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08:15 - 08:45

Welcome and coffee

08:45 - 09:30

Meeting the needs of families within the Swiss tax environment

Xavier OBERSON, TEP, Partner, Oberson Avocats, Geneva

Xavier is a Professor in Swiss and International Tax Law at the University of Geneva. He holds a law degree, a Doctorate in law, completed by the International Tax Program (ITP) at Harvard Law School. Since 2010, he is an active member of the expert's team "Commission fédérale d'harmonisation des impôts directs" (CHID).



Cécile CIVIALE VUILLIER, TEP, Managing Director, Alpadis SA, Geneva

Chairman of STEP Association Suisse Romande

Cécile worked in the UK and France before becoming head of a trust company in Switzerland for the past 10 years. She brings extensive experience in developing and maintaining client relationships particularly in the field of trust products and services.



09:30 - 10:15

Residences for UHNWI families in Europe

Robin VOS, TEP, Partner, Macfarlanes LLP, London

Robin specialises in the creation of cross-border international asset-holding vehicles. In the UK, he frequently advises entrepreneurs and senior executives, giving advice to trustees in relation to their duties and responsibilities and assisting financial institutions in assessing and developing financial products.



François COLLON, Attorney, Hirsch & Vanhaelst, Bruxelles

François is an attorney, holds a Master in het Venootschapsrecht KUL and a diploma in tax sciences ESSF. He is Professor in corporate taxation at Ephec Louvain-la-Neuve and is the General secretary of the International Fiscal Association.



10:15 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30

Asia & LatAm : why Switzerland remains attractive

Nicholas JACOB, TEP, Partner, Lawrence Graham LLP, London

Nick is specialised in taxation and trusts with a particular emphasis on trusts for non-UK domiciliaries and on inward investment into the UK, yet also for clients from Hong Kong, Singapore & Malaysia., and is a Deputy Chairman of the Board of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).



Klemens R. ZELLER, TEP, Executive Director, Wealth Advisor, Geneva

Klemens holds a BA degree from the KV Zurich Business School in Zurich and is Certified Financial Planner and a member of both the Financial Planning Association (FPA) and International Fiscal Association (IFA).



11:30 - 12:15

The MEA in EMEA : a focus on Africa & Middle East

Giovanni M. ROSSI, Partner, Bonnard Lawson, Dubai

Giovanni holds a degree in Law from the University of Geneva as well as a M.B.A. from Columbia and London Business Schools (EMBA Joint Program). His activity focuses on advising banks, independent wealth managers, family offices, investment funds and their customers, in Switzerland and in the United Arab Emirates.



Richard HOWARTH, Director, African Private Office LLP, London

Richard Howarth spent 34 years in the banking industry, working in senior management positions for Barclays and Standard Chartered. Associate of the Chartered Institute of Financial Services, he holds their Financial Studies Diploma qualification. He recently established African Private Office to assist wealthy individuals across the continent of Africa.



12:15 - 12:30

The Future of Swiss Banking

Patrick ODIER, Senior Partner, Lombard Odier & Cie, Geneva

Patrick Odier holds an economics degree from the University of Geneva and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago. He is the Senior Partner of Lombard Odier & Cie, Vice-Chairman of economiesuisse, the Swiss federation of trade and industry and Chairman of the Swiss Bankers Association.



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12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:15

STEP initiatives in Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe

Julien DIF, TEP, Partner, Bonnard Lawson, Luxembourg

Vice Chairman of STEP Association Suisse Romande

Julien holds an LLB in English law at King's College London and a Maitrise in French law at the University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne. His practice focuses particularly on collective investments schemes, pooled investments and financial regulatory work.



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14:15 - 15:00

How Malta, Cyprus & Panama complement the Swiss Wealth Management Industry

Andre ZERAFA, Partner, Ganado & Associates, Advocates, Malta

Andre graduated doctor of laws (LL.D.) from the University of Malta in 1999 and furthered his studies in 2000 at Queen Mary & Westfield College, University of London where he read a Master of Laws in banking and finance law. He chairs the Investment Business Committee of the Maltese Institute of Financial Services Practitioners.



Georghios COLOCASSIDES, Partner, Colocassides, Hadjipieris & Co LLC, Cyprus

Georghios holds an economics degree from the London School of Economics, a law degree from Oxford University and an LL.M. from King's college London. His focus is commercial, company, financial markets law both from a litigation as well as from an advisory point of view.

Joshua RUBENSTEIN, TEP, Partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, New York

Joshua holds a law degree from Columbia University. He heads the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee. Joshua is the Chairman of International of the Estate Planning Committee, the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel (ACTEC).



15:00 - 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 - 16:15

SATC & Regulating trustees and financial intermediaries in Switzerland

Alexandre VON HEEREN, TEP, Chairman of Mandaris, Geneva

Alexandre holds a law degree and a LL.M. in international business law with a specialization in banking, financial markets and insurance law. Alexandre is the Chairman of the Swiss Association of Trust Companies (SATC).



Mark BARMES, TEP, Partner, Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva

Mark Barmes chairs the Regulation and Compliance Technical Committee of the Swiss Association of Trust Companies (SATC). He is on the board of Swiss trustee companies and lectures for the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).



16:15 - 17:00

Trusts under Rubik & FATCA

Juerg EGLI, Head of legal department, Director, Banque Pictet & Cie, Geneva

Juerg holds a law degree from the University of Geneva and was admitted to the Geneva Bar Association. He is specialised in international law, with a special focus on the Anglo-Saxon law (US securities legislation in particular). He is a member of the Swiss Bankers' Association task force (new FATCA).



Adam JAGUSIEWICZ, Senior Vice President, Banque Pictet & Cie, Geneva

Adam holds a law degree from the University of Geneva and was admitted to the Geneva Bar Association. He heads the transversal / cross-departments projects team at the legal department of the bank and regulatory matters impacting among others trusts.



17:00 - 17:45

Cross-Border inheritance tax & succession within Europe

Stephanie JARRETT, TEP, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Geneva

Stephanie specializes in strategic planning and training for financial institutions and advising families on business and personal succession planning typically involving trusts and international tax planning. Stephanie is member of the Scientific Committee of the SACTM.



17:45 - 19:00

Cocktail

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