Dee Dee Sklar**, and **Priyanka Chandran** to reflect on her incredible career and the massive evolution of the fund finance market, from its early days to the complex global landscape we see today.

Whether you are navigating your own career path or looking for deep industry insights from a master of the craft, this conversation is not to be missed.

[Listen Here](#)

Career Corner

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Community Support

We are coming together as a community to support 9-year-old Isabella Potter, daughter of Claire Potter (Mourant, Hong Kong), who has been courageously battling a rare and aggressive form of acute myeloid leukemia since August 2025.

After months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and a bone marrow transplant, Isabella is now continuing her recovery at home—though her journey remains ongoing. Her family is raising funds to access critical, privately available medication that offers her the best chance of long-term recovery.

We encourage our community to support Claire, Matthew, and Isabella by contributing to or sharing their [GoFundMe](#) campaign. Every gesture of support—no matter how small—can make a meaningful difference.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

2027 Sponsorship opportunities will be available in July!

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