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Tuesday 12 October 2010  
Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

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Wealth management for a new generation



Over the next 20 years, most of the world's wealth will be created in the Asia-Pacific region, making it the largest growth market for wealth management.

The inaugural Legal Week Private Client Forum Asia will bring together leading private client lawyers from across the region and beyond to debate the challenges associated with providing Asia-Pacific's high net worth clients with first class legal advice and representation.

Like its sister conference, Legal Week Private Client Forum Europe, this event will combine high-level discussion and debate with the opportunity for like-minded professionals to network.

Topics under discussion will include the development of Asia's wealth management sector, the pitfalls associated with divorce across the region, the rise of Asia's offshore centres and Asia and the Muslim world. The forum boasts speakers from an unrivalled selection of law firms from a wide variety of jurisdictions, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Australia, the US and the UK.

**John Malpas**  
**Editor-in-chief & publisher, *Legal Week***

## Benefits of attending

- Learn and share knowledge on current issues affecting wealth management in Asia
- World-class conference programme delivered by leading practitioners
- Participate in interactive focus groups and panel debates
- Network with leading private client lawyers from Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and from around the world

## Who should attend

- Heads of private client departments
- Private client specialists
- Managing partners
- Lawyers and advisers to (U)HNW
- Boutique private client partners/firms
- Family business lawyers
- Family and matrimonial lawyers



Chairman

**John Malpas**, editor-in-chief & publisher, Legal Week

John Malpas is editor-in-chief and publisher of Legal Week. He was previously editor of Legal Week and was a senior member of the team that launched the magazine in 1999. Now in its eleventh year, Legal Week is one of the UK's leading business magazines and remains the only legal title to have won the coveted PPA Weekly Business and Professional Magazine of the Year award, an accolade it has secured twice. In 2007, following Incisive Media's acquisition of American Lawyer Media, Legal Week joined forces with The American Lawyer, Corporate Counsel, law.com and a host of other top legal magazines and newspapers. John is now working closely with his colleagues in the UK and the US to secure Incisive Legal's status as the world's premier legal publisher.

Speakers

**Bijal Ajinkya**, partner, Nishith Desai, Mumbai, India

**Marcus Dearle**, partner, Withers Hong Kong

**Andrew De La Rosa**, barrister, 5 Stone Buildings, UK

**Joseph Field**, senior regional partner, Withers Hong Kong

**Koh Tien Hua**, partner, Harry Elias Partnership, Singapore

**Randolph Khoo**, director, Drew & Napier, Singapore

**Mark Lea**, partner, Lea & White, Hong Kong

**Max Meyer**, partner, Meyer Pigdon, Sydney, Australia

**Simon Michaels**, senior associate, Baker & McKenzie Wong & Leow, Singapore

**Mirza Namazie**, managing partner, Mallal & Namazie, Singapore

**Clifford Ng**, partner, K&L Gates, Hong Kong

**Michael Olesnick**, partner, Baker & McKenzie Hong Kong

**Paul Patterson**, head of RBC wealth management, British Isles, RBC Wealth Management

**Anand Raj**, partner, Shearn Delamore, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Joshua S. Rubenstein**, co-managing partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman, United States

**Sanjeev Shah**, partner, Speechly Bircham, London, England, UK

**Siddharth Shah**, partner, head of corporate and securities law, Nishith Desai Associates, Mumbai, India

**Jonathan Speck**, partner, Mourant Ozannes, Jersey, Channel Islands

**Dr Tang Hang Wu**, associate professor, faculty of law, National University of Singapore

**Shan Warnock-Smith QC**, 5 Stone Buildings, London, England, UK

**Lian Chuan Yeoh**, consultant, Allen & Overy, Singapore

## 08.30 Delegate registration

## 08.50 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

**John Malpas**, editor-in-chief & publisher, Legal Week

## 09.00 Panel debate: Private client lawyers and the development of the wealth management sector in Asia

Most of the world's wealth will be created in Asia in the next 20 years. With a new generation of high net worth individuals in Asia wanting to structure their wealth, this debate will look at trends in wealth management in the region, the transformation of estate planning in Asia and the role private client lawyers are playing in the Asian wealth management industry. This session will debate the extensive planning opportunities that exist between the major Asian jurisdictions such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Labuan and others, as well as differences in investment strategies and asset allocations within them.

**Michael Olesnicky**, partner, Baker & McKenzie, Hong Kong

**Paul Patterson**, head of RBC wealth management, British Isles

**Anand Raj**, partner, Shearn Delamore, Malaysia

## 09.45 Divorce, wealth, and family law: Asian perspectives, modern challenges

How do the courts treat divorce and the distribution of assets? This session will be a discussion of divorce laws in Asia, including in Hong Kong, after the landmark DD and LKW case that introduced a new principle for the distribution of assets, and includes an assessment of the Australian experience, a detailed analysis of how Singapore's courts deal with such cases, and risk management for high-net worth families.

**Marcus Dearle**, partner and managing director, Withers, Hong Kong

**Koh Tien Hua**, partner, Harry Elias Partnership, Singapore

**Randolph Khoo**, director, Drew & Napier, Singapore

**Max Meyer**, partner, Meyer Pigdon, Australia

## 10.30 Coffee and networking

## 11.00 Panel debate: The rise of Asia's offshore centres – challenges and opportunities

The growth of private wealth in Asia combined with a growing interest in the region by high net worth individuals based in Europe and the United States has presented Asia's offshore centres with a huge opportunity to grow. This session will examine the measures being taken by these jurisdictions to attract private wealth and build an appropriate infrastructure to serve its needs. A panel of experts will outline the measures being taken in Singapore, Hong Kong, Labuan, New Zealand and other important offshore hubs.

