

Tokyo-London Financial Seminar 2026

Unlock avenues to scaled two-way FPS trade
and investment between the UK and Japan,
through a transparent discussion of market access realities
and exploration of complementary reforms.

Date
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Time

Tuesday, 27 January 2026 14:00-16:00 GMT

JST: Tuesday, 27 January 2026 23:00 to Wednesday, 28 January 2026 1:00

Venue

Ironmongers' Hall

Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AA

How to participate

Please scan the QR code on the right to access the registration page.

*In-person attendance or online participation

*Free of charge, prior registration required



*Networking event to be held at the venue after the seminar (joined by speakers). *Event to be held in English (simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation available).

Speakers



Alderwoman Dame Susan LANGLEY
Lady Mayor of London



KOIKE Yuriko
Governor of Tokyo



SATO Masayuki
Director of the Policy Planning Office and Director for International Financial Center, Financial Services Agency, Japan (JFSA)



Laura DAWES
Director of Authorisations, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)



NAKAMURA Mari
CEO, Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited



Matt HAMMOND
Partner, Foresight Group



Nicola WATKINSON
Managing Director, International, TheCityUK



YAMADA Takuya
CEO, Asset Management One International Ltd.



Patrick HEATH-LAY
CEO, People's Partnership



Rachel FARRELL
Director of Public and Private Markets, Nest Corporation



Anastasia NISHNIANIDZE
Trade and Investment Director, City of London Corporation



SATO Yuna
Sales Manager, ASUENE Europe Limited



Matthew LAMB
CEO, Pacific Asset Management



SEKIGUCHI Hisashi
Chief Program Officer for Global Financial City Promotion, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Chris HAYWARD
Policy Chairman, City of London Corporation



Jack KNIGHT
Deputy Chief Executive, The Investment Association

Programme

GMT(JST)

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| 14:00 (23:00) | Introduction | Master of Ceremony Jack KNIGHT Deputy Chief Executive, The Investment Association |
| 14:03 (23:03) | Opening Remarks & Keynote Speech | Alderwoman Dame Susan LANGLEY Lady Mayor of London |
| 14:08 (23:08) | Organiser Remarks(Video Message) | KOIKE Yuriko Governor of Tokyo |
| 14:15 (23:15) | Panel Discussion "Market Access Realities: Addressing Regulatory and Operational Challenges" | Panelists SATO Masayuki Director of the Policy Planning Office and Director for International Financial Center, Financial Services Agency, Japan (JFSA) Laura DAWES Director of Authorisations, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) NAKAMURA Mari CEO, Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited Matt HAMMOND Partner, Foresight Group Moderator Nicola WATKINSON Managing Director, International, TheCityUK |
| 15:00 (00:00) | Break | |
| 15:15 (00:15) | Fireside Chat "Capital Market Reforms: UK and Japan Policy Shifts Creating Investment Opportunities" | Panelists YAMADA Takuya CEO, Asset Management One International Ltd. Patrick HEATH-LAY CEO, People's Partnership Rachel FARRELL Director of Public and Private Markets, Nest Corporation Moderator Anastasia NISHNIANIDZE Trade and Investment Director, City of London Corporation |
| 15:45 (00:45) | Firm Showcase | SATO Yuna Sales Manager, ASUENE Europe Limited Matthew LAMB CEO, Pacific Asset Management |
| 15:55 (00:55) | Closing Keynote | SEKIGUCHI Hisashi Chief Program Officer for Global Financial City Promotion, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government |
| 16:00 (01:00) | Closing Remarks | Chris HAYWARD Policy Chairman, City of London Corporation |

Organisers



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Opening Remarks & Keynote Speech



Alderwoman Dame Susan **LANGLEY**

Lady Mayor of London

Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley became Lady Mayor of London 7th November 2025. She is the 697th Lord Mayor, the third woman to hold the office, and the first to be styled "Lady Mayor". Dame Susan Langley is Chair of Gallagher UK, and the Senior Independent Director for UKAR (Northern Rock Asset Management and Bradford and Bingley). Previously she was the Lead Non-Executive Director for the Home Office, a Trustee for Macmillan Cancer, CEO Financial & Professional Services at the Department for International Trade (DIT), Executive Director North America and Market Development for Lloyd's of London, Director of Lloyd's Asia and Chairman of Lloyd's Japan. Prior to this, Susan held various Insurance Board positions. She joined the Insurance Market from PriceWaterhouseCoopers where she was a Principal Consultant working with a range of FTSE 100 companies.

