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AssetOps London



Where Operational Leaders Define the Future of Asset Management

Operations are under pressure. Transformation isn't optional. And doing more with less? That's the new normal.

Asset managers today face complex demands: unlock efficiency, modernise infrastructure, stay compliant—and still deliver alpha. At the same time, regulatory burdens are rising, systems are ageing, and the talent gap is real.

AssetOps London 2026 isn't just another conference. It's the meeting place for the people turning operational complexity into competitive advantage—where leaders in operations, data, technology, change and transformation gather to share what's working and build what's next.

What sets this one apart:

- **One purpose. One community.**

We're not trying to please everyone—we're focused on the operational core. COOs, CTOs, CDOs, Heads of Ops, Transformation and Change, you'll find your people here.

- **Designed for action.**

Forget high-level fluff. Every session is grounded in practical strategy, from case studies on post-trade automation to roundtables on tech stack simplification and GenAI integration.

- **Transformation is a team sport.**

Change doesn't happen in silos. We're bringing together change leads, tech architects, regulatory experts, and ops heads to collaborate across functions.

- **No filler. No sales pitches.**

With curated discussion groups, closed-door workshops, and zero sales pitches, you'll have real conversations with people facing the same friction—and solving it.

- **Global insights, local relevance.**

Part of a year-round platform with in-person and digital editions in New York, Chicago, London, Toronto, Hong Kong and beyond—AssetOps lets you benchmark with peers worldwide while solving for what matters in the UK.

- **The right room, for the real work.**

Where ops, data, and tech leaders tackle end-to-end transformation — with peers who've faced the same battles and are ready to share.

Confirmed speakers:

- **Gina Miller**, Businesswoman and Campaigner, Founder of *MoneyShe*, Co-Founder, *SCM Direct*
- **Davina Goodall-Smith**, Chief Operating Officer, *Royal London Asset Management*
- **Karen Sands**, Chief Operating Officer, Private Equity, *Federated Hermes*
- **Paul Bromley**, Chief Operating Officer, *RBC BlueBay Asset Management*
- **Marc Wood**, Chief Executive Officer of Handelsbanken ACD and Head of Fund Governance & Oversight, *Handelsbanken Wealth & Asset Management*
- **Stuart Gunderson**, Chief Operating Officer, Compliance Officer & MLRO, *Seilern Investment Management*
- **Archana Mohan**, Chief Operations and Technology Officer, *Navera Investment Management*
- **Chris Taylor**, Chief Operations Officer, *CG Asset Management Limited*
- **Phillip Chapple**, Chief Operating Officer, *Monterone Partners LLP*
- **Mario De Bergolis**, Chief Operating Officer, *Asset Management One International*
- **Sachin Anandikar**, Partner and Chief Technology Officer, *Pemberton Asset Management*
- **Rob Middleton**, Chief Data Officer, *Royal London Asset Management*
- **Sally Bashuan**, Executive Director and Head of Global Data Governance, *Federated Hermes*
- **Cristina Nunziata**, EVP, Head of Client Operations EMEA, *PIMCO*
- **Nirav Shah**, Senior Executive Director, Global Head of Fundamental Research Technology, *J.P. Morgan Asset Management*
- **Heli Khandelia**, Head of Strategic Change, *Pictet Asset Management*
- **George Vakalopoulos**, Head of Regulatory Developments & Thematic Reviews, *BNP Paribas Asset Management*
- **Ian Macleod**, Head of Process Engineering, *Insight investment*
- **Daniel Wells**, Head of UK & IRE Oversight, *Franklin Templeton*
- **Mari Parry**, Principal AI Engineer, *BlackRock*
- **Katy Rose**, Head of Performance & Data, *Amova Asset Management UK Ltd*
- **Olivia Griffiths**, Senior Advisor, *Tristan Capital Partners*
- **Lianne Walsh**, Founding Director, *Bridgepoint COO Services*
- **Chris Bedo**, Head of Business Consultancy, *Royal London Asset Management*
- **Andrew Kaufmann**, Founder/CEO, *Time To Give Network*

