

Webcast: Digital Assets – Closing the Regulatory Net – With Updates

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The Financial Stability Board's (FSB) report to the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on regulatory and supervisory approaches to stablecoins and other crypto-assets was recently released. Please join us for this webcast hosted by our Global Financial Regulatory Practice Group. We discuss the latest legal and regulatory developments in digital assets markets, including:

1. FSB's recommendations, and what they mean for the global regulatory and supervisory direction of travel for stablecoin arrangements and crypto-asset markets
2. Hong Kong and Singapore digital assets regulatory developments
3. UK and EU digital assets regulatory developments, including the Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) regulation
4. US digital assets regulatory developments

We discuss how these regulatory and supervisory developments will impact on digital assets businesses operating in or providing services in these key jurisdictions, and share our views on how businesses can anticipate and prepare for the coming wave of regulatory and supervisory reforms that will impact on stablecoins and other crypto-assets. In addition, the team brings their predictions for the future of digital assets regulation, supervision and enforcement policy, based on their extensive experience in helping clients to navigate global regulations and to engage with key global regulators.

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