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## 1-(1-Benzofuran-2-yl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethanone

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**Abstract:** The overall molecular conformation of the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{12}O_4S$ , is elongated, the dihedral angle formed between the benzofuran (r.m.s. deviation = 0.018 Å) and benzene rings being 24.81 (6)°. Both sulfonyl O atoms lie to one side of the S-bound benzene ring, and the carbonyl and furan O atoms are *syn* to each other. Supramolecular arrays parallel to (101) sustained by C-H<sub>er</sub> O contacts feature in the crystal packing.