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Tuesday, May 31, 2016

14:00 Welcome and registration of participants

14:30 Official opening ceremony by Jean-Pierre Diserens**,
Secretary-General of CIFA

14:35 Welcome address by Pierre Christodoulidis**, President of CIFA

15:00 Message from H.E. Mr. Sven Jurgenson, Vice-Chair United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations

15:30 Coffee Break

15:50 Roundtable: Implementing the Post 2015 Development Agenda: moving from commitment to results

Moderated by: Hanifa D. Mezoui**, PhD, Senior Advisor Humanitarian Affairs and Civil Society, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), New York City

Panelists:

Louise Kantrow, Permanent Representative to the UN for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Me Francois Lorient, SDGs Human Right Advocate

Neil Pierre, Chief, Policy Coordination branch, Office for the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Support and Coordination, DESA - United Nations

17:15 Coffee Break

17:45 Message from Jennifer De Laurentis, Former UN Senior Official

18:00 The investor's rights

Hachem Farès Boulos, Barrister, Bar of Beirut, Lebanon; Chairman of the Legal Committee, World Federation of Investors' Corporations

19:00 End of the first day

19:30 Cocktail

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

9:00 Welcome address by the Chairperson for the Day

Afaf Konja, Communication Specialist: Media and Public Relations

9:30 **THEME 1: Legislative over-activity, investigations, fines, confiscation: are these results likely to improve the global financial system?**

- The avalanche of standards and rules imposed strangles financial SMEs. Does it promote a dynamic and competitive market place?
- The bailed-out big financial institutions are able to negotiate fines imposed upon them. Can small operators do the same?
- To what extent do large banking groups interpret complex regulations to their advantage in order to eliminate small players?
- Have redundancies in the various directives (MIFIR, MIFID II, EMIR-European Market Infrastructure Regulation) been measured?

Roundtable moderated by: Lenore Elle Hawkins, MBA, Partner, Meritas Advisors, San Diego, USA

Panelists:

Markus P. Grimm, Managing Director, Special Investment Situations, Hermes Partners International Ltd, Hong Kong

Prof. Xavier Oberson, Professor of Swiss and international tax law at the University of Geneva, Partner at Oberson Avocats, Geneva, Switzerland

Joe Oliver, Canadian politician and former Minister of Natural Resources (2011) and former Minister of Finance (2014)

10:50 *Coffee Break*

11:10 **THEME 2: \$700 trillion in derivatives, \$200 trillion debt, less than \$70 trillion World GDP: Quo Vadis Fiat Money?**

- Central Bank, Government, Taxation, People: Is there a generic model for Good Governance?
- Fiat Money, Currency Wars and Sound money: What are the global implications of financial advice?
- What's the future role of SDR, Gold and Cryptocurrencies?

Roundtable moderated by: Prof. William K. Black*, Associate Professor of Economics and Law, University of Missouri, Kansas City, USA

Panelists:

Prof. Dr. Marc Chesney, Director of Department of Banking and Finance, Professor of Finance, University of Zurich

Nathalie Janson, Economist, Associate Professor at the Neoma Business School, Research Associate at the Molinari Economic Institute, Paris

Prof. Stephanie Kelton, Ph.D., Chief Economist on the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, USA.

Pascal Salin, Economist, Paris, France

Iain Stewart-Linnhe, Global Regulatory Policy & Capital Markets Specialist, Hon. Lecturer, Law Faculty, University of Liverpool

Georges Ugeux*, Former Executive Vice-President International of the New York Stock Exchange, CEO, Galileo Global Advisors, New York City

12:30 *Networking Lunch*

14:00 THEME 3: KYC, collection of intrusive information on customers, criminalization of tax offences: how far can State intrusion go into the individual's private sphere?

- Can Financial Intermediaries be called upon to act as auxiliaries of the domestic revenue authorities? Should ineffective, costly and often corrupt authorities continue to delegate their duties to private operators?
- Private sphere: what is left? Are provisions enforced worldwide?
- What's the hidden agenda behind the fight against tax evasion and fiscal optimization? Can it bail out heavily indebted States?

