

EUROPE **MIDDLE EAST**

Cyprus as an International Business Centre

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Monday 30th June 2008
2.00pm to 5.30pm
(followed by reception)
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Cyprus has always played a major role as a trading and business centre due to its strategic location at the crossroads of three continents. The implementation of wide-ranging structural reforms has led to the creation of new business opportunities for dynamic investors.

The island is today the European Union's south-easternmost outpost, boasting a healthy economy, a favourable tax regime, an advanced commercial infrastructure, a conducive business environment, a liberal investment regime and a highly qualified manpower.

Cyprus has developed into a bridge of cooperation and may be used not only as an effective jurisdiction for routing investments within the European Union by third country investors, but also as a portal for investment outside the European Union, particularly into the rapidly growing economies of Central and Eastern Europe, India and China. It is not therefore surprising that Cyprus is considered as 'the gateway of Europe'.

Furthermore, Cyprus is rapidly emerging as one of the most favoured holding company jurisdictions worldwide. Especially since joining the European Union, the island has become one of the most attractive locations for the setting up of holding companies. The wide network of Cyprus' double taxation treaties, and other international investment agreements, enables multinational corporations and international enterprises active in cross-border business activities to increase considerably their returns on investment, by using the Cyprus holding company structure in their international tax planning activities.

This half-day conference will highlight the numerous comparative advantages which have rendered Cyprus a major hub for international business activities and provide an invaluable insight into the attractive package of tax and other incentives designed to create new investment opportunities in various sectors of the island's economy.

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OPENING REMARKS FROM FT GLOBAL EVENTS

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Vassilis Rologis
Immediate Past President of Cyprus
Chamber of Commerce & Industry,
**President of International Chamber of
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Sir Stephen Wright
Chief Executive,
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Antonis Paschalides
Minister of Commerce, Industry & Tourism

COFFEE BREAK

THE CYPRUS TAX REGIME

Phidias Pilides
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency

THE LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF CYPRUS

Christos Mavrellis
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency

OPERATING A SHIPPING COMPANY OUT OF CYPRUS

Robert Thompson
First Deputy Managing Director,
Unicom Management Services (Cyprus) Ltd

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

RECEPTION

Benefits of Attending

- **Learn** about the latest developments in Cyprus' legal, tax and investment policy framework
- **Discover** the economic and commercial infrastructure of Cyprus with a focus on incentives to encourage foreign direct investment
- **Gain** insight into the numerous business and investment opportunities available in and through Cyprus

Who Should Attend

This exclusive event is intended for:

- Financial Institutions
- Shipping and Ship Management Companies
- Multilateral Organisations
- Business Consultants
- Investment Consultants
- Tax Consultants
- Lawyers

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The role of the Cyprus High Commission Trade Centre is to promote the Cypriot goods and services to the United Kingdom and Ireland and to highlight business and investment opportunities in and through Cyprus. As the European Union's south-easternmost outpost, Cyprus has effectively developed into a bridge of cooperation and is rapidly emerging as an international business and investment centre.

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