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08:00 – 09:20	<i>Registration & Coffee in the Exhibition Area</i>
9:20 – 9:25	Chair’s Opening Remarks Andrew Kaufmann , Founder/CEO, <i>Time To Give Network</i>
9:25 – 9:00	Speed Networking – Making new connections at AssetOps! During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet two people you don't already know.
09:30 – 09:50	Keynote: Leading change that sticks: From mandate to mindset in asset management ops As transformation accelerates, operational change must go deeper than systems and processes. This session unpacks how asset managers are tackling the human side of change—from aligning stakeholders to embedding new ways of working. Hear from leaders who’ve navigated complex transformations and learn how they build lasting engagement, overcome resistance, and foster a culture of continuous improvement. Key Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to move from abstract strategy to embedded behavioural change across ops, data, and tech teams• Tactics for sustaining momentum in environments facing compounding transformation pressures (regulatory, tech, growth)• Discuss how to engage and equip team leaders to cascade and sustain change effectively• Explore how to build change frameworks that support governance, but allow agility and adaptation as transformation unfolds <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Gina Miller , Businesswoman and Campaigner, Founder of <i>MoneyShe</i> , Co-Founder, <i>SCM Direct</i>
09:50 – 10:30	Panel Discussion: From legacy to leverage: Modernising ops & tech to drive competitive advantage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain practical insights from transformation journeys focused on replacing legacy infrastructure• Discuss the tension between short-term cost control and long-term innovation investment• Explore how COO-CTO collaboration is reshaping business architecture• Examine cultural and talent shifts needed to support agile, tech-driven operations <i>Moderator:</i> Rob Middleton , Chief Data Officer, <i>Royal London Asset Management</i>

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10:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Mid-Morning Coffee & Networking in the Exhibition Area</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Presentation: AI as the latest step in a process automation journey: building on a BPM foundation layer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process challenges in a growing, solutions-oriented Investment Management firm • Using BPM to support end-to-end inter-departmental processes – control first, then iterative improvement • Digitalisation journey – process improvement; BPM foundation; process data visualisation; robotics; GenAI • Responsible AI approval processes – act as a brake on speed of delivery, but essential • Some Use Cases for GenAI we’ve explored, and what we’ve learned so far. <p>Speaker: Ian Macleod, Head of Process Engineering, <i>Insight investment</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>Fireside Chat: The Future COO: Building the next generation of leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the COO role is evolving and expanding in scope • Pathways into leadership, including COO to CEO journeys • Building and supporting female leadership pipelines • Developing the next generation of operators across the industry <p><i>Moderator: Lianne Walsh</i>, Founding Director, <i>Bridgepoint COO Services</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Davina Goodall-Smith, Chief Operating Officer, <i>Royal London Asset Management</i> Paul Bromley, Chief Operating Officer, <i>RBC BlueBay Asset Management</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Fireside Chat: The next generation operating model: Scalable, digital, resilient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are firms rethinking structure, talent, and tech to unlock growth and resilience? • Redefining operating models to be leaner, modular, and digitally enabled • Discuss the rising importance of interoperability between front, middle, and back-office systems • Lessons from firms that have successfully navigated complexity through simplification <p><i>Moderator: Olivia Griffiths</i>, Senior Advisor, <i>Tristan Capital Partners</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Karen Sands, Chief Operating Officer, Private Equity, <i>Federated Hermes</i> Davina Goodall-Smith, Chief Operating Officer, <i>Royal London Asset Management</i></p>