Roundtable moderated by: Daniel Mitchell*, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute, Washington, USA

Panelists:

Pierre Bessard, President of the Liberal Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

Darlene Hart, Founder & CEO, US Tax & Financial Services

Stephanie Jarrett, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Geneva, Switzerland

Adolfo Enrique Linares Franco, Partner, Tapia, Linares & Alfaro; President Aegist Asset Advisors Inc; President Chambers of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture of Panama; Vice Minister of Education (2001-2004)

Yves Moneris, Partner, SELAS Yramis Pénal Avocats, Paris, France

Yves Nidegger, National Councilor - Member of Swiss Parliament, Attorney, Nidegger Law, Geneva, Switzerland

15:50 *Coffee Break*

16:00 THEME 4: Persistent economic crisis, loss of tax revenues from employment, States' excessive indebtedness, incompressible social benefits. Can the Western economic model be saved and, in the case of BREXIT, can the EU survive?

- Western countries are heading towards a drastic drop in their birth rate, as their economies contract dramatically. What is ahead for these economies? What are the new business models?
- Emerging countries in the global economic doldrums, with explosive birth rate levels, non-existent infrastructure and insufficient industrialization, become lands of mass emigration. How can we stop this downward spiral?
- Tax administrations of western countries in disarray hunt down the savings of their citizens. What will happen once these amounts are forcefully collected? Is the resulting increased tax revenue likely to stimulate these economies?

Roundtable moderated by: Lenore Elle Hawkins, MBA, Partner, Meritas Advisors, San Diego, USA

Panelists:

Mathieu Bédard, Economist at the Montreal Economic Institute

Louise C. Bennetts, Regulatory lawyer and former policy scholar, London, UK

Michel Girardin, Professor of Macro-Finance, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Prof. Stephanie Kelton, Ph.D., Chief Economist on the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, USA.

Joe Oliver, Canadian politician and former Minister of Natural Resources (2011) and former Minister of Finance (2014)

17:30 Message from AMAF - Monaco

Hervé Ordioni, President-Committee for Promotion of Monaco as Financial Center, Monaco Association for Financial Activities, Monaco

18:30 End of the second day

20:00 Patrons' Dinner at the Hotel Hermitage by invitation only
(Black tie suggested)

with the exceptional participation of:

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

U N A O C

Thursday, June 2, 2016 - Associations' Day 1

09:30 FECIF Board meeting & AGM

12:30 *Networking Lunch for FECIF members*

13:00 **Registration and complimentary Apéro** for participants of the Association Days

14:00 **Message from Roshani Shenazz Nadirshah**, Wholeistic Living Empowerist

14:15 **Welcome Address from the Chairmen of the Day**

Vincent J. Derudder**, Honorary Chairman of FECIF

Zoltan Luttenberger PhD**

14:20 **THE FUTURE OF ADVICE**

14:20 **Fiduciary, Fee only, Fee-based, Commissions: Does it make a real difference?**

- What are the market players' views on Fiduciary Duty?
- Are clients concerned about remuneration models?
- Should they be?
- What can Professional Associations and Consumer Protection do in this critical field?

Nigel Pardoe, Managing Director of Hermitage Private Office Ltd. London, UK

14:40 **Business Transition: Is this a real option for Sales People?**

- What are the challenges for Salesmen in charging for advice?
- From sales to services, what is the best way forward?
- What are the best transition practices and the causes of failing to evolve?
- Are Salesmen dead in the RDR-MiFID world?
- Can a Tied Agent act as a Fiduciary in real world conditions?

Roundtable moderated by: Nigel Pardoe, Managing Director of Hermitage Private Office Ltd. London, UK

Panelists:

Thomas Abel CFP, Founding President of Network Financial Planners, Berlin, Germany

Sheryl Garrett, CFP®, AIF, Founding CEO of the Garrett Planning Network (US)

Michael Lodhi, Chairman, The Spectrum IFA Group, Luxembourg

Jiří Šindelář, Ph.D., USF ČR Chairman, The Czech Republic

15:50 **Managing Client Expectations**

- Discovering and (re)setting expectations with clients
- Managing the Expectation Gap
- How the right expectation management improves client relationships and compliance?

