



Welcome to the Autumn 2008 Newswire

Introduction By Paul Winder



The last quarter has been a busy one for MGI UK & Ireland, even though most of what has gone on is behind the scenes.

I attended the Madrid EAM, which was very successful, not only in the formal conference but in respect of networking between member firms.

More importantly for us though has been the number of meetings held with potential member firms. Having met with firms wishing to become our new London member one firm has clearly shone out and their membership application is expected shortly.

Meetings have also been held with good quality firms on the south coast, in Northern Ireland and on the Oxfordshire/Warwickshire borders. All the firms offer a positive opportunity to MGI in respect of services offered and geography.

Other activities related to new member targeting include the case study brochure and an event to be held in Birmingham, Liverpool or Manchester. The case study brochure requires all of your firms to finalise your "case study" on MGI, so please prioritise this and get your international reference. We want to mail this out to target firms at the end of September.

The new member event will be a CPD accredited seminar, focusing on issues affecting clients that have international businesses or aspire to have, and will involve representatives from member firms presenting.

We will also use our UK and Ireland conference to market MGI to potential members and will be inviting interested parties to attend.

I have asked UK and Ireland members to provide a summary of MGI referrals in the first six months of this year. All potential members I meet with ask about this and not knowing makes MGI look disorganised. Would those firms who have still not sent me this information please do so and bear in mind that this is something I intend to follow up every six months.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming months at our seminars and conference as well as when I visit all firms in the autumn as part of the review process.

Madrid EAM kicks off challenging debates



While footballing nations from across Europe gathered in Austria and Switzerland for the 2008 European Championships, MGI members held their own "Euro 2008" in Madrid.

The annual European Area Meeting raised some interesting issues about the way forward for MGI, the different pace of development in different regions and the impact of the EU 8th Directive. Alan Thornton of MGI Watson Buckle reports.

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Down Mexico way...



MGI colleagues from around the globe will be gathering in Mexico in October for our annual general meeting.

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MGI UK and Ireland appoints new director



MGI UK and Ireland has appointed Robert Radford, managing director of Rowley's, as its new director.

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Spotlight on...MGI Watson Buckle



For more than 100 years, MGI Watson Buckle has been advising businesses in and around its Bradford base.

Now, as businesses face up to the challenges of the current economic climate, the firm continues to deliver an approach that includes close contact and proactive advice to help clients through some tough times.

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Read all about it in new brochure



UK member firms will be helping to spread the word on the benefits of membership in a new promotional brochure.

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Countdown begins to annual conference



Time is ticking away to the MGI UK and Ireland 2008 annual conference, which takes place from 20-22 November.

The conference, titled Just the Job will focus on staff recruitment and retention and career development.

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Medical specialists welcome MGI Rickard Keen



MGI Rickard Keen have been given a medical seal of approval after being approved for membership of the prestigious association AISMA.

The association is a network of selected accountancy firms specialising in working for doctors and medical practitioners.

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Rowley's appoint new equity partners



Rowley's has appointed two new equity partners in a move that underlines the firm's commitment to continuity.

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Opening up new audit avenues



MGI Watson Buckle have tapped into what could be a useful new source of business by working with smaller practices to offer an audit service.

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Diary dates



Forthcoming events are listed below but for the latest information, visit the events section of our website by [clicking here](#)

11 September, Tax Specialists Forum, London

The forum is aimed at tax partners, managers and assistants with the aim of building relationships between MGI member tax teams, including the opportunity to highlight their particular expertise and experience.

25 September, Impact and Influence

Presented by Judith Gilmore, this seminar is designed to help managers or partners to improve their skills at dealing with difficult situations.

4 November, Managing Partners Seminar, London

This seminar will give managing partners and others the chance to comment on the results of the inter-firm comparison before our conference. This will ensure that the details quoted are consistent and highlight the most beneficial areas for each firm to present on at the conference.

Date to be confirmed, IT Specialists Forum, London

This seminar will be aimed at those responsible for IT decision-making as well as those with day to day responsibility for internal IT matters.

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