A founding member of the Government Women's Business Council, she is a past recipient of the Insurance Institute of London (IIL) President's Award, the FS Women in the City Achievement Award, Women to Watch, Leading Women in Reinsurance and top 20 inspirational City Women. Born in the East End, she is passionate about social mobility and involved in a number of charitable and mentoring roles. In 2015 she received an OBE for services to women in business and in 2023, a DBE for public service to the financial services industry. Dame Susan graduated (BSc Hons) from Southampton University and married Gary in 2003. She is a Liveryman of the Insurers and Drapers and a Freeman of the Goldsmiths. Dame Susan is the Alderwoman for the City of London Aldgate Ward and served as Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London 2023/2024.

Organiser Remarks (Video Message)



KOIKE Yuriko

Governor of Tokyo

July 2024
July 2020
July 2016
October 2011
September 2010
July 2007
September 2006
September 2004
September 2003
July 1993
July 1992

Re-elected to a third term as Governor of Tokyo
Re-elected to a second term as Governor of Tokyo
Elected Governor of Tokyo
Director, Committee on Budget, House of Representatives
Chairperson, General Council, Liberal Democratic Party
Minister of Defense
Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs
Minister of the Environment and Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs
Minister of the Environment
Member of the House of Representatives
Member of the House of Councillors

Panel Discussion "Market Access Realities: Addressing Regulatory and Operational Challenges"



SATO Masayuki

Director of the Policy Planning Office
and Director for International Financial Center,
Financial Services Agency, Japan (JFSA)

Masayuki Sato joined the Financial Services Agency of Japan in 2005 and has been engaged in a wide range of policy areas, including international financial regulatory reforms, tax policy related to the financial sector, financial education, and the supervision and inspection of major banks. He currently serves as Director for International Financial Center at the JFSA, where he leads efforts to promote Japan as a global financial hub. Mr. Sato also served at the Bank of Japan from 2011 to 2013 and at the municipal government of Minamitasuma City from 2015 to 2017. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Ottawa and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Keio University.



Laura DAWES

Director of Authorisations,
Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

Laura Dawes is Director of Authorisations at the Financial Conduct Authority, where she leads the Authorisations division the FCA's gateway for firms entering UK financial markets. She leads authorisations across a range of sectors—including wholesale markets and asset management—and oversees the teams granting waivers, rule modifications and change in control. Laura is also responsible for the FCA's early and high-growth oversight function, supporting firms new to authorisation and led the launch of the Scale-up Unit to support rapidly scaling firms navigate regulatory processes. Laura and her team also support the Office for Investment : Financial Services for firms looking to start up or invest in the UK and are leading the FCA's work on the recently announced provisional licence regime.



NAKAMURA Mari

CEO, Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited

Mari Nakamura joined Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (NAM) in 2007 as an account manager, focusing on product distribution for Japanese institutional clients, including pension funds and endowments. In 2018, she joined the Overseas Business Strategy Dept. where she held managerial positions involved in planning and support activities for NAM's overseas registered funds and institutional client business. Mari was subsequently appointed Head of the International Business Management Dept. in 2020, and thereafter Head of the Advisory Fund Management Dept. In 2024, she was promoted to Senior Managing Director, overseeing the Alternative & Advisory Investment Management Unit. Effective from April 1, 2025, Mari will commence her role as Senior Managing Director, Global Business Unit, NAM, and Chief Executive Officer of Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited. In addition to her managerial responsibilities, Mari has led NAM's in-house Women's Empowerment project and has been a board member at the Asset Management Women's Forum, which promotes the empowerment of female managers and staff within the Japanese asset management industry since May 2022 till March 2024. She graduated from Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan and holds the CMA qualification. Note: CMA is Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan, the Japanese equivalent of the CFA designation.