**Joseph Field**, senior regional partner, Withers, Hong Kong

**Mark Lea**, partner, Lea & White, Hong Kong

**Clifford Ng**, partner, K&L Gates, Hong Kong

## 11.45 Parallel sessions

### A. Trusts and trustees in Asia and beyond

Singaporean trustees enjoy a solid reputation, but are clients using trusts to their full advantage? This session will look at the role of lawyers as thought leaders in the development of a trust industry in Singapore, as well as analyzing trusts in rival jurisdictions such as Bermuda, Guernsey, Jersey and New Zealand.

**Sanjeev Shah**, partner, Speechly Bircham

**Lian Chuan Yeoh**, consultant, Allen & Overy, Singapore

## B. Asia and the Muslim world

With Sharia inheritance laws varying widely in the Middle East, India and Southeast Asia, this session will seek to explore the challenges facing advisors dealing with Muslim clients resident in Singapore, and the sharia-compatible structures available, based on past experience and current practice.

**Andrew De La Rosa**, barrister, 5 Stone Buildings, UK

**Simon Michaels**, senior associate, Baker & McKenzie Wong & Leow, Singapore

**Mirza Namazie**, managing partner, Mallal & Namazie, Singapore

13.00 Lunch

## 14.00 Parallel sessions

### A. Real estate structuring

This session will look at the challenges of structuring real estate investments around the world, for families resident in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. With varying tax rates and policies, our panel assesses how to utilise the changing economic conditions for private client investment, how to structure investments appropriately, and manage risk effectively.

**Siddharth Shah**, partner, head of corporate and securities law, Nishith Desai Associates, Mumbai, India

**Lian Chuan Yeoh**, consultant, Allen & Overy, Singapore

### B. Trust litigation: perils and pitfalls

How do trusts stand up to litigation, and to what extent are offshore centred trusts protected against creditors? With advisors considering the robustness of trusts in Singapore in shielding assets from relevant court orders, such as under divorce, and related UK jurisprudence, this session advises on the perils and pitfalls for non-litigators of protecting trust structures.

**Jonathan Speck**, partner, Mourant Ozannes, Jersey, Channel Islands

**Joshua S. Rubenstein**, co-managing partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman, United States

**Shān Warnock-Smith QC**, 5 Stone Buildings, London, England, UK

15.15 Coffee and networking

## 15.45 Workshop: Treaties, trusts and information

Exchange of information- and its extent- between financial institutions and governments remains a key concern for Asian high net worth individuals. This session explores the measures utilised by key Asian jurisdictions to provide safeguards for private clients, whilst also remaining compliant with important OECD requirements. The expert panel will examine the extent to which policy has changed recently, in relation to income tax and inheritance tax treaties, information exchange agreements, bilateral investment treaties, and other key treaty obligations, as they affect important Asian financial centres, and how they have responded to OECD pressure on exchange of information.

**Bijal Ajinkya**, partner, Nishith Desai, Mumbai, India

**Joshua S. Rubenstein**, co-managing partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman, United States

16.45 Closing speech

17.00 Close of conference and networking drinks

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Kindly indicate which parallel sessions you will be attending 11.45  A  B 14.00  A  B

### Delegate fees

- EARLY BIRD - BOOK BEFORE 14 SEPTEMBER **US\$995**
- STANDARD RATE - BOOK AFTER 14 SEPTEMBER **US\$1295**
- ACCOMMODATION - 11 October 2010 (Tower Wing Deluxe Room, Shangri-La Hotel) **US\$305**
- ACCOMMODATION - 12 October 2010 (Tower Wing Deluxe Room, Shangri-La Hotel) **US\$305**

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**Corporate Counsel Forum Europe**  
14-15 September 2010  
Four Seasons  
Hampshire, UK

**Legal Week**  
**Private Client Forum Europe**

**Private Client Forum Europe**  
11-13 November 2010  
Villa d'Este  
Lake Como, Italy

**Legal Week**  
**HR Business Briefing**

**HR Business Briefing**  
April 2011  
London, UK

**Legal Week**  
**Commercial Litigation Forum**

**Commercial Litigation Forum**  
Wednesday  
15 September 2010  
Jumeirah Carlton  
Tower, London, UK

**Legal Week**  
**Trusts & Estates Litigation Forum**

**Trusts & Estates Litigation Forum**  
3-5 March 2011  
Four Seasons  
Provence at Terre  
Blanche, France

**Legal Week**  
**Future of Legal Services Forum**

**Future of Legal Services Forum**  
April 2011  
London, UK

**Legal Week**  
**Financial Directors Roundtable**

**Financial Directors Roundtable**  
Thursday 30  
September 2010,  
Chancery Court Hotel,  
London, UK

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**Independent Law Firms Forum**

**Independent Law Firms Forum**  
Thursday  
17 March 2011  
London, UK

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**Corporate Counsel Forum Middle East**  
May 2011  
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Thursday 2 December 2010  
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