

# Webcast: IPO and Public Company Readiness: Advance Planning for 2025 and 2026 IPOs – Key Developments in the UK and Middle East

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Please join us for a presentation that focuses on the latest developments in two key markets: the UK and the Middle East. As regulatory landscapes and investor expectations evolve, companies seeking to go public in these markets should ensure that they are alive to the opportunities and challenges. The session provides valuable insights for companies and shareholders preparing for IPOs, highlighting key IPO readiness steps that companies should be considering, and offering a strategic understanding of how to navigate regulatory complexities and market expectations.

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