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A warm welcome to Financial Workplace London

Financial Workplace is the forum for all workplace professionals involved in the future of work and the workplace for the financial sector.

Never before has the workplace, and the way we work been so high on the agenda.

You are invited to join senior professionals from real estate, facilities, HR, technology, executive management, architecture, design and professional advisors from some of the world's top financial institutions to listen to global thought leaders and share best practices and expertise.

The conference will be run in one stream, which means you will get to attend every speaker presentation. We will also stage a curated innovation exhibition in the breakout areas for attendees to meet our education partners, complementing learning throughout the day, as well as three networking breaks, creating time for attendees to meet the other participants.

We hope you will be able to join us and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the event on 24th March.

Warmest regards,
Caroline

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MEET THE SPEAKERS



Financial Workplace London attracts some of the biggest and brightest names to debate, discuss, and divulge the latest thinking on the future of work and the workplace.

The conference features leading international thinkers from industry and academia, who represent the world's biggest brands, alongside radical visionaries from new innovative organisations.

Through interdisciplinary speakers and learning experiences, we bring cutting-edge ideas and inspiration to the workplace community that enhance creativity and moves thinking forward.

Instead of focusing on peer-to-peer innovation through imitation, we aim to curate a unique programme, bringing together experts in the fields of people, place and technology and relevant adjacencies to reflect on the future of work and workplace.

Alongside the conference series, the WORKTECH Academy knowledge hub explores the future of work through six key themes: people, place, technology, design, culture and innovation. Their leading commentary, research and publications place scientific research at the heart of key business problems. www.worktechacademy.com

Full list of speakers

Sarah Audsley, [Audsley Project + Place](#)
James Davies, [Lloyds Banking Group](#)
Suzan Dixon, [Royal Bank of Canada](#)
Aitor Elorza, [Ojmar](#)
Pinar Erdem, [AIG](#)
Cameron Gagne, [Embrava](#)
Tomás G. Mac Eoin, [Hereworks](#)
Kate Hart, [Eastern City BID](#)
Richard Jamison, [Grant Thornton](#)
Fiona Jervis, [Goldman Sachs](#)
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Katrina Norman, [JLL](#)
Arthur Olney, [M&G](#)
Sarah O'Reilly, [M&G](#)
Claire Odgers, [Squarepoint Capital](#)
Alastair Philips, [Fidelity International](#)
Matthew Potter, [HSBC](#)
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Philip Ross, [Ungroup & Cordless Group](#)
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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The future of work and the workplace is on everyone's agenda. This event brings thought leaders together to share cutting edge ideas on the future, from the perspectives of people, place and technology. It will allow an understanding of the key drivers of change and enablers of innovation that will shape how, where and when work takes place.

Key themes we will be discussing at this event include:

The Future Financial Workplace: Purpose, Performance, and Planet

London's financial leaders are under pressure to deliver workplaces that embody corporate purpose while driving measurable performance. This theme explores how organisations are aligning workplace strategy with ESG goals, regulatory expectations, and investor demands – creating spaces that serve people, profit, and planet in equal measure. Learn how the financial sector is reimagining its real estate portfolios to reflect values, sustainability commitments, and long-term resilience.

Workplace Intelligence 2.0: From Metrics to Meaning

Data is abundant – but insight is scarce. This theme looks at how financial institutions are evolving from static reporting to predictive intelligence. How are AI, IoT, and advanced analytics shaping smarter workplace decisions – from carbon impact to human performance? Explore how firms are turning workplace data into actionable foresight to inform investment, talent, and operational strategies.

Human Capital, Hybrid Realities: Redefining the Employee Value Proposition

Workplace strategy has become a talent strategy. In a high-cost, competitive market, this theme explores how financial institutions are reshaping their environments to strengthen culture, equity, and belonging. From flexible work policies to inclusive design and leadership transparency, discover how the most progressive organizations are creating workplaces that attract and retain the next generation of financial talent.

Tech-Enabled Transformation: The Workplace as a Digital Platform

Hybrid work and digital ecosystems are now the infrastructure of performance. This theme examines how workplace platforms, automation, and AI are driving operational efficiency and employee empowerment. Explore how financial institutions are moving toward 'frictionless work' – integrating physical, digital, and human systems into a single, intelligent experience.

Resilient Real Estate: Flexibility, Value, and the Future of the Portfolio

As financial institutions rethink their global footprints, London stands at the intersection of consolidation and expansion. This theme explores portfolio transformation – from flexible leasing and space optimisation to workplace-as-a-service models. How are organisations balancing cost, culture, and carbon in a volatile market?

