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### Clifford Chance Seminar: How can major corporates deal with counterparty distress?

The next session in the Autumn Perspectives Series will be presented online and in-person by Melissa Coakley, Olivia Higgs, Tim Lees, Brian Lohan, Erik O'Connor and Patrick Schulz on Tuesday 14 October at 12pm EDT / 5pm BST / 6pm CEST at our offices in Canary Wharf, London.

In a volatile environment, once dependable suppliers, customers and counterparties are under pressure from geopolitical shifts, tech disruption and rising interest rates. Our panel will offer practical insights on how strong businesses and their boards are revisiting their risk models and capitalising on strategic opportunities with lessons from the TMT, energy, and automotive sectors across Europe and the US.

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**Clifford Chance Comment: Navigating global trade in a time of change**

Global trade and investment are undergoing dramatic change. Geopolitical and regulatory developments are fast-moving and often unpredictable. Over the past few months, the Trump administration has made the most sweeping US tariff changes in decades. At the same time sanctions, export controls, investment screening and regulatory developments are increasingly influenced by national security, trade and industrial policy objectives – with important implications for all businesses engaged in cross-border activities. These developments collectively have a significant impact on business resilience and global supply chains.

While uncertainty and change are common themes, geopolitical and regulatory developments are playing out in different ways across regions, sectors and policy areas. "To remain competitive in this new environment, businesses need a holistic and dynamic strategy for responding to emerging developments that is informed by integrated cross-jurisdictional expertise encompassing tariffs, sanctions, export controls, foreign investment regimes and broader regulatory considerations" says Jessica Gladstone, a Partner at Clifford Chance based in London. This new environment demands that businesses:

- Embed real-time monitoring of trade and regulatory developments into compliance systems and cross-functional co-ordination across management and legal, trade, compliance, strategy and procurement teams.
- Conduct trade and regulatory horizon-scanning and scenario-planning, to inform business and advocacy strategies.
- Integrate flexibility into supply chain and investment strategies, to enable rapid responses to emerging developments.
- Review, and where necessary adapt, contractual terms to pre-empt and react to sudden changes in the geopolitical and regulatory landscape.
- Focus on enforcement risk arising from heightened scrutiny of compliance and litigation risk, whether with counterparties, investors or shareholders.

Clifford Chance has prepared a report examining the developments and their impact on trade.

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**Clifford Chance Comment: Regulatory resets, divergence, increased litigation – emerging sustainability and ESG trends**

Political shifts in 2025 have highlighted diverging attitudes towards ESG and the resulting tensions have important consequences. Among the key trends to emerge are regulatory and enforcement reversals in the US, regulatory policy shifts across several jurisdictions, including the EU which has been at the forefront of sustainability regulation, and the rise of ESG-related litigation, as stakeholders increasingly turn to the courts to pursue their goals.

Building upon the theme 'Between a rock and a hard place: managing diverging views of ESG' from our report on Sustainability & ESG Trends 2025, Clifford Chance has prepared a report examining these trends, focusing on recent regulatory and enforcement developments and the rise in litigation across the US, Europe and APAC. The implications for companies are profound: navigating a labyrinth of fragmented standards, mitigating legal risks and aligning ESG strategies with the realities of each jurisdiction.

Related links:

- Sustainability & ESG Trends 2025

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### Motor finance: FCA to issue market statement and launch consultation on redress scheme on 7 October

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has announced that it will issue a statement to the market and publish its consultation on a proposed motor finance redress scheme, along with supporting evidence and analysis, shortly after markets close on Tuesday 7 October 2025.

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