



## FRC Leaders' Convention 2026

We are delighted to welcome you to this year's prestigious Convention for leaders within Financial Crime, AML, Financial Risk and Compliance at the Celtic Manor Resort & Hotel.

**Venue :** Celtic Manor Resort & Hotel

**Address:** Coldra Wood, The Usk Valley, Chepstow Rd, Newport NP18 1HQ

**Phone number:** 01633 413000

**Date:** 20/21 April 2026

## Travel

### By Road

**M4 exit at Junction 24** and follow signs to The Celtic Manor which is 1 min off the motorway.

There is ample parking available at the hotel (including electric vehicle charging

**Postcode** for satnav is **NP18 1HQ**.

GPS post code is NP18 2YA.

What3Words [///total.sage.gold](https://www.what3words.com/total.sage.gold)

### **Full directions here**

<https://www.celtic-manor.com/propeller/uploads/2023/02/Celtic-Manor-Resort-Get-Directions.pdf>

### By Train

**Train Station - Newport South Wales** connected directly to London Paddington on FGR Trains (10 min taxi to venue)

There is a **FGW Trains discount code** below

<https://www.celtic-manor.com/home/meetings-events/great-western-rail-offer/>

Plan and book your discounted journey with this link - Newport S Wales station is the destination  
[MixingDeck \(gwr.com\)](https://www.gwr.com/)

### **Stay on the Sunday Night**

The Celtic Manor are unable to offer any better rates than can be found on their website on the 19th April.

If you want to stay on Sunday night you will need to book yourself by calling the reservation line on 01633 413000 or through the website

<https://www.celtic-manor.com>

### **Sunday Night Alternatives**

We would suggest looking at alternative hotels in the wider area at options like Travelodge, Premier Inn or Holiday Inn which range from £35-£130 and there's a good selection of options within walking distance of the resort perimeter (see links below)

Hotels within walking distance of the Celtic Manor:

[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/newport/nptuk/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps--HI--GB--NPTUK](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/newport/nptuk/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--HI--GB--NPTUK)

<https://www.ty-hotels.com/destinations/newport/>

<https://www.coldra-court.com>

[https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/wales/gwent/newport/newport-wales-m4-j24.html?cid=GLBC\\_NEWCOL](https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/wales/gwent/newport/newport-wales-m4-j24.html?cid=GLBC_NEWCOL)

There are also many hotels in Bristol and Cardiff (around 30-40 mins drive from the Celtic Manor and serviced by trains to Newport)

### **FLYING IN**

#### **Bristol Airport**

Taxi - 45 min

#### **Cardiff Airport**

Taxi - 45 minutes

#### **Heathrow Airport**

Taxi - 1hr 45 mins

## **CONVENTION**

### **Registration**

Registration will take place in the sunken lounge in the main Hotel lobby as you arrive. You will receive your badge and with that you can make your way down to the Caernarfon Suite where day one will take place.

Badges will be available from 9am but please ensure you arrive to be seated by 10am.

### **Dresscode**

Daytime- Business

Evening- Business Casual

### **Chatham House Rules**

The entire convention is under the Chatham House Rule. For clarity anyone who comes to the convention is free to use information from the discussion, but is not allowed to reveal who made any particular comment. This is designed to increase openness of discussion.

### **Dinner Seating**

There is a seating plan for the dinner. You may have friends on other tables but there will be plenty of opportunities to network and catch up so please respect the seating plan as this will minimise stress for others whose seat you may have taken, and we hope that you will appreciate meeting some different people at the convention.

### **Film and photography**

Photography is permitted and we welcome the sharing of pictures on platforms such as LinkedIn but please do not film any of the talks or discussions in accordance.

### **Evening Dinner**

Dress code: Business Casual

Caernarfon suite

Please email any dietary requirements to [tombarrie@mundialconnections.com](mailto:tombarrie@mundialconnections.com)

### **Tailored Agenda**

#### **A personalised agenda will be sent to just prior to the event**

Later in the day the convention breaks off into different sections with a good mix of main stage talks, hosted round tables, drop in discussions and meetings.

VIPs have personalised agendas.

We have curated your time to the best of our ability based on your form and talking to you. Please respect this and find your way to where you need to be, and make sure you're on time for round tables and meetings as hosts will be expecting you, and they have tight timelines themselves.

