



GENEVA Gibraltar Private Clients Seminar Programme

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Seminar chaired by James Tipping, Finance Centre Director

08:45 – 09:15 Delegate registration & refreshments

09:15 – 09:35  Opening address by
the Hon. Peter Caruana QC,
Chief Minister of Gibraltar

09:35 – 09:55 Financial regulation in Gibraltar

Speaker: Marcus Killick, Financial Services Commissioner

09:55 – 10:15 Taxation developments and corporate vehicles

Speaker: Peter Montegriffo, Partner, Hassans

10:15 – 10:35 Gibraltar – the preferred location for
high-net-worth individuals

Speaker: Keith Azopardi, Partner, Attias & Levy

10:35 – 10:55 Morning break & refreshments

10:55 – 11:15 Trusts in Gibraltar

Speaker: Robert Vasquez, Partner, Triay & Triay

11:15 – 11:35 Experienced Investor Funds

Speaker: Albert Isola, Managing Partner, Isola & Isola

11:35 – 11:55 Gibraltar – a jurisdictional comparison

Speaker: Benjamin Marrache, Managing Partner
Marrache & Co

11:55 – 12:15 Jurisdictional comparison: panel discussion and Q & A

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch



James Tipping is Gibraltar's Finance Centre Director, a position he has occupied since September 1999. He is responsible for strategic planning including input into the Government's response to the various international initiatives, product development, liaison with the private sector and the regulator on behalf of Government, and the marketing and promotion of Gibraltar's financial services sector. James previously worked for 14 years in international investment banking in London, New York and Latin America. He commenced his career at Samuel Montagu, later becoming a Director of the Global Emerging Markets Division at West Merchant, the investment-banking arm of WestDeutsche LandesBank.



Marcus Killick is Chairman and Commissioner of the Financial Services Commission, Gibraltar's independent regulator. From 1998 to 2003 he was a Director of the International Regulatory Services Team of KPMG, based in the UK. He has also previously held positions as Deputy Chief Executive of the Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission, and Head of Banking, Trusts and Investment Services at the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority. Marcus is an English barrister by training and also a member of the New York State Bar.



Peter Montegriffo is a Senior Partner in the Private Client Department of Hassans, and was Gibraltar's Minister for Trade and Industry between May 1996 and February 2000. He advises on a variety of private client, commercial and trust related matters. His area of expertise encompasses financial services and he has been heavily involved in drafting changes to Gibraltar's legislation. Peter has contributed to a large number of publications on Gibraltar's legal system and financial services sector. He played a major part in assisting with the public listing of PartyGaming and 888 Holdings, both of which are based in Gibraltar.



Keith Azopardi is a Senior Litigation Partner at Attias & Levy. He served in Government between 1996-2003 and was Deputy Chief Minister and Minister responsible for Financial Services during the last four years of his spell in Government. He is regularly briefed by private and institutional clients in heavy commercial and financial services cases, asset tracing claims, commercial fraud actions and trust litigation. His other main areas of practice are public and administrative law, property and planning and shipping. He advises a number of high net worth families on their trust, property and wealth arrangements.



Robert Vasquez, a Partner at Triay & Triay, was called to the Bar in England and Gibraltar in 1976. He concentrates on corporate and financial services law but also advises on tax and private client matters. Robert is a past Chairman of the Bar Council and has been a member of the Admissions and Disciplinary Committee for lawyers, the Tax Reform and Revenue Working Group, Legislation Advisory Committee, Finance Centre Council and Gibraltar Deposit Guarantee Board. He co-authored a chapter on Gibraltar's anti-money laundering provisions in Butterworth's International Guide to Money Laundering Law and Practice with Julian Triay.



Albert Isola is Managing Partner at Isola & Isola and was an elected member of the House of Assembly from 1996 to 2000, opting not to stand for re-election after serving for the four-year term. Albert has worked extensively in commercial matters, and has also worked in financial services, property and financing, representing both private developers and leading financial institutions in major transactions in Gibraltar. Internationally, Albert has worked with teams on satellite telecommunications projects, property acquisition and the franchising of pharmaceutical products. His areas of practice also include corporate and trust structures, and estate planning.



Benjamin Marrache is Managing Partner at Marrache & Co. His practice areas are company and commercial, banking, trusts, taxation, funds and private clients. Benjamin read law at the University of East London, obtained an LLM from the University of London, trained at the Council of Legal Education, and was admitted to the Supreme Court of England and Wales and the Supreme Court of Gibraltar in 1988. He is a Commissioner for Oaths and Special Examiner of the Supreme Court of Gibraltar, and has co-authored or contributed to a number of legal and financial publications.