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Returning to Singapore this year, the **Legal Week Private Client Forum Asia** will unite 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. This will be in the form of high-level discussion and debate with the opportunity for like-minded professionals to network.

The programme will feature sessions including updates in the area of trust litigation, family disputes and disruption in the Middle East and the effects it is having on wealth. How do you manage wealth in a time of risk and how can you plan for the long term when jurisdictions are experiencing sudden radical and revolutionary change? These topics will be addressed in keynote interviews, strong panel debates, interactive focus groups and fascinating masterclasses.

I look forward to welcoming you all in September to what will be an enjoyable and thought-provoking forum.

Laura Goldberger
Conference producer, Legal Week

Who should attend?

- Heads of private client departments
- Boutique private client partners/firms
- Private client specialists
- Family business lawyers
- Managing partners
- Family and matrimonial lawyers
- Lawyers and advisors to HNWIs

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 across the region including Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand



Conference Chairman: **Gurbachan Singh**, senior partner, KhattarWong

Gurbachan Singh is a senior partner specialising in revenue law matters in the law firm of M/s KhattarWong. He has been involved in tax and private client works for more than 30 years. From 1977 to 1983, he worked as a State Counsel and Legal Officer in the Inland Revenue Department and later (1986 to 1988) as a Judicial Officer in the Subordinate Courts. He also tutored at the National University of Singapore and conducted Postgraduate Practice Law Course classes for the Board of Legal Education.

He is the Honorary Tax Advisor to the Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore (REDAS). Mr Singh is also a member of the UK Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and was the Secretary of STEP Singapore. Additionally, Mr Singh 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. The nature of his work continuously engages him in tax, trust, estate and probate cases. Mr Singh has been cited as a leading tax advisor in Singapore by numerous publishers. He 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.

Speakers include:

- **Gurbachan Singh**, KhattarWong, Singapore
- **Simon Michaels**, Berwin Leighton Paisner, Singapore
- **Shân Warnock-Smith QC**, 5 Stone Buildings, UK and ICT Chambers, Cayman Islands
- **Clifford Ng**, K&L Gates, Hong Kong & Beijing
- **Paul Patterson**, RBC Wealth Management, Channel Islands
- **Dawn Quek**, Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow, Singapore
- **Suzanne M. Reisman**, Law Offices of Suzanne M. Reisman, UK
- **Joshua S. Rubenstein**, Katten Muchin Rosenman, United States
- **Nicholas Holland**, Bircham Dyson Bell, UK
- **Mike Grover**, Labuan IBFC, Malaysia
- **Patrice Marceau**, DLA Piper, Hong Kong
- **Michael Olesnicky**, Baker & McKenzie, Hong Kong
- **Ryan Myint**, Taylor Wessing, UK
- **Erik X. Wallace**, Withers, UK
- **Paul Christopher**, Mourant Ozannes, Channel Islands
- **Joseph Field**, Withers, Hong Kong
- **Valerie Wu**, Lee & Lee, Singapore
- **Randolph Khoo**, Drew & Napier, Singapore
- **Ronald Choo**, Rajah & Tann, Singapore

Private Client Forum Asia 2011: Conference programme Steering wealth in the right direction

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09.00 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks **Gurbachan Singh**, KhattarWong, Singapore

09.10 Opening keynote: The Asian elements and competing alternatives

Stability, certainty and security which is what investors want with only traditional centres providing this up to now. Where is the world's wealth headed and how can we best advise high net worth individuals accordingly?

09.45 Panel discussion: Trust litigation and resolution - a global update

2008 is a year that continues to make its mark on the new decade. With banks accused of providing improper advice, together with beneficiaries looking to place blame, trust litigation is on the rise. This session will focus on what Counsel should come prepared to do in the case of litigation. This session will also look at the recent English Law Court of Appeal case involving Hastings-Bass and the law surrounding mistake.

Simon Michaels, Berwin Leighton Paisner, Singapore

Shân Warnock-Smith QC, 5 Stone Buildings, UK and ICT Chambers, Cayman Islands

Ronald Choo, Rajah & Tann, Singapore

10.30 Morning coffee

11.00 Keynote interview: Focus on China – a market insight

With an economy so diverse yet so independent from the rest of Asia, there is no doubt that the rest of the region is somewhat fascinated by the day-to-day workings of a Chinese Private Client firm. What are the effects of such a heavy common law jurisdiction and where are they likely to go? How have attitudes changed in recent years?

