

GLOBAL WARNING: GUIDING YOU THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

24 June 2009 (Wednesday) • 4.30 - 7.30pm; Marina Bay Room, ERC City Campus

About this Seminar

The financial, tax and disclosure landscape is rapidly evolving in the world's financial centres, requiring enhanced transparency and potential disclosure of financial accounts and structures. These developments stem from a combination of factors including the build up to the G-20 summit and the OECD 2 April progress report on implementing internationally-agreed tax standards; the recently proposed US Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act; proposed changes to the US 'qualified intermediary' rules and increased HMRC powers in the UK. The international private client team at Withers will present these worldwide developments - with particular emphasis on the effect these trends will have on private clients with contact or investments in the US and UK, and how they can structure and react to the changes.

Seminar Programme

4.15 - 4.30pm	Registrations & Refreshments
4.30 - 4.45pm	Opening Remarks & Overview by Chairperson
4.45 - 5.45pm	Global Warning: Guiding You Through Difficult Times (Part 1)
5.45 - 6.10pm	Networking Break
6.10 - 7.10 pm	Global Warning: Guiding You Through Difficult Times (Part 2)
7.10 - 7.30pm	Q&A Session & Closing Remarks

About the Chairperson

Mr. Gurbachan Singh - Senior Partner, KhattarWong; Secretary, STEP (Singapore Chapter)

Gurbachan Singh continues to be actively involved in tax work after more than 30 years. His practice revolves mainly around revenue law and trust matters. He is the Honorary Tax Advisor to the Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore. Gurbachan is also a member of the UK Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). Additionally, Gurbachan is a Member of the Revenue Chamber of the Editorial and Research Committee of the Malaysian Institute of Taxation. He is also a Director of the Tax Academy of Singapore and Singapore Institute of Taxation. Gurbachan is regarded as one of Singapore's leading tax lawyers and is consistently ranked highly in legal publications such as *Asia Pacific Legal 500*, *Asian Legal Business* and *PLC Which Lawyer*.

About the Speakers

Ms Samantha Bradley - Managing Director, Withers Hong Kong office

Samantha accepted the role of Office Managing Director of the Withers Hong Kong office in 2008. Samantha advises individuals, fiduciaries and family offices on tax, trusts and estate planning matters with an international focus. She has particular experience in the establishment, restructuring and ongoing operations of family offices, private trust companies and wealth holding structures for clients with international interests. Samantha is the Head of the firm's Asia Pacific Special Interest Group and has relocated to Hong Kong as Managing Director of the new Hong Kong office.

Mr. Todd Angkatavanich - Partner, Withers Bergman's New Haven office

Todd's practice is focused on tax, trusts and estates, and business succession matters for wealthy individuals and their families. He regularly advises families and family offices with respect to creating trust and related business structures to preserve, protect and grow family wealth for multiple generations in a tax efficient manner. Todd has significant experience working with clients to structure wealth transfer vehicles such as Family Limited Partnerships, Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, Sales to Intentionally "Defective" Grantor Trusts, Qualified Personal Residence Trusts, as well as advising clients on business succession matters.

Mr. Paul Behling - Partner, Withers Bergman's New Haven office

Paul practices in the area of tax and corporate planning for closely held businesses and professionals. He focuses in the areas of employee benefits, including qualified and non-qualified plans and executive compensation. Paul also provides advice on unique deferred compensation issues affecting tax-exempt entities such as hospitals and municipalities. He also advises on personal estate planning and probate. Paul has been named one of the nation's Top 100 Attorneys in *Worth Magazine* for 2005-2007. He has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1987 and named a Top Tax Attorney by various other publications.

Ms Mimi Hutton - Partner, Withers Hong Kong office

Mimi Hutton joined Withers in 2008 from Bryan Cave's Hong Kong office having more than 30 years' experience advising in Asia on US and Hong Kong trust and tax matters for individuals, families and financial institutions. Mimi advises Asian clients who have US family members, who are investing in the US, moving to the US or expatriating. She also advises in connection with international probate matters where the estate owns US assets and/or has US beneficiaries. She assists clients who have US citizenship or green card status on trust and estate planning strategies, and on the creation of charitable foundations.

Mr. Joseph Field - Partner, Withers New York office

Joe represents substantial international families on structuring their affairs and estate planning. He also advises financial institutions with respect to the establishment of international trust companies and a wide variety of financial services, particularly with respect to life insurance. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences on legal issues facing international families and family offices.

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