Richard Crotty FMII MIITD QFA AA, Expectation Management Expert, Ireland

16:15 *Coffee break*

16:45 **The future of Retail Advice: Simplified advice, Robos and DIY clients**

- How can Simplified Advice make financial advice accessible to the masses?
- Is “Robo” good for clients seeking advice?
- Can self-directed clients survive in today’s financial world?
- How can human advisors utilise modern technologies?

Roundtable moderated by: Richard Crotty FMII MIITD QFA AA, Expectation Management Expert, Ireland

Panelists:

Zoltan Luttenberger PhD

Sven Putfarken CFP, Managing Partner M-P-V Wealth Management Ltd., Board Member Network Financial Planners Berlin

Paul Stanfield, CEO, FEIFA England, and Secretary General, FECIF Brussels

17:30 **Are clients really pleased by "Regulatory Suitability"? What does regulation do for the consumer?**

- What do clients know about Suitability?
- How does it affect their decisions?
- What do they expect the advisor to do?
- Who evaluates the client’s financial risk and asset class perceptions?
- Can clients effectively include Suitability assumptions and disclosures in their real world decisions?

Roundtable moderated by: Ton Kentgens, Global Business Developer, Ortec Finance

Confirmed Speakers:

Emanuele Maria Carluccio, Chairman of EFPA SQC - Standards and Qualifications Committee

Vania Franceschelli, Responsible for Foreign Affairs, ANASF, Italy

Darlene Hart, Founder & CEO, US Tax & Financial Services

Michael Lodhi, Chairman, The Spectrum IFA Group, Luxembourg

18:30 Summary of the Day

Vincent J. Derudder**, Honorary Chairman of FECIF

Zoltan Luttenberger PhD**

18:30 End of the third day

Friday, June 3, 2016 - Associations' Day 2

9:30 Welcome Address from the Chairmen of the Day

Vincent J. Derudder**, Honorary Chairman of FECIF

Zoltan Luttenberger PhD**

09:30 THE FUTURE OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY

09:30 Behavioral Finance - Focus of the advisory process:

formal compliance by questionnaires, disclaimers, models and robots

vs.

evaluating goals, asset classes, B-Ds and products by building scenarios together with the client

Roundtable moderated by: **Zoltan Luttenberger PhD**

Panelists:

Krzysztof Dresler, CEO and co-owner of ICRA (*individual clients' risk assessment company*), CEO and co-owner of Insurance Group Service (*multi-agent based distribution*), Partner and co-owner of BAAK and Capitalia banking loans and capital market advisory in Poland.

Sheryl Garrett, CFP®, AIF, Founding CEO of the Garrett Planning Network (US)

Tony Mahabir, MBA, CMC, CFP, CIM, CEO Canfin Financial Group, Director of the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning

Jiří Šindelář, Ph.D., USF ČR Chairman, The Czech Republic

10:30 Who is in charge of my pension?

- Historically: Family, Children, State, Employer, Individual.
- Macro-economically: which differences if the transfer from active population to inactive recipients goes through taxes or investment?
- How is it possible that, over the same time period, pension schemes in some countries perform exceptionally well and in others they seem to be on the verge of collapsing?
- How are capitalization and final rents achieved?

Simon Colboc, Head of Business Development, BNP Paribas, Brussels

10:50 *Coffee break*

11:20 Pensions: Is it all in the products? Do we want to double-down on pension?

- 1st, 2nd or 3rd pillar.
- Where should pension and retirement planning responsibility lie, with the Government or the individual? Is there a call on employers to promote individual responsibility?
- Is the EU single market for Pensions the way forward?
- Should IFAs include employment-linked pensions in their scope or leave this to corporate specialists?

