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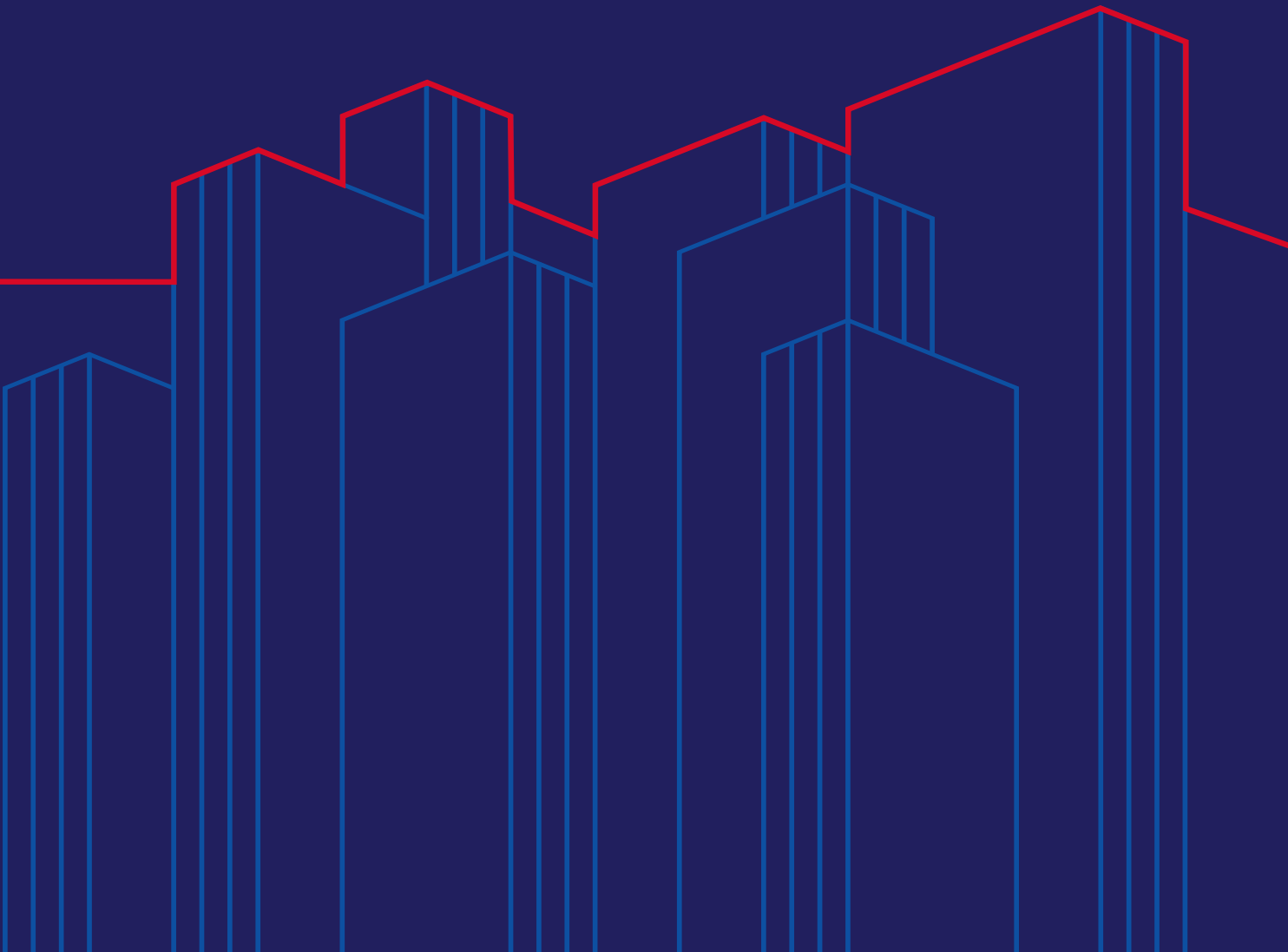
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Institute of  
Entrepreneurship  
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## CFO Private Business Forum