Matt HAMMOND

Partner, Foresight Group

Matt joined Foresight in 2015 and is a Partner based in our London office. He has 28 years' experience as fund manager, investor, and advisor in infrastructure and real assets. Matt has worked across most of Foresight's funds and currently manages ITS, a £1.8b diversified real asset portfolio investing across the energy transition, digital infrastructure, forestry and natural capital, private equity and credit, sustainable transport, hydrogen, and sustainable food systems. Matt heads Foresight's business development activity which seeks to enhance the firm's growth through organic or inorganic means. He leads on developing new investment products for Foresight's diverse range of investors. Matt has also led transactions where Foresight has acquired other fund managers and integrated them into Foresight's team. Prior to Foresight, Matt worked predominantly at Macquarie where he focused on infrastructure and renewable energy advisory, investing, and lending across Europe. He also had his own independent renewable energy fund management business for four years.



Moderator

Nicola WATKINSON

Managing Director, International, TheCityUK

Nicola Watkinson leads TheCityUK's International team, which provides unique insight and deep expertise into the markets and trade relationships underpinning the UK's success as a leading global financial centre. Prior to joining TheCityUK, Nicola was General Manager, The Americas, for the Australian Trade and Investment Commission and Deputy Consul General in New York, where she led a 90-strong team based across North and South America and managed five consulates. She has previously held senior positions across Asia, Europe and Australia leading international business development for the Australian Government. This includes her roles as Minister Commercial and Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner, South Asia, in New Delhi, Consul General and Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner, Western Europe, in Frankfurt and Global Manager, Investment, in Melbourne. Nicola was the Global Champion for Diversity & Inclusion and sponsored the organisation's Capability Development. She is a regular presenter on trade and investment policy at academic institutions.

Fireside Chat "Capital Market Reforms: UK and Japan Policy Shifts Creating Investment Opportunities"



YAMADA Takuya

CEO, Asset Management One International Ltd.

Takuya Yamada joined Mizuho Financial Group in 1997 and has over 10 years' asset management business and over 15 years' global business experience, worked across in Tokyo, New York, Atlanta and London. He served as Head of Corporate Planning at Asset Management One before assuming current position in 2025. He holds a bachelor's degree in Faculty of Law from Keio University and MBA from Manchester Business School, University of Manchester.



Rachel FARRELL

Director of Public and Private Markets,
Nest Corporation

Rachel Farrell is currently Director of Public and Private Markets for Nest Corporation and is responsible for the implementation of the Nest investment portfolio across all asset classes. Prior to this, Rachel spent 10 years at JP Morgan Asset Management, most recently as CEO and Country Head of JP Morgan Asset Management Australia, responsible for all of JPMorgan Asset Management's operations in Australia and New Zealand, based in Sydney. Prior to this, Rachel was JPMAM's Head of Sovereign and Institutional, Asia Pacific ex-Japan, based in Hong Kong, and prior to this Head of Southeast Asia and Australia Sovereign and Institutional based in Singapore. Before joining JPMAM in 2011, she was head of Asia Pacific investor relations and distribution for Citi Capital Advisors, the alternative asset management division of Citigroup and held a number of senior positions in her 12 years at the firm. She was also head of the Global Discretionary Portfolio Management Team for Bankers Trust Switzerland AG and a member of the Global Investment Committee.



Moderator

Anastasia NISHNIANDZE

Trade and Investment Director, City of London Corporation

Currently, Anastasia serves as the Trade and Investment Director at the City of London Corporation, leading the work to ensure the UK remains a top destination for global financial and professional services and capital investment. Ana leads a team of professionals delivering initiatives to enhance the UK's global trade and investment position across the financial and professional services sector. Ana is an experienced executive and ex-diplomat, specialised in trade and investment, international business and public affairs. She was previously Australia's Trade and Investment Commissioner to the UK and Ireland, as well as Westcoast of the US. With over a decade of experience, Ana has successfully developed and implemented strategies to attract foreign investment and support businesses in expanding internationally. Having held roles across the Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Clean Energy Regulator and Australian Treasury, Ana's experience ranges across international strategy, business development and policy engagement to deliver impact and to drive business and economic performance.



