

## **ISDA Symposium® Smart Derivatives Contracts**

**The Future of Derivatives Documentation and the Legal Implications**

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**8:15 AM**

### **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

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**8:45 AM**

### **Introduction and Welcoming Remarks**

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**9:00 AM**

### **Lawyers and Technology: Supporting Innovation While Managing Legal Risk**

The use of technology such as blockchain in the financial markets may result in a fundamental reshaping of financial services infrastructure, reducing operational risks, streamlining increasingly cumbersome and time-consuming processes, and cutting costs. How will these new technologies be used? What role will lawyers play? What is the legal and regulatory framework? How can lawyers support innovation and the adoption of new technology while managing legal risk?

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**10:00 AM**

### **The Future of Derivatives Documentation**

Derivatives processes are increasingly being automated, but legal documentation has largely been paper-based. This is starting to change – firms are increasingly keen to consider how they can digitize their documents. This has led to a desire amongst many ISDA members to move to a more standardized approach to Master Agreement Schedule clauses, including exploration of various “legaltech” solutions. This panel will discuss the importance of legal documentation standards and explore how current documentation might change and how market participants will contract in future.

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11:00 AM

**Coffee Break**

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11:15 AM

**Smart Derivatives Contracts: Contract or Code?**

Smart contracts offer the potential for greater efficiency throughout the life cycle of a derivatives transaction, but a number of issues need to be considered. For example, which contractual terms should be automated? How can we ensure that smart contract code has the same legal effect as a traditional contract in written form? What happens with those clauses that require some form of subjective interpretation?

This panel will discuss:

- What is a Smart Derivatives Contract?
  - How might Smart Derivatives Contracts interact with existing legal, regulatory and technology standards?
  - How can the ISDA CDM lay the foundations for Smart Contracts based on ISDA documentation?
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12:15 PM

**Symposium Concludes**

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