You will be given your tailored agenda a couple of days before the event.

## **Round Tables**

Round Table discussions will take place in the adjacent room to the main convention room with the stage each day.

They will be hosted and moderated by somebody with sound knowledge in the sector but the idea is that it's an open discussion and workshop. You are not expected to be an expert yourself.

We welcome attendees sharing ideas, approaches they have had success with and challenges or problems, all of which will contribute to a discussion that everybody can gain a lot of knowledge from.

If you are booked into one of these please make sure you are there in time for the start. The table will be labeled.

## **Regulatory Informal Discussion 'Drop in' With Independent Experts**

If you have an official round table or individual meeting on your agenda please make sure you attend those, but if you have a main stage talk on your agenda feel free to swap for a 'drop in'.

These will be happening on two occasions on day 1, and again on day 2. You will find experts ready to discuss these topics with you and others who may have similar pain points or interest in regulatory subject matter

You do not need to be there from the beginning or stay to the end, just 'drop in' during the allotted time and join others also interested in knowing more or ask the resident experts on hand to assist with guidance on the matter.

## **Individual Meetings**

For any individual meetings you have on your agenda, please head to the meeting point outside the main auditorium. Please ensure you are there for the start time.

These meetings are designed to talk through a specific topic of interest with somebody of significant knowledge and interest in the sector, or a meeting with a technology provider that can offer insight into an area of interest to you for benchmarking or upgrading your current tools.

## **Food**

There will be a morning and afternoon networking coffee and tea break on both days. A hot and cold buffet lunch will be provided on both days.

Evening dinner with reception drinks. For guests with a hotel room, breakfast is included on the morning of the 21st April.

## **Dietary Reqs**

If you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements and have not submitted these to us please do so urgently to [tombarrie@mundialconnections.com](mailto:tombarrie@mundialconnections.com)

or your requirements will not be able to be taken into account. The absolute deadline for this is 21 March 2026..

## **End of Day 2**

The convention finishes at 3.30pm in time to allow travel back around the country at a decent hour, but if guests would like to stay on and continue to use the hotel leisure facilities or work from a quiet corner the option is there to do so.

# HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION

## **Check In**

A pre group check in will be done before your stay. You will need to download the Celtic Manor app (see Digital Check In pdf).

You will then be able to download your hotel room key on your smartphone.

If you do not have a smartphone we can make arrangements for a physical key when you check in that afternoon.

**Hotel rooms will be ready from 16.00-17:00 on 20th.** Bags can be left at the concierge in the hotel lobby on arrival.

## **Add a partner**

During the convention there is an option to add a spouse/partner for £39 - if you'd like to bring them along to enjoy the hotel while you attend the convention then let Tom Barrie know ([tomasbarrie@mundialconnections.com](mailto:tomasbarrie@mundialconnections.com)) and we can upgrade the room from our end.

## **Hotel Facilities**

In downtime you can take advantage of the exceptional facilities. As our valued guest, you're invited to explore and enjoy a range of amenities such as the pool, spa, bars and Championship golf course used for the Ryder Cup in 2010 (any extra costs must be covered by guests). [celtic-manor.com](http://celtic-manor.com) has full details of the hotel facilities

## **Extras**

The room is paid for under the convention ticket however any extras (mini bar, spa treatments, bar drinks, parking) must be covered by the attendee and will not be covered by the event organiser.

## **Check out in the morning of the 21st**

Bags can be left with the concierge in the main hotel when you check out

## **Key Timings**

### **Day 1**

Check in through hotel app (see attached instructions)  
Badge collection from 9am in Lobby

Start 9.50 am in Caernarfon suite

Mid morning break 11.15 (tbc)

Round tables / Meetings / Drop ins / Panels

Lunch: 1:15 (tbc)

Round tables / Meetings / Drop ins / Panels

Keynote

Day Finish: 4:30

Rooms available from 4-5pm

Dresscode: Business

Drinks and Dinner: 7pm (tbc)

Dinner Dresscode: Business/Casual

### **Day 2**

Morning Walk 7.30am (tbc)

Morning Run 7.30am (tbc)

Women in fincrime breakfast 8.30am

Convention start 9.15am (tbc)

Day finish: 3:30pm

Dresscode: Business

