

# SPACs: Is Europe really the next big market?

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Following the meteoric rise of SPACs in the US, all eyes are now on Europe. Will history repeat itself or does the fact that only \$1.3bn was raised across 2020 and 2021 to date, compared to over \$300bn in the US, suggest a different trajectory for SPACs in Europe?

Join our panel of leading specialists from SoftBank, KPMG and Carey Olsen for a lively and insightful debate covering:

- **SPACs and the journey so far:** The origins of SPACs - what are they, how do they work and who do they appeal to? What's driven the success in the US market?
- **What now for Europe:** Are we set for a SPAC boom in Europe or can we expect a more muted response? What factors will shape the destiny of SPACs in Europe?

## Panel

- Aamir Akram, Partner, SoftBank Investment Advisers
- Julien Ganter, Partner, KPMG
- Christopher Anderson, Partner, Carey Olsen
- Gordon Purvis, Head of Corporate Services - Guernsey, Aztec Group
- Hana Prochaska, Director - Business Development, Aztec Group

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**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 BST | 11:00 - 12:00 CET