Roundtable moderated by: Simon Colboc, Head of Business Development, BNP Paribas, Brussels

Panelists:

John Beaney, Legal & Regulatory Executive at Association of International Life Offices (AILO), Isle of Man, United Kingdom

Darlene Hart, Founder & CEO, US Tax & Financial Services

Ing. Rastislav Podhorec MBA, Chairman, AFISP, Slovakia

Gilles-Guy de Salins*, Vice President, ANCDGP, France

12:00 Suitability and Fiduciary Duty: What are the differences for the client?

- Is the client concerned about Suitability... or just relying on his/her Fiduciary Trustee?
- Can Suitability replace human trust-based relationships?
- If not, what are the real drivers of client decisions?

Johannes Muschik, President of FECIF Brussels, Chairman of AFPA Austria

12:20 Where do we stand today with regards to regulation?

Marta Gellová**, President of EFPA-Czech Republic presenting on behalf of FECIF and of Cattaneo & Zanetto

Andrea Moggi, Senior financial expert in EU matters, Independent International Consultant

12:40 Networking Lunch

14:00 THE CONSUMER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

14:00 New solutions to Wealth structuring

- Trusts, Foundations and offshore companies are not regarded as compliant vehicles.
- How to structure wealth preservation and management properly within the framework of a very restrictive legislation?

Simon Colboc, Head of Business Development, BNP Paribas, Brussels

Vincent J. Derudder**, Honorary Chairman of FECIF

14:20 What regulation and regulators do to prevent fraud

- In spite of a Tsunami of new rules and regulations, new fraudulent schemes are discovered daily.
- What is the role of the regulators?
- Are they effectively equipped to prevent fraud?

Gilles Duteil, Director of CETFI, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence, France

14:40 What the best intentions of the world could do for consumers: the Slovenian case

Kristjan Verbič, President of the PanSlovenian Shareholders' Association (VZMD)

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:30 The Civil Society response: How to fight overregulation?

Roundtable moderated by: Sheryl Garrett, CFP®, AIF, Founding CEO of the Garrett Planning Network (US)

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Johannes Muschik, President of FECIF Brussels, Chairman of AFPA Austria

Paul Stanfield, CEO, FEIFA England, and Secretary General, FECIF Brussels

Iain Stewart-Linnhe, Global Regulatory Policy & Capital Markets Specialist, Hon. Lecturer, Law Faculty, University of Liverpool

16:10 Financial Triage: Effectively determining what services are needed and how to deliver these services while fulfilling your fiduciary duties

- As our nascent profession expands to fill the needs of a broader population base, traditional financial planning service offerings and strategies are evolving.
- Successfully serving middle-income clients is often very different from other clients. While the middle market makes up over 80% of the American and E.U. populations, much of the financial planning profession focuses on the mass-affluent and beyond, leaving middle market needs either underserved or inadequately served.
- This session will identify services, models and strategies that resonate with and serve the needs of middle income clientele of all ages and stages.

Sheryl Garrett, CFP®, AIF, Founding CEO of the Garrett Planning Network (US)

16:40 Summary of the Day

Vincent J. Derudder**, Honorary Chairman of FECIF

Zoltan Luttenberger PhD**

17:00 Secretary-General Address & End of the Forum

* CIFA Advisory Board Member

** CIFA Executive Committee Member

BIOGRAPHIES

THOMAS ABEL is a tutor in financial and estate planning since 2002, especially for Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. He is self-employed Asset Manager and Financial Planner since 2004, Asset Management and Financial Planning for private and business clients, HONORIS Treuhand GmbH (www.honoris-gmbh.de). From 2000 through 2004, he was a financial a financial Planner for Deutsche Bank AG, Private Wealth Management. His teaching focuses are Basic Principles of Financial and Estate Planning, Real Estate and Credit Management, Closed Funds-Investments.

