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Education Session No. 334:

Bracing for Changes in the Swiss Regulatory Landscape

May 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM
Zurich

The Swiss Financial Supervisory Authority, FINMA, has proposed changes to the Collective Investment Schemes Act (CISA) that will affect alternative investment managers/advisors and their value chain including distributors, custodians, and investors. In fact, FINMA's proposal is even more rigorous than that which prompted it, the EU's Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) Directive.

Join our experts Stephanie Comtesse, Of Counsel at Baer & Karrer, a leading Swiss law firm and Raoul Wuergler, Deputy Secretary General of the Association of Foreign Banks for a lively and interactive discussion which addresses:

- The anticipated regulatory changes including which investment advisors will likely be regulated and whether foreign funds can still be distributed in Switzerland
- The costs, consequences, challenges and timeframe for its implementation
- Currently available solutions for managers, advisors and investors

Participants

Stephanie Comtesse, Baer & Karrer

Raoul Wuergler, Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland

Event Details

Date: May 9, 2012

Time: 6 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails before and after session.

Host: Baer & Karrer

Location: Zunfthaus zur Haue

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Stephanie Comtesse, Of Counsel, Baer & Karrer

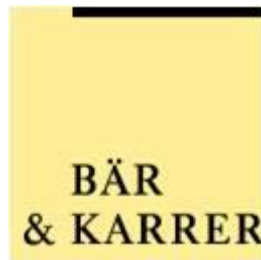
Stephanie Comtesse, of counsel, heads the practice group collective investment schemes and structured products. She has extensively published in her areas of expertise and lectures regularly on these topics. She has assisted professional associations throughout the elaboration of the Swiss Collective Investment Scheme Act and is currently very involved with its revision.

Raoul Wuergler, Deputy Secretary General, Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland

Raoul Wuergler is deputy secretary general of the Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland since 2001. Among others he is in charge of matters related to Collective Investment Schemes. He was involved in drafting of the law of 2007 as well as in the current revision.

The Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland assists its 150 members keeping abreast with regulatory developments and assures coordinated representation of their interests. Nearly half the banks in Switzerland are foreign banks; two thirds of the funds distributed in Switzerland are funds of foreign promoters.

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