# CFO Governance, Cyber Resilience & AI

17 April 2026 | London Business School



# Agenda

Friday, 17 April 2026,  
North Building, London Business School

<b>CFO Governance, Cyber Resilience &amp; AI</b>	
09:40	Check In
10:00	Opening Remarks
	<p><b>Florin Vasvari</b>, Professor of Accounting; Academic Director of the Institute of Entrepreneurship and Private Capital, London Business School</p> <p><b>Aytekın Ertan</b>, Associate Professor of Accounting, London Business School</p> <p><b>Patricio Ohle</b>, Lecturer, St. Gall University</p>
10:10	<b>Session 1: Cyber Attacks &amp; Strategies for Readiness: Practical Insights from the UK</b>
	<p><b>Matt Mann</b>, Head of IT Operations, Wates Group</p>
11:00	Coffee Break and Networking
11:20	<b>Session 2: What Your CISO Is Up Against: A Guide for Finance Leaders</b>
	<p><b>Edward Scott</b>, Head of Legal, Hadrian Security</p>
11:55	<b>Session 3: Cyber Crisis Management: Managing Risk, Insurance and Crisis Response</b>
	<p><b>Carlo Ramadoro</b>, Head of Cyber and Technology, Lockton Companies LLP</p>
12:30	Lunch
13:30	<b>Keynote: Navigating IT Governance and Cybersecurity in a Global Tech Environment</b>
	<p><b>Jas Brar</b>, CFO, Microsoft UK</p>
14:15	<b>Session 4: AI Transformation in Private Equity: From Strategy to Responsible Implementation</b>
	<p><b>Didem Ün Ateş</b>, Founder, LotusAI</p>
14:50	<b>Keynote: Business-Aware Cyber and AI Resilience</b>
	<p><b>S. Alex Yang</b>, Professor of Management Science and Operations, London Business School</p>
15:20	Coffee Break and Networking
15:40	<b>Keynote: CRO Insights from the Banking Sector</b>
	<p><b>Giles Taylor</b>, Head of Resilience and Security, Lloyds Commercial Banking</p>
16:20	<b>Session 5: Emerging Legal Trends in Cybercrime and Resilience</b>
	<p><b>Alan Baker</b>, Partner, Farrer &amp; Co</p>
17:00	<b>Closing words: Summary of Key Learnings and Closing Remarks</b>
17:10	Networking Drinks and Canapés
18:00	Event close

# Speakers



## Alan Baker

Partner, Farrer & Co



Alan advises on all aspects of data protection law, commercial contracts and the use of information and intellectual property assets, as well as commercial regulatory issues. He helps clients to balance the sometimes competing objectives of minimising compliance risks and maximising commercial rewards.

Alan is a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property & Commercial team, where he advises clients on a wide range of commercial matters. His specialisms include data protection and direct marketing, intellectual property and brand protection, commercial contract drafting and review, and other commercial regulatory issues.

Alan has close relationships with clients in the banking and financial services sector and data-rich businesses including media, technology and sports organisations. He combines a deep understanding of law and regulatory guidance with a sound

appreciation of clients' organisational structures, the nature of their work, and their ultimate objectives in taking legal advice.

Clients and colleagues consider Alan a sound authority on data protection matters and turn to him for routine problem solving and compliance advice, as well as large-scale personal data audit projects.

As an experienced contract lawyer with a keen eye for detail, he drafts accurate and legally robust agreements and other documents for all manner of commercial and compliance purposes.

Alan is an experienced and popular speaker on data protection, commercial contract and brand protection issues. His presentations are well known for distilling complex legal rules into digestible, commercially realistic, action points.

Clients value Alan for his commitment to solving their problems, his calm manner and his sense of humour and perspective.



## Jas Brar

CFO, Microsoft UK



Jas has 23 years' professional experience, including a 17-year tenure with Microsoft that has spanned 6 roles and 3 geographies. Before his current position of UK and Ireland CFO, Jas became familiar with the UK market through his role as Commercial Finance Director.

He has previously held the role of CFO at Microsoft Belgium and Luxembourg, also working in the

Netherlands as FP&A Group Controller. The early phase of his Microsoft Finance career was spent within the Consumer business, supporting Xbox and Surface. Before that, Jas worked for UBS in the financial services industry amidst the credit crunch, then followed his passion and entered the technology sector. He is a qualified CIMA accountant and holds a degree in Accounting and Finance from Liverpool University.