KEY THEMES

THE FUTURE FINANCIAL WORKPLACE: PURPOSE, PERFORMANCE, AND PLANET

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HUMAN CAPITAL, HYBRID REALITIES: REDEFINING THE EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION

TECH-ENABLED TRANSFORMATION: THE WORKPLACE AS A DIGITAL PLATFORM

RESILIENT REAL ESTATE: FLEXIBILITY, VALUE, AND THE FUTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO



Global Signals: How Financial Institutions Are Reinventing Work, Space and Performance

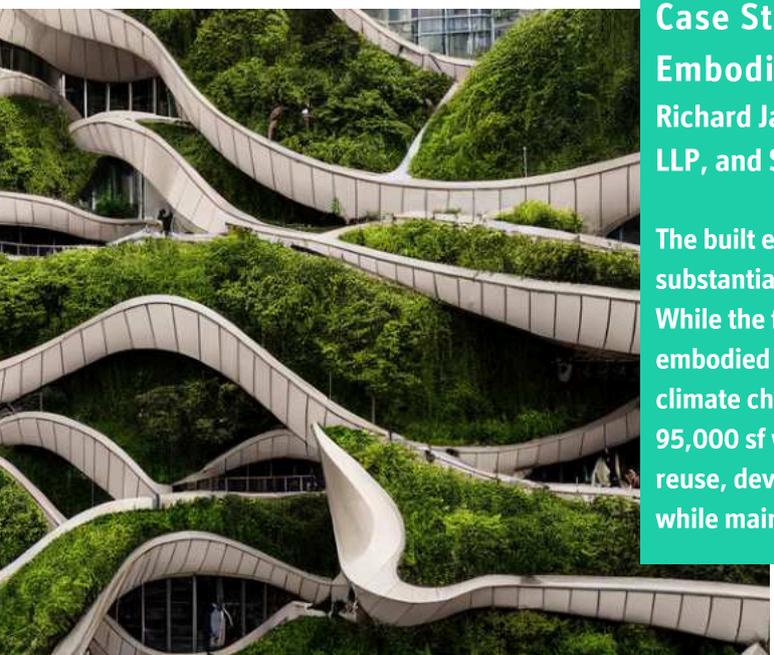
Philip Ross, Futurist, Author, CEO & Founder, Ungroup & Cordless Group

Financial services is at an inflection point – facing regulation, AI acceleration, talent pressure and hybrid complexity. In this sharp opening session, Philip Ross shares global examples of institutions redefining how work drives performance. Featuring insights from landmark headquarters including Macquarie Group in Sydney and JPMorgan Chase in New York, he explores what these buildings signal about leadership, culture and competitive advantage. From AI-enabled environments to data-led design, this session cuts through hype to reveal what's working, what's failing and what's scaling in the next-generation financial workplace.

Women Shaping the Future Financial Workplace: Real Estate & Workplace Leadership

Pinar Erdem, Head of Corporate Real Estate, EMEA and APAC, American International Group, Fiona Jervis, Corporate and Workplace Solutions, Goldman Sachs, Suzan Dixon, Senior Director, Corporate Real Estate, EMEA & APAC, Royal Bank of Canada, Sarah O'Reilly, Global Head of CRE Workplace Solutions, M&G, Moderated by Claire Odgers, CRE Aquisition and Development, Squarepoint Capital

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Case Study: Grant Thornton Deep Decarb, Cutting Embodied Carbon in Action

Richard Jamison, Head of Procurement & Property, Grant Thornton UK LLP, and Shelley Quinn, Senior Associate, Senior Designer HLW

The built environment generates nearly 50% of annual CO2 emissions, putting a substantial pressure on building owners to address their carbon footprint. While the focus has been on carbon reduction building materials (with embodied carbon) have been overlooked. Grant Thornton's commitment to climate change mitigation with reduction of embodied carbon for their new 95,000 sf workplace achieved a 79% reduction. Hear how to redefine material reuse, develop new cost-effective ideas for deep decarbonisation strategies while maintaining design intent.

CONFERENCE OPENS

09:00 CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME ADDRESS

Kasia Maynard, [Head of Research and Editorial, WORKTECH Academy](#)
 Martin Shaw, [Head of Infrastructure & Resilience, Workplace Solutions, M&G](#)

WORKTECH ACADEMY



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09:15 OPENING KEYNOTE: GLOBAL SIGNALS: HOW FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE REINVENTING WORK, SPACE AND PERFORMANCE

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09:40 BEYOND THE OFFICE: RE-ENGINEERING THE CITY FOR THE FUTURE OF FINANCIAL WORK

Kate Hart, [CEO, EC Bid](#)



The future of financial work will not be shaped by office design alone — it will be defined by the city ecosystems that surround it. As shifting expectations, hybrid working and global competition continue to reshape financial services, the City of London is moving beyond its identity as a purely 9-to-5 office district. This session explores why place reputation, experience and urban design now matter as much as talent and tax in attracting firms, investment and people. Focusing on the realities of new ways of working, we examine how density, transport, planning and public space must adapt to support human, high-value and intentional presence, and why the traditional commute bargain no longer holds. The message is clear: cities that fail to evolve beyond office monocultures will struggle to retain relevance, talent and capital in the decade ahead.

