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SINGAPORE'S ROLE IN THE TRUST INDUSTRY 5 YEARS ON

30 June 2009 (Tuesday) ♦ 4.45-6.00pm; Shenton Room, Basement 1, M Hotel Singapore, 81 Anson Road

About this Seminar

In this talk, Mark Lea will give his answers to the following questions:

- **Nearly five years after the changes to the Trustees Act of Singapore, how does the trust law of Singapore compare with that of other jurisdictions?**
- **Does the nature and content of this law influence Singapore's position in the Trust Industry or are there other factors of more relevance?**
- **How has the global financial crisis effected the Trust Industry generally and Singapore in particular and what lessons are there to be drawn from this for the future?**
- **How have the requirements of the USA, OECD and FATF for transparency and reporting affected the Trust Industry generally and Singapore in particular?**
- **What is Singapore's apparent response to such challenges and how does such response compare with that of others?**
- **Will there be "a level playing field" and, if so, when?**
- **What is the effect of all this on the Trust Industry in Singapore now and what is the likely effect of this in the foreseeable future?**
- **What is the future of the Trust Industry generally and of the role of IFCs in particular and how is Singapore positioned in that respect?**

Seminar Programme

4.45-5.00pm	*Registrations & Refreshments*
5.00-5.05pm	Opening Remarks
	Mr. Bill Lexmond - President, STEP Singapore
5.05-5.50pm	Singapore's Role in the Trust Industry 5 years On
	Mr. Mark Lea - Founding Partner, Lea & White; Managing Director of Lea & White International Advisers Ltd
5.50-6.00pm	Q&A Session & Closing Remarks
6.00pm	Networking Break for Delegates

The talk will be followed by the STEP Annual General Meeting (AGM). STEP Members in the audience are invited to stay on for the AGM.

About the Chairperson

Mr. Bill Lexmond – Managing Director of 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. Bill has been living in Asia since 1989, arriving in Singapore in 1994. He studied in Canada at University of Waterloo (Mathematics) and Queen's University (Law). He has been involved in trusts and taxation matters 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 2 1/2 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 very successful STEP Asia Conferences held in Singapore October 2005 and 2007.

About the Speaker

Mr. Mark Lea - Founding Partner, Lea & White; Managing Director of Lea & White International Advisers Limited

Mark Lea started in the law in the UK in the 1960s. He became involved in international taxation and trust in the 1970s as a divisional director of N. M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd. Subsequently he was variously Head of the Private Client Department, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Head of the International Special Interest Group for a major provincial law firm in the UK. From 1995 Mark has worked as a solicitor in Hong Kong and from 2003 as a foreign lawyer in Singapore. He is a founding partner of Lea & White, Hong Kong solicitors, and Managing Director of Lea & White International Advisers Limited. Mark has advised on changes to the Trustee Act of Singapore and the Trustees Ordinance of Hong Kong. He has advised upon new trust law, foundations law and limited partnership law for Labuan and has been retained as an international adviser to LOFSA. Mark served for 9 years as a member of the Inland Revenue Board of Review of Hong Kong. He has served on the Committees of STEP Hong Kong and of the Hong Kong Trustees Association. Since 2005 he has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at NUS. Mark advises on international estate planning and structuring, international comparative taxation and trusts. He advises governments, trust companies and families globally with regard to the estate planning and structuring of their personal and business assets. Mark frequently lectures and teaches both publicly and in house on trusts, estate planning and structuring.

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Others	**S$80.00**

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4. The Organisers will not entertain any request for a refund of fees. However a confirmed registrant who has paid in full the course fees but does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.

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