## Aytekin Ertan

Associate Professor of Accounting, London Business School



Associate Professor of Accounting. London Business School LinkedIn Professor Aytekin Ertan joined London Business School in 2014 from Yale University. Aytekin's research focuses on whether changes in accounting practices or regulation help overcome or create market frictions by studying the impact of these changes on the decision-making of the banking sector. Aytekin has published his research in top journals such as The Accounting Review, the

Journal of Accounting and Economics, the Journal of Accounting Research, the Review of Accounting Studies, and the Review of Financial Studies. Aytekin teaches in the EMBA, PhD, and Executive Education programmes. He is on the editorial boards of The Accounting Review and the Review of Accounting Studies and regularly referees for various other top journals.

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## Matt Mann

Head of IT Operations, Wates Group



Matt Mann is a customer focused IT Operations Director with over 20 years of experience delivering technology, service excellence, and operational resilience across complex organisational environments. His career spans senior technology roles at Marks & Spencer, Technical Director for managed services provided to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury, running a cloud services business division with a £90m P&L and senior IT leadership at the Wates Group.

Matt is currently responsible for IT Operations across a 7,000 employee, £2.75bn turnover business, covering Infrastructure, Cyber Security, Service Desk, Desktop, Networks and Site Services. Since joining

Wates, he has built a 60 strong, customer focused team, increased service performance by over 15%, managed costs, modernised core technology platforms and significantly improved cyber and information security defence for the Group.

He has also brought value through non executive advisory roles, giving him a broad perspective on organisational strategy, risk, and oversight. Matt works closely with senior leadership and business units at Wates to shape the Group's cyber resilience posture in an evolving threat landscape, aligning technology, and governance to support safe, sustainable growth.



## Patricio Ohle

Lecturer, St. Gall University



Patricio Ohle is an accomplished finance specialist with a focus on CFO-related topics within family businesses. He has conducted extensive research and completed a dissertation on CFO roles in private companies, with a particular emphasis on scaleups. Patricio has engaged in international collaborations with esteemed institutions such as St. Gallen, the University of Chicago, and the University of Eichstätt, contributing to the connection and research efforts between CFOs and leading academic institutions.

Over a span of 25 years, Patricio has held various positions, including CFO roles in three family businesses. He also brings valuable teaching

experience from the university setting. His expertise encompasses a wide range of CFO-related subjects, including cost efficiency, M&A, and corporate strategy.

With a rich professional background, Patricio has served as a managing director stationed abroad on multiple occasions, providing him with in-depth knowledge of the USA, China, southern Europe, and eastern Europe. His diverse language skills, including proficiency in Russian, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, French, German, and English, further enhance his ability to navigate and communicate effectively in various cultural and business contexts.



## Carlo Ramadoro

Head of Cyber and Technology, Lockton Companies LLP



Carlo joined Lockton's in August 2012 shortly after graduating from the University of Portsmouth with a degree in International Relations and European Studies. Carlo is Certificate in Insurance (Cert.CII) qualified.

Carlo works within the Speciality Products division and leads the Cyber and technology team in London which is made of 28 individuals.

Carlo specializes in the design of bespoke large technology E&O and Cyber programs for clients globally. Carlo has developed strong relationships with all the major insurers in this field over the years.

For the first three years of his career at Lockton Carlo specialized in the placement of Professional Liability programs for US Law Firms, Architects and Engineers.

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## Edward Scott

Head of Legal, Hadrian Security



Edward is Head of Legal at Hadrian Security, a European agentic AI cybersecurity company. Hadrian's platform puts organisations at the cutting edge of penetration testing, utilising autonomous AI agents trained by real hackers to continuously attack and expose vulnerabilities, the way an adversary

would. Outside Hadrian, Edward serves on the board of a fifth-generation family enterprise, giving him a direct perspective on the governance and strategic challenges that define private businesses. Edward graduated from LBS with an MBA in 2022 and was Co-President of the Family Business Club.