10:00 CASE STUDY: GRANT THORNTON DEEP DECARB, CUTTING EMBODIED CARBON IN ACTION

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10:20 INNOVATION PLATFORM

Speaker to be confirmed.

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10:25 NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK

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10:50 CASE STUDY: ENABLING DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING IN THE WORKPLACE

Arthur Olney, [Head of Workplace Data Analytics & Insight, M&G](#)



This session explores how the Workplace Solutions team at M&G is using workplace data to drive operational efficiency and evidence-based decision making in a hybrid working environment. As workplace complexity increases, the ability to access live, connected and cross-functional insight has become essential to managing performance, cost and experience. We share how M&G is building the data foundations required to move beyond reactive reporting, while positioning the function for future AI-enabled capability — turning workplace data into a strategic asset rather than a by-product of operations.

11:05 FIRESIDE CHAT: REFRAMING WORKPLACE IN A REGULATED, HIGH-PERFORMANCE ENVIRONMENT

James Davies, [Workplace Strategy Director, Lloyds Banking Group](#)



In a sector shaped by regulatory pressure, executive scrutiny and complex operating demands, workplace strategy cannot be cosmetic — it must be commercially and operationally sound. In this candid conversation, James reflects on Lloyds' transformation journey and evolving the organisations real estate model to support a more agile approach. From navigating hybrid working at scale to balancing efficiency with experience, we explore the tensions leaders face when aligning space, technology and workforce expectations.

11:15 EXPERT PANEL: POWERING THE INTELLIGENT WORKPLACE

Cameron Gagne, [Director of Marketing and Communication, Embrava](#).
Matthew Potter, [Head of Workplace Experience, HSBC](#). James Davies, [Workplace Strategy Director, Lloyds Banking Group](#) Moderator: Jonathan Mills, [Partner, Osborne Clarke LLP](#)

What does an intelligent workplace look like when both digital platforms and physical space are designed to flex around people, not policies? We explore how integrated software, smart workplace hardware and adaptable environments are redefining the modern office. How are financial services organisations responding to evolving work patterns by combining real-time data, flexible work and space strategies to improve utilisation, operations and elevate employee experience. From space planning and collaboration to wellbeing, choice and performance, we share how workplaces are shifting from static layouts to dynamic adaptable environments and why this level of flex is critical for employees' changing expectations.



11:50 AGENTIC AI AND THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

Elisa Rönkä, **Managing Director, Digital**
– EMEA, Johnson Controls



Agentic AI is set to transform the financial profession – shifting how financial services companies work, how their workplaces function, and how offices are designed. This session explores the impact of autonomous systems on workplaces, decision-making, and space planning, and asks how organisations must adapt their culture, technology, and built environment to stay competitive in an increasingly intelligent, AI-driven world.

12:20 INNOVATION PLATFORM

Ben Wheeler, **MD, Sedus**

Innovation platform from Sedus.



12:15 WHAT'S REALLY PI**ING THEM OFF? A STORY ABOUT WHAT MATTERS TO HUMANS

Tomás G. Mac Eoin, **CEO, Innovator & Thought Leader, Hereworks**



Tomás specialises in designing intelligent, human-centric workplaces that seamlessly integrate data, automation, and user experience. As CEO of Hereworks Tomás will share his passion for leveraging technology to bridge the gap between built environments and the people who use them, driving efficiency and well-being in modern workspaces.

12:30 NETWORKING & LUNCH BREAK

THEME: HUMAN CAPITAL, HYBRID REALITIES: REDEFINING THE EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION

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13:25 CASE STUDY: STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

Surasen Naidu, **MD and Head of CRES**
EMEA, Standard Chartered Bank



As hybrid work reshapes how financial organisations use space, this case study showcases how Standard Chartered's London headquarters was transformed through a strategy-led, data-informed and phased delivery approach. Spanning 140,000 sq ft across eight floors, the project reimaged a traditional desk-centric environment into a flexible, activity-based workplace that better reflects how teams operate day-to-day. The initiative combined workplace strategy, design and construction coordination, informed by engagement with senior leadership and workstyle analysis. This enabled a rebalance from task-only areas toward collaboration, focus and shared amenity spaces while keeping the building fully operational throughout the transformation.

13:50 GREEN TECH IN ACTION: THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE LOCKING

Aitor Elorza, **CCO, Ojmar**, Lee Walker, **Head of UK & Ireland, Ojmar**, Katrina Norman, **Senior Workplace Consultant EMEA, JLL**



In today's hybrid working era, Corporate Leaders, Facility Managers, and Workplace Strategists face mounting pressure to balance efficiency, employee experience, and sustainability. This session explores how even the smallest details (like smart locks) can make a significant impact. Discover how technology is redefining access management and security by combining innovation with environmental responsibility. Learn how smart, energy-efficient solutions can contribute to greener operations, reduce maintenance costs, and support the transition toward truly sustainable workspaces.

