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A HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL TAX PLANNING

Auditorium, 2nd level, SGX Centre 1, 2 Shenton Way, Singapore
2 February 2009 (Monday) • 5.00 - 7.30pm

About this Seminar

You may be involved in setting up, administering or advising upon offshore trust and company structures - but do you understand all of the tax reasons for their existence? For most structures, tax planning is the primary motive and for the rest, it is still a significant factor. It is difficult enough to understand the tax of one jurisdiction, let alone the dozens that most trust practitioners will come across in their daily work. This seminar will therefore look at the building blocks of tax systems across the world, drawing together common themes and strategies for planning. This will include an examination of:

- death taxes
- the principle of situs and how this affects taxation
- withholding taxes and how they work
- tax on intangible property and how to avoid it
- using tax treaties and how they influence the architecture of offshore structures
- capital gains taxes
- transfer pricing - what is it and how to do it

This seminar is pitched at an **INTRODUCTORY** level.

Seminar Programme

5.00 - 5.15pm	Registrations & Refreshments
5.00 - 5.15pm	Opening Remarks & Overview by Chairperson: <i>Mr. William Lexmond - President, STEP Singapore</i>
5.30 - 6.45pm	A Hitch-Hikers Guide To International Tax Planning <i>Mr. James Quarmby ATT, TEP, Solicitor - Partner and Head of International Taxation, Thomas Eggar, United Kingdom</i>
6.45 - 7.00pm	Q&A Session & Closing Remarks
7.00 - 7.30pm	Networking Break

About the Chairperson

Mr. Bill Lexmond - Managing Director, Wealth Planning, UBS AG; President, STEP Singapore

Bill Lexmond is a Managing Director with UBS in Singapore. His focus is on Wealth Planning for Key Clients in Asia Pacific. He studied in Canada at University of Waterloo (Mathematics) and Queen's University (Law). He has been involved in trusts and taxation for over 20 years, in Canada and in Asia. In Singapore, prior to joining UBS in 2004, Bill was with PricewaterhouseCoopers for 7 years and Citibank for 21/2 years. Bill is currently the Singapore Chair of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is on the Board of the Singapore Branch of the International Fiscal Association. Bill has spoken at and/or chaired many seminars in Asia, including the STEP Asia Conferences held in Singapore October 2005 and 2007.

About the Speaker

Mr. James Quarmby ATT, TEP, Solicitor - Partner and Head of International Taxation, Thomas Eggar, United Kingdom

James' work ranges from the creation of family trusts offshore through to constructing complex cross border trading structures. His innovative approach to tax planning has been recognised by the profession; for instance, the Legal 500 describes him as a "very experienced tax lawyer with commendable professionalism and responsiveness who specialises in innovative tax planning work" and in Chambers (2009) it notes that "[James] is held in high regard for his "clear and understandable advice on complex matters," and particularly lauded for his international and cross-border work". Chambers also cites James as a "Leader in the Field". James also advises on UK and International trust law and specialises in particular in trust reconstructions, disputes and Inland Revenue investigations. As well as being a member of STEP (since 1997) James is a member of The Association of Tax Technicians, The Offshore Institute and The International Tax Planning Association. James also holds a diploma in International Tax Planning.

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