## Giles Taylor

Head of Resilience and Security, Lloyds Commercial Banking



Giles Taylor is Head of Resilience and Security for Lloyds Commercial Banking, leading the management of cyber risk and protection of critical data across the commercial client base. He has over 25 years' experience across banking and professional services, holding senior risk and security leadership roles at Lloyds Banking Group, Deloitte, and JPMorgan Chase. His work has focused on strengthening cyber resilience, governance, and

risk frameworks within complex financial services environments. Giles has also contributed to a range of industry, academic, and government led cyber security forums and advisory groups, including work associated with the UK Government's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, the Financial Conduct Authority, and the University of Southampton.



## Didem Ün Ateş

Founder, LotusAI



Didem Ün Ateş is a renowned AI and Responsible AI executive, Algorithm Auditor, and Executive Coach, with over 25 years of experience driving technology-led transformation across industries.

As the Founder and CEO of LotusAI Ltd, Didem advises private equity, financial services, and consulting firms - including Goldman Sachs Asset Management and its portfolio companies - on how to scale AI with impact, integrity, and foresight.

Didem sits on the boards of the Edge AI Foundation, Columbia Women's Circle, Wharton AI Studio, Hg Foundation Tech Advisory and serve on the AI Council for Goldman Sachs Asset Management. She is recognised as a winner of the CEO of the

Year Awards UK 2025 - AI Advisory & Upskilling, a TechWomen 100 Champion, New Technology Consultancy of the Year for 2025, Responsible AI Innovation & Growth in Business Award 2025 – Wealth & Finance Magazine, Best New Business of the Year 2025 – Women's Business Circle, and a Trailblazer 50.

Previously, she held leadership roles at Capgemini, EY, Accenture, Motorola, Schneider Electric, and Microsoft, where she helped launch Business AI Solutions at Microsoft Research and led AI initiatives within the Chief Data Office, spanning Generative AI and OpenAI partnership.

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## Florin Vasvari

**Professor of Accounting; Academic Director of the Institute of Entrepreneurship and Private Capital, London Business School**



Professor Florin Vasvari teaches courses on Distressed Investing as well as Private Equity and Venture Capital. He is an expert on the use of accounting information in credit markets and private equity funds.

His research investigates the pricing and the role of accounting information in secondary debt markets, debt contracting issues, securitizations of syndicated loans, debt market intermediaries, bankruptcy valuation and private equity funds reporting practices and performance. His work on private equity includes work on ESG reporting, limited partners' private equity allocations, private equity valuation and performance measurement, private equity secondaries and aspects of risk management.

Florin has published over 20 academic articles in leading academic journals and many other articles in industry journals. He is frequently invited to present at top business schools around the world as well as academic and practitioner conferences.

Professor Vasvari currently serves as an Editor at *The Accounting Review*, a top journal published by the American Accounting Association. He also serves on the School's Management Board and Finance Committee.

With Eli Talmor, he co-authored *Private Capital* (vol. 1 Funds and vol. 2. Investments) in 2019. The book has been endorsed by leading figures in the private equity industry. Together with Eli, Florin has also co-authored *International Private Equity*, in 2011.



## S. Alex Yang

**Professor of Management Science and Operations; Chair, Management Science and Operations Faculty, London Business School**



Alex's research focuses on the interaction of supply chain, finance, and digital technology. Applying data science and economic modeling methods, his work mainly evolves around two themes: 1) the interaction of operational and financial decisions in supply chains (trade credit, supply chain finance, and FinTech); and 2) governance and operations of digital technologies (innovations in platform governance, and managing and regulating Artificial Intelligence). He has published in top management and finance journals, and holds editorial positions at several prestigious international academic journals.

Beyond academic research, Alex actively engages with the wider public through popular media. His insights have gained recognition in major news outlets, including Bloomberg, *The Economist*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes*, and *The Washington Post*.

He has also been interviewed and quoted by the BBC, CNBC, and *The New York Times*, among others.

An award-winning teacher, Alex teaches a wide range of classes in MBA, EMBA and executive programs. His teaching portfolio encompasses subjects such as data science, digital technology, value chain management, business resilience, supply chain finance and FinTech.

Alex has consulted for and collaborated with companies including United Airlines, Citadel Investment Group, Didi Chuxing, and Alibaba Group. He has also served as an international consultant at Asian Development Bank, specializing in trade finance and FinTech. He is currently working with companies in the areas of supply chain finance, FinTech, platform governance, and data science.

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