H.E. MR. NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER assumed the leadership of the UN Alliance of Civilizations in March 2013. As a veteran diplomat and the President of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, he has devoted his time and work to peace-building and promoting the culture of peace, tolerance and reconciliation. Mr. Al-Nasser, who is now ranked as a Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar, has served as his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, from 1998 to 2011. The highlight of his career was when he was elected as the President of the Sixty-Sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly from September 2011 to 2012. Prior to that, in December 2006, he was President of the UN Security Council, representing the State of Qatar in the Council during the two-year period when Qatar was a non-permanent member. Under his tenure, the Council took action on several issues, including international cooperation to combat terrorism and the protection of journalists in armed conflict. Mr. Al-Nasser, played several leading roles within the UN system including President of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation. As chair of the Group of 77 and China, he guided action that led to the establishment of the South Fund for Development and Humanitarian Affairs, a financing mechanism that helps countries of the South address issues such as poverty, hunger and natural disasters.

PER ANDELIUS is a former internal lawyer with insurers Folksam and Skandia, heading the unit "Business Insurance" in the latter. After starting his consultancy 10 years ago, Per Andelius worked for some of the Swedish listed companies, law firms, intermediaries, as well as for Swedish and non-domestic life insurers as consultant within the insurance and pension field (*in Sweden, 90% of the pension market is insured*). He has been the chairman of several pension foundations and, today, he holds office as chairman of a small credit institution. Per Andelius has been lecturing mainly to the sales force and agents of a number of insurers, intermediaries, education companies, and arranging as well as participating in seminars on pensions.

JOHN BEANEY has spent his working life in the life insurance industry with key interests in legal, tax and estate planning issues. He worked for Skandia for 17 years until his retirement in October 2011. Since 1996, his activities have mainly been concerned with cross border insurance both within Europe and internationally. John helped establish branches of Skandia's UK Company in Finland, Norway and Germany and was also active in establishing the cross border activities of Skandia Life Ireland in a number of European countries and, latterly, a branch of Royal Skandia in Singapore.

John chaired AILO's European committee from launch in 2006 until it merged with the Legal & Regulatory committee, which he also chaired, until he was elected Deputy Chairman of AILO in 2009. Following his retirement he has continued to be involved with AILO as Legal & Regulatory Executive. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute and has a degree in law from London University.

ROBERT G.J. VAN BEEK CFP® is a Financial Life Planner and Business Consultant with a working experience of more than 20 years in the financial industry. In 2010, he started his own company, About Life & Finance, after working as business consultant, wealth planner, account manager and asset manager for different large and small financial companies. Since 2013, he is partner at De Weygerbergen, office for performance and risk measurement, and wealth management. He wrote 5 books and a variety of articles about financial planning, wealth management, investments, risk & return and financial literacy, including translation of Behavior Gap® by Carl Richards. Robert is member of the board of FPSB Nederland and FPA Belgium.

MATHIEU BÉDARD holds a PhD in Economics from Aix-Marseille University, and a master's degree in economic analysis of institutions from Paul Cézanne University. From 2013 to 2015, he was a Lecturer at the Toulouse School of Economics. His dissertation is entitled "Economic Analysis of Bank Failures: An Essay on the Informational Properties of Bank Runs." His scholarly articles have been published in the Journal of Business Ethics, the International Journal of Business, and the Journal des économistes et des études humaines.

LOUISE BENNETTS is a regulatory lawyer and writer. Previously, she was associate director of financial regulatory studies at the Cato Institute and senior associate in the New York office of Davis Polk and Wardwell. Her commentary has appeared in publications in the U.S. and Europe and she is a frequent speaker on bank reform issues and has testified before the United States Congress on a number of topics relating to bank regulation and competition. She is the author of "The New Autarky: How U.S. and UK Domestic and Foreign Banking Proposals Threaten Global Growth." Currently she leads resolution and recovery initiatives for the European subsidiaries of the United States' largest financial institutions.

PIERRE BESSARD is the executive director and a member of the board of trustees of the Liberal Institute, Switzerland's independent free-market think tank founded in 1979 and headquartered in Geneva and Zurich, which he joined in 2007. Mr. Bessard serves on the scientific committee of the Cercle de philosophie politique Benjamin Constant and the Center for Tax Competition. He is also a board member of several major Swiss organizations promoting a free society, and an editor-at-large at LAGEFI, the Lake Geneva region's financial newspaper, where he has written on the political economy since 2002. After attending schools in Lausanne, London, and Berlin, Mr. Bessard studied economics and finance in New York and Shanghai. He is the editor and author of several books on Swiss liberalism and current affairs. Pierre Bessard is a member of the Mont Pelerin Society.