Clifford Ng, K&L Gates, Beijing, Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai

Gurbachan Singh, KhattarWong, Singapore

11.45 Panel discussion: Advising in line with political unrest – sit tight or take flight?

In a time where a number of jurisdictions are experiencing political instability and regime change, this session will focus on how these events are affecting the world's wealthy and their assets. How do you plan for such unforeseen eventualities? Do you take flight from the jurisdiction or do you sit tight and ride out the storm?

Paul Patterson, RBC Wealth Management, Channel Islands

Dawn Quek, Baker & McKenzie Wong & Leow, Singapore

12.45 Networking lunch

13.45 Interactive focus groups

How are recent and ongoing developments in other parts of the globe impacting on the big players in Asia? The interactive breakout sessions will provide the ideal platform in which to learn, share and pinpoint areas of interest and concern for lawyers and their clients.

A. US reporting requirements

With a new voluntary disclosure and withholding regime under way in the United States, this session will look at the potential impact of these regulations. This will include FATCA, OVDI and F-BAR regulations. Is there a risk of these obligations becoming too onerous?

Suzanne M. Reisman, Law Offices of Suzanne M. Reisman, UK

Joshua S. Rubenstein, Katten Muchin Rosenman, USA

B. Trustee duties, liabilities and exposures

This session will delve into the complicated issues that trustees encounter in their day to day role. The discussion will address the global ramifications for offshore trustees of the new UK Bribery Act and suggested responses to it, trustee's obligations in responding to requests for information from beneficiaries and public authorities, and trustee's obligations and risks regarding the investment of trust property.

Nicholas Holland, Bircham Dyson Bell, UK

Valerie Wu, Lee & Lee, Singapore

C. Tax: tackling the technicalities

Come ready to share and tackle new tax laws from key jurisdictions such as Canada, Malaysia and Hong Kong to identifying the most complex and current tax reforms. Who is coming out on top?

Mike Grover, Labuan IBFC, Malaysia

Patrice Marceau, DLA Piper, Hong Kong

Michael Olesnicky, Baker & McKenzie, Hong Kong

15.00 Residency and citizenship planning – practical advice

Private client lawyers address issues of residency and citizenship on behalf of their clients on an everyday basis. This session will address current developments in key jurisdictions, comparing and contrasting new and interesting features which may make these emerging areas more attractive going forward.

Ryan Myint, Taylor Wessing, UK

Erik X Wallace, Withers, Hong Kong

Michael Olesnicky, Baker & McKenzie, Hong Kong

15:45 Coffee and networking break

16:15 Family succession and dispute masterclass

This masterclass will look at the unfortunate realities of family disputes in cases where a family-owned business is at the centre. The masterclass will explore issues such as personality disputes over the issue of transferring wealth to the next generation. How can your role help facilitate the difficult discussions that need to take place between families and when is it appropriate to take a step back?

Paul Christopher, Mourant Ozannes, Channel Islands

Joseph Field, Withers, Hong Kong

Shân Warnock-Smith, 5 Stone Buildings, UK and ICT Chambers, Cayman Islands

17:00 Closing remarks from the chairman

Gurbachan Singh, senior partner. KhattarWong

17:35 Close of conference

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An audience with... Private client

30 June 2011

The Soho Hotel, London, UK



Legal Week Corporate Counsel Forum Europe

13-14 September 2011

Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire, UK



Legal Week Commercial Litigation Forum

21 September 2011

St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, London, UK



Legal Week Private Client Forum

03-05 November 2011

Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Lake Como, Italy



Legal Week Governance Risk and Compliance Forum

17 November 2011

Venue TBC



The British Legal Awards 2011

01 December 2011

Old Billingsgate Market, London, UK

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- STANDARD RATE (BOOK AFTER 5 AUGUST) **US\$1295**
- ACCOMODATION SEPTEMBER 2011 (TOWER WING DELUXE ROOM, SHANGRI-LA HOTEL) **US\$350***

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Signature

Date

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