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## **European Markets Infrastructure Regulation Confisio/Treppides Collaboration**

We are pleased to announce our collaboration with Confisio Managed Services Ltd, a premier supplier of customized solutions to the Financial Services Industry, that aims at helping CIFs comply with the European Markets Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR") reporting and clearing obligations.

Confisio's boutique IT solutions will compliment our Regulatory & Compliance EMIR service line and we will enable us to better serve the interests of our existing and prospective clients.

Interested parties can contact us for more information.



### **K. Treppides & Co Ltd Seminars**

Dear Valued Associate,

We would like to inform you on our upcoming seminars:

10th of June 2015 - MiFID II, MiFIR and EMIR for Cyprus Investment Firms

12th of June 2015 - VAT Changes for telecommunication, broadcasting, and electronic services

30th of June 2015 - Investment Funds in Cyprus

Furthermore, kindly note that due to the seating limitations imposed by the HRDA, and the subsequent high demand, there is no availability in the number of seats left for the Compliance and Regulation Seminars for Employees of Cyprus Investment Firms on the 21st of May 2015.

## **Taxation on Private Aircraft Leasing**

Please find attached the May Newsletter which refers to the Circular No. 190 issued in March 2015 by the Tax Authorities, introducing a special scheme for the VAT treatment on leasing of private aircraft used for private purposes.

As an incentive to tax payers, Cyprus has introduced a special scheme for the VAT treatment on leasing of private aircraft used for private purposes, enabling tax payers to obtain certainty on the VAT treatment and allowing for reduced VAT rates to be imposed.

The scheme also reduces administration burden for tax payers as no evidence (log books) are required to be kept in relation with the movement of the aircraft but instead a percentage of the lease which is considered to take place within EU has been predetermined in accordance with the type and weight of the private aircraft.

[Tax Newsletter](#)

## **Are you FATCA Compliant and ready for Reporting?**

### **FATCA Reporting Deadline on 30 June 2015**

The Tax Department of the Cypriot Ministry of Finance indicated that the first Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") reporting deadline of U.S. Reportable accounts to the Cypriot Authorities is the 30 June 2015.

In the light of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Cyprus - USA, FATCA (Intergovernmental Model 1 Agreement Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act), as set out on the 2nd December 2014, Foreign Financial Institutions and other Non-Foreign Financial Institutions (under certain conditions) are obliged to report to the Cypriot Tax Department U.S. Reportable persons identified taking into consideration the reporting threshold.

## **Handbook on Securities Statistics**

12 May 2015

The Bank for International Settlements (“BIS”), the European Central Bank (“ECB”) and the International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) today jointly released the Handbook on Securities Statistics.

The joint handbook assists the production of internationally comparable securities statistics, covers the conceptual framework for statistics on debt and equity securities and offers a set of detailed presentation tables using the concepts and guidelines.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **Updated Q&As on the AIFMD application**

12 May 2015

The European Securities and Markets Authority (“ESMA”) has published updated questions and answers (“Q&A”) on the application of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (“AIFMD”). The Q&A include revised information on reporting and calculation of leverage.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **ESMA consults on technical standard No 4 on central clearing of Interest Rate Swaps**

11 May 2015

ESMA has opened a consultation seeking stakeholders’ views on proposed regulatory technical standards on the clearing obligation under EMIR, Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and Council on Over-the-Counter (“OTC”) derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **ESAs publish recommendations on securitisation**

12 May 2015

The Joint Committee of the three European Supervisory Authorities (“ESAs”) has published a report detailing its findings and recommendations regarding the disclosure requirements and obligations relating to due diligence, supervisory reporting and retention rules in existing EU law on Structured Finance Instruments (“SFIs”).

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **ESAs publish responses to consultation on the guidelines for cross-selling practices**

13 May 2015

The Guidelines developed by the Joint Committee of the ESAs further develop how EU firms engaged in cross-selling practices in the financial sector should comply with the general conduct of business standards expected towards customers. Their aim is to establish a coherent and effective approach in supervising firms that offer cross-selling options, so as to enhance the protection of EU customers.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **EBA consults on the valuation of derivatives in resolution**

13 May 2015

EBA launched a public consultation on its draft Regulatory Technical Standards (“RTS”) defining the valuation of derivative liabilities for the purpose of bail-in in resolution. These standards have been developed within the framework of the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (“BRRD”) which sets procedures for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions across the EU.

The draft RTS provide EU resolution authorities with a methodology for the valuation of derivative liabilities of credit institutions placed under resolution and ensure that the discipline brought in by the new bail-in tool can effectively be extended to these liabilities too. The consultation will run until 13 August 2015.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **EBA consults on technical standards on specialised lending exposures**

11 May 2015

EBA launched a consultation on RTS for specialised lending exposures with the aim to specify how institutions should take into account several factors when assigning risk weights to specialised lending exposures and how they should treat these factors. The consultation runs until 11 August 2015.

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **Bloomberg: "Varoufakis Says QE Access Would Have Helped Greece"**

14 May 2015

"Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis said access to the European Central Bank's quantitative-easing program would have been "especially positive" for Greece."

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## **Bloomberg: "Greek Minister Sees 10 Percent Chance of Breakdown With Europe"**

13 May 2015

"The chances of a breakdown between Greece and its creditors are small, as neither of the two sides is willing to risk the breakup of the euro area, Greece's administrative reform minister said."

Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

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