WILLIAM K. BLACK* teaches Economics and Law at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC). He is a white-collar criminologist. He directed the Institute for Fraud Prevention. His regulatory career is profiled in Professor Riccucci's book *Unsung Heroes*. George Akerlof called his book, *The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One* (*University of Texas Press 2005, 2014*), "a classic." Paul Volcker wrote: One of those lessons really sticks out: one brave man with a conscience could stand up for us all. Black helped the World Bank develop anti-corruption initiatives and testified to Congress five times about the financial crisis. He is also the "Distinguished Scholar for Financial Regulation" at the University of Minnesota's Law School and a Professor at IAEN in Quito, Ecuador.

HACHEM FARÈS BOULOS, lawyer at the Beirut Bar, is a member of the Boulos Law Office (BLO), a trilingual law firm that he founded in 1980 in Beirut. BLO has become one of the most well-respected law offices in Lebanon providing quality legal services in wide range of practice areas for both local and international clients while observing the highest standards of integrity and ethics at all times. Prior to establishing his own law office, Mr. Boulos earned broad knowledge and experience during several years of practice in Europe, mainly Paris-Brussels, and in Beirut as well. Being a carrier of a Lebanese-Belgian dual nationality and a lawyer at Beirut Bar Association, Mr. Boulos is also an exclusive member at GEIE Eurolaw, the Association of European network of business lawyers, and at Euroshareholders, the organization of European shareholders associations in Brussels. Close-working client relationships with an emphasis on results have been BLO's hallmark since its founding, and remain at the core of its services today. In September 2012, Mr. Hachem Boulos has been elected Chairman for the Advocacy Committee of the World Federation of Investors (WFI).

MARC R. BRADFORD is the Chair of the firm's Appellate Practice Group. He has argued cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Minnesota Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the Iowa Court of Appeals. Mark is recognized as a Minnesota Super Lawyer and was selected as an "Up and Coming" Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer in 2009. He serves on the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. Moreover, he serves as co-chair of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Insurance Law Committee, as a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association Appellate Council and the Fourth District Ethics Committee, and is a Barrister with the Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court. In addition, Mark is a member of the American Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, and Defense Research Institute, and teaches Appellate Advocacy at the St. Thomas University School of Law. Mark received his law degree from the DePaul University College of Law, where he graduated in the top one percent of the class and received CALI awards for the highest examination grades in antitrust, legal writing, criminal law, and property. During law school, Mark served on the Executive Board of the DePaul Law Review and also completed an externship with the Honorable William Bauer, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mark is a member of the Bassford Remele Management Committee.

EMANUELE MARIA CARLUCCIO is the new Chairman of EFPA-SQC, after being appointed by EFPA Board of Directors to lead its Standards and Qualifications Committee (SQC). Mr. Carluccio, since the establishment of EFPA in Italy, has actively participated in its development, being part for several years of the local SQC and, overall, being member of the EAC and SQC Europe without interruption since the beginning. Mr. Carluccio has dealt within the financial services' sector since 2002 in Milano, Roma and Bergamo. Moreover, Mr. Carluccio was dean of the University of Valle d'Aosta (2001-2004).

PROF. DR. MARC CHESNEY is a Professor of Finance at the University of Zurich. Previously in Paris, he was Professor and Associate Dean at HEC, President of the CEBC (*Centre d'Etudes sur le Blanchiment et la Corruption*) and an external expert with the World Bank. He has published articles and books in the areas of quantitative finance and also about financial crime mechanisms. In addition, he focuses on the subject of Ethics and Finance. At the University of Zurich, he is member of the Board of the Graduate Programme for interdisciplinary Research in Ethics and co-organiser of the Ethical Finance Research Series. He is also member of the advisory Board of Finance & Common Good/Bien Commun. Marc Chesney holds a PhD in Finance from the University of Geneva and obtained his "Habilitation" from the Sorbonne University.