14:10 INNOVATION PLATFORM

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14:40 NETWORKING & COFFEE BREAK

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15:05 FROM INSIGHT TO IMPACT: THE OPPORTUNITY AHEAD

Martin Shaw, **Head of CRE Operations, M&G**



Modern workplace operations now sit at the intersection of people, place, data and experience. With stronger data foundations in place, we can evolve from understanding our workplace to actively shaping it. By receiving live, trusted insight from our data colleagues, operational teams can now move beyond reactive responses and become architects of purposeful, high-performing workspaces. This is how we are harnessing information to redesign our corporate offices, uplift supply chain performance, and create seamless, enjoyable experiences.

15:30 WOMEN SHAPING THE FUTURE FINANCIAL WORKPLACE: REAL ESTATE & WORKPLACE LEADERSHIP

Pinar Erdem, **Head of Corporate Real Estate, EMEA and APAC, American International Group**, Fiona Jervis, **Corporate and Workplace Solutions, Goldman Sachs**, Suzan Dixon, **Senior Director, Corporate Real Estate, EMEA & APAC, Royal Bank of Canada**, Sarah O'Reilly, **Global Head of CRE Workplace Solutions, M&G**. Moderated by Claire Odgers, **CRE Aquisition and Development, Squarepoint Capital**

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16:00 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE – INSIGHTS, REFLECTIONS, AND FORWARD THINKING

Moderator: Sarah Audsley, [Principal Project Lead, Audsley Project + Place](#)



As the day concludes, join us to reflect on key themes, insights, and takeaways from the conference. This interactive session will distil key learnings, spark discussion, and explore how the ideas presented can drive future action. Share your thoughts, gain fresh perspectives, and leave inspired to turn insights into impact.

16:30 CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS

Kasia Maynard, [Head of Research and Editorial, WORKTECH Academy](#)



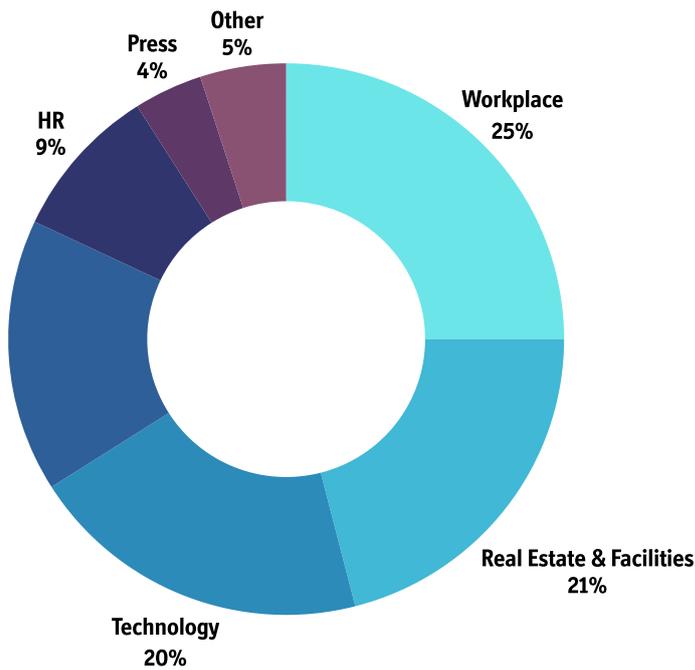
16:45 CONFERENCE CLOSES & NETWORKING DRINKS

WHO ATTENDS



A well-spoken and experienced group of presenters providing leading edge subjects current topics and statistics. A great place to learn about new ideas.

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Informative, interesting views on workplace design, planning technology and workers

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PAST ATTENDEES INCLUDE



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American Express



Director, Workplace Behaviourist
Barclays



Head of Workplace Operations
Blackstone



Managing Director, Head of Corporate Services UK & Europe
HSBC



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KEY INFORMATION

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When: Tuesday, 24th March 2025

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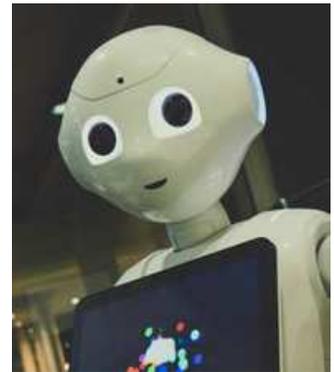
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We're looking for people that love the future of work and the workplace and social media. People who are willing to become part of our team and help spread the word to the masses. There will be a free event ticket available to successful applicants.

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