

PRESS RELEASE

ELFA appoints Naveed Mukhtar and Paolo Morrone as the new Private Credit Committee Co-Chairs and Angela Kontos as the new Engagement & Compliance Committee Co-Chair

8th July 2025, London: The European Leveraged Finance Association (ELFA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Naveed Mukhtar and Paolo Morrone as the new Co-Chairs on the Private Credit Committee and Angela Kontos as the new Co-Chair of the Engagement & Compliance Committee. Naveed and Paolo will take over from Mikko Iso-Kulmala and Angela will take over from Sebastian Potocean following their decisions to step down. The decision to add an additional Private Credit Committee Co-Chair reflects the expansion of Committee working groups and partnerships in Fund Finance and Alternatives.

Naveed Mukhtar is a Principal and Senior Originator for EMEA for PGIM Fixed Income's Large Cap Private Credit Team, based in London. Previously, he was a credit analyst on PGIM Fixed Income's European Leverage Finance Credit Research team covering the healthcare, business services and travel and transport sectors. Prior to joining the Firm in 2006, he worked for NIBC on the Leverage Finance Team, focusing on leading mid-market sponsor-led transactions in Western Europe. Naveed holds a B.Sc. in Statistics, Computing, OR and Economics from University College London, and an MA in Applied Statistics from the University of Oxford.

Paolo Morrone joined Tikehau Capital in 2016 and serves as Head of UK Private Debt. Prior to working at Tikehau Capital, Paolo worked in the leveraged finance team at Mediobanca. He holds a Master's degree in Finance from Bayes Business School and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business from Luiss Guido Carli University.

Angela Kontos is a multilingual Operations & Back Office Manager at DELFF Management Ltd, an independent London-based asset management company specialising in various investment strategies, including the European leveraged loan market. Angela holds an MA in International Business from the London Metropolitan University and has over 10 years' experience in the finance industry.

Ed Eyerman, CEO at ELFA commented: "We are delighted to welcome Naveed, Paolo and Angela to the Private Credit Committee and Engagement & Compliance Committee respectively. All three are committed to ELFA's mission of fostering dialogue between investors and borrowers while promoting best practices across the European leveraged finance community. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank both Mikko Iso-Kulmala and Sebastian Potocean, the outgoing Co-Chairs, whose hard work and commitment has been much appreciated by ELFA and Committee members alike."

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About ELFA

ELFA is a trade association comprised of European credit investors and non-bank lenders from over 60 institutional fixed income managers, including investment advisers, insurance companies, and pension funds. ELFA seeks to support the growth and resilience of the leveraged finance market while acting as the voice of its investor community by promoting transparency and facilitating engagement among European leveraged finance market participants. For more information, please visit ELFA's website: www.elfainvestors.com.

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