Patrick HEATH-LAY

CEO, People's Partnership

Patrick Heath-Lay is a visionary leader in the financial services industry, with an impressive career spanning 40-years, marked by dedication, innovation, and transformation. For the past 13 years, he has served as the CEO of the UK's largest private Master Trust, the not-for-profit People's Partnership, where his passion for making a meaningful impact has been at the forefront of his leadership approach.

Firm Showcase



SATO Yuna

Sales Manager, ASUENE Europe Limited

Joined Johnson & Johnson in 2018, working four years in surgical device sales. Joined Asuene in 2022, handling domestic enterprise sales and APAC business expansion (Thailand, Taiwan). Since April 2025, based in the UK to launch Asuene Europe.



Matthew LAMB

CEO, Pacific Asset Management

Matthew is Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Asset Management having been appointed in October 2016. Prior to joining Pacific, Matthew was Managing Director and Global Head of Liquid Alternative Investment Sales at Deutsche Asset Management. From 2003 to 2015, Matthew worked at GAM where he was the UK and Middle East Head of Institutional and Funds Distribution and Global Head of Retail Multi-asset Sales.

Closing Keynote



SEKIGUCHI Hisashi

Chief Program Officer for Global Financial City Promotion,
Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs,
Tokyo Metropolitan Government

April 2025 Chief Program Officer for Global Financial City Promotion, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs
July 2023 Senior Director, General Affairs Division, Bureau of Social Welfare
April 2022 Senior Director, Infectious Disease Control Division, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health
September 2021 Senior Director for Oxygen Station, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health
August 2021 Senior Director for Oxygen Station, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health
July 2020 Senior Director and Assistant to the Governor, Office of the Governor for Policy Planning
December 2019 Senior Director for Games Operations, Promotion Bureau of Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 Preparation
April 2019 Senior Director for Rugby World Cup Venue Operations, Bureau of Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 Preparation
April 2017 Senior Director, Bureau of Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 Preparation
April 1991 Joined the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Bureau of Citizens and Cultural Affairs

Closing Remarks



Chris HAYWARD

Policy Chairman, City of London Corporation

As Policy Chairman, Chris steers the development and delivery of the City Corporation's priorities through the work of the Policy and Resources Committee which oversees the provision of local government services for our 6,600 residents and over 600,000 workers based in the Square Mile. Beyond our remit for financial and professional services, the City Corporation is the UK's fourth biggest funder of culture, is the primary sponsor of the renowned Guildhall School of Music and Drama, is principal supporter of the Barbican Centre, Europe's largest cultural space, and is leading the £397 million redevelopment of the London Museum. In a career spanning more than four decades, Chris has founded, led, and expanded companies across the UK and globally in a range of industries – including aviation, publishing, B2B business development and construction. He has balanced his professional responsibilities with a commitment to public service, engaging in British politics at both the local and national level since early adulthood. He is a former Deputy Leader of Hertfordshire and Dorset County Councils and was first elected to Common Council of the City of London Corporation in March 2013. He has previously served as Chairman of the City Corporation's Planning & Transportation Committee and as Sheriff of the City of London from 2019 – 2021. He continues to serve as a Non-Executive Director working with companies focused on property, infrastructure, civil-engineering, and planning.

Master of Ceremony



Jack KNIGHT

Deputy Chief Executive,
The Investment Association

Jack Knight is Deputy CEO of the Investment Association with responsibility for Trade & Investment policy, as well as finance and operations, and membership and enterprises functions of the IA. Jack was previously COO of the IA for four years and held similar positions at the Takeover Panel and within a law firm beforehand.