HENRY COBBE is Managing Director and Head of Research at BirthStar®. Henry graduated with a first class MA (*Hons*) degree from the University of Edinburgh and since 1999 worked at leading investment managers including Schroders plc, Thames River Capital LLP and as a partner at Nevsky Capital LLP. Henry launched The BirthStar® Project in 2012 to help asset managers and intermediaries develop streamlined customer solutions that make investing easier and more affordable while focusing on customer outcomes. Henry is an IMC holder since 2000 and a CFA charterholder since 2004.

SIMON COLBOC has over 20 years experience in Financial Services. He has worked in Management Consulting for Banking and Insurance clients across Europe. He has been Strategy Director for Prudential Europe, and Country Manager France for the Group. Recently, he has led for 5 years the development of the Independent Financial Distribution channel for BNP Paribas. He has also been a lecturer at Université Paris Dauphine for the past 10 years.

RICHARD CROTTY is a serial entrepreneur with over 30 years experience in strategic business growth and transition. His business interests span through various sectors including Scientific Research, Training & Consultancy, Technology Industry and Financial Services. Richard's business activities have covered numerous markets including Europe, Japan, Scandinavia and the USA. He has studied financial planning, business management, behavioural science and psychology. Richard is a member of Mensa and the originator of the KITA Principle. He is a certified life & business coach and author of the handbook: "Money Matters for Life". He founded the training firm

Hawkeye eLearning and also founded the management consultancy firm Crotty & Company, which offer business advice and fiduciary financial planning. Richard has designed many business training programs, and addressed audiences throughout Europe.

VINCENT DERUDDER** is a lawyer by training with a considerable experience in financial services. He is the Honorary Chairman and the Chair of the Consultative Committee of “*Fédération Européenne des Conseils et Intermédiaires Financiers*” (*FECIF* - www.fecif.eu – *pan European trade body of the European financial services/insurance intermediaries – 230,000 members*). Having been one of the founders back in 1999, he has been leading FECIF for 15 years as Secretary General first, then as Chairman of the Board. Vincent is a member of the European Commission Expert Group on automatic exchange of financial account information. He is also the Chairman of the Nucleus Group of companies, a privately owned Luxembourg-based insurance holdings group.

KRZYSZTOF DRESLER served over a decade in the banking sector: he was Vice President of Management Board in PKO BP in charge of Risk and Collection and temporarily also investment banking. He chaired the Asset and Liabilities Committee and the Central Credit Committee in PKO BP. In 2010-2012, Krzysztof chaired the Supervisory Board of PZU SA. In 2012, he was recognized with “Order of Merit in Banking for the Republic of Poland” awarded by the President of the National Bank of Poland. In previous years, Krzysztof supervised the areas of strategy, planning, controlling, HR policy, compensation policy, cost policy and tax issues - as CFO/ Reporting Officer in Xelion Doradcy Finansowi (*Unicredit Group*). In 1998-2006, Krzysztof held a university post at Warsaw School of Economics (SGH) as an expert on monetary and currency policy and financial market globalization. Krzysztof is a member of Global Association of Risk Professionals, Professional Risk Management International Association, the Board of Capital Market Leaders Academy and the Board of EFPA Poland, Foundation for Financial Advisory Standards. Krzysztof is fluent in English and German, and knows Russian. He graduated with Master’s in finance and banking from Warsaw School of Economics (SGH). Krzysztof completed Collegium Civitas post-graduate studies in philosophy, Management for Business Leadership program in University of New Brunswick, and many others.

GILLES DUTEIL is the head of the Centre for studies of Financial Technics and Engineering (*CETFI – Aix-Marseille Université*). Professor of Banking and Finance at the Aix-Marseille Université, he created and supervises the Masters “Wealth Management & Financial Planning” and “Fight against Financial and Organized Crime”. Moreover, he is a financial forensic expert at the Court of Appeal of Aix-en-Provence and the Director of the European Group for Research on Financial Crime and Organized Crime. Gilles Duteil is the author of numerous chapters in books and literature published both in the U.S. than in France.

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