12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch & Networking in the Exhibition Area</i>		
13:30 – 14:15	<p>Panel Discussion: Future-proofing asset management: Data, regulation, and transformation at scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess how UK, EU, and US regulatory shifts are reshaping ops strategy and resourcing • Examine how data architecture and controls must evolve to support cross-border compliance • Explore what transformation success looks like—beyond tech implementation • Share strategies to align transformation initiatives with strategic growth priorities <p><i>Moderator: Lianne Walsh, Founding Director, Bridgepoint COO Services</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Heli Khandelia, Head of Strategic Change, <i>Pictet Asset Management</i> Olivia Griffiths, Senior Advisor, <i>Tristan Capital Partners</i> George Vakalopoulos, Head of Regulatory Developments & Thematic Reviews, <i>BNP Paribas Asset Management</i> Chris Bedo, Head of Business Consultancy, <i>Royal London Asset Management</i></p>		
14:15 – 14:45	<p>Roundtable 1: The new COO mandate: Exploring the COO's expanding role in transformation, cost control and data strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefining the COO's remit: from operations custodian to enterprise-wide change leader • Balancing business-as-usual performance with disruptive innovation • What investors and boards now expect from operational leadership • Building the next-gen operations team: skills, structure, and succession <p><i>Speakers:</i> Stuart Gunderson, Chief Operating Officer,</p>	<p>Roundtable 2: AI Ethics, Data Governance & Privacy</p> <p>An informal, interactive session where attendees ask questions directly to an AI ethics and data privacy expert/ experts. The expert will answer questions on the fly, providing practical insights and advice on navigating regulations and building trustworthy AI systems.</p> <p><u>Focus Areas:</u> AI ethics, data privacy, regulatory challenges.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Sally Bashuan, Executive Director and Head of Global Data Governance, <i>Federated Hermes</i></p>	<p>Roundtable 3: Governance as a strategic advantage: Turning regulation into operational strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance as strategy, not compliance: Turning frameworks like Consumer Duty and SMCR into operational advantages • Accountability and transparency by design: Clearer ownership, better cost visibility, stronger decisions • Better outcomes, stronger firms: Governance that drives client trust, retention, and long-term performance <p><i>Speaker: Marc Wood</i>, CEO of Handelsbanken ACD and Head of Fund Governance & Oversight, <i>Handelsbanken Wealth & Asset Management</i></p>

	<p>Compliance Officer & MLRO, <i>Seilern Investment Management</i></p> <p>Mario De Bergolis, Chief Operating Officer, Asset Management One International</p>		
<p>14:45 – 15:15</p>	<p>Roundtable 1: The democratisation of automation: How boutiques are leveraging modern tools to gain a competitive advantage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are smaller asset managers using low-code/no-code platforms, AI-assisted workflows, and affordable cloud-based tools to automate processes previously reserved for larger firms? • Identifying which operational bottlenecks to target first, and how boutiques can redeploy freed-up resources towards higher-value, client-facing work • Strategies for implementing automation that integrates cleanly with existing systems, maintains regulatory compliance, and supports growth without ballooning costs or complexity 	<p>Roundtable 2: Operational resilience at scale: Rethinking outsourcing and strategic partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving beyond vendor management: How leading firms are building strategic partnerships that support global operating models and client service excellence • Balancing control and scale: Designing oversight frameworks that satisfy regulatory expectations while enabling operational agility • Delivering resilience in multi-provider ecosystems: Ensuring data integrity, service continuity, and consistent client outcomes across outsourced functions <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Cristina Nunziata, EVP, Head of Client Operations EMEA, <i>PIMCO</i></p> <p>Daniel Wells, Head of UK & IRE Oversight, <i>Franklin Templeton</i></p>	<p>Roundtable 3: Managing upskilling & Fear in a downsizing world: Strategies for workforce resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What’s driving workforce fear in the age of AI and downsizing • How leaders can manage anxiety through targeted upskilling and clear direction • Building long-term workforce resilience alongside automation and change <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <p>Katy Rose, Head of Performance & Data, <i>Amova Asset Management UK Ltd</i></p>

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