



## Welcome to the December 2008 Newswire

### Introduction By Paul Winder



The autumn is traditionally the busiest quarter for MGI UK and Ireland, culminating in our Partners and Managers Conference.

It was great to see so many of you at what was our largest and, based on your feedback, most successful conference to date. The welcome to the representatives of our new London member, CBW, was especially pleasing. Indeed, their presentation of what they bring to MGI both nationally and internationally reinforced the cross referral ethos we have.

I have been in contact with a growing number of potential members, with partners from Ellacotts in Banbury and Cox & Co in Dudley attending parts of our conference. The new case study brochure *The World at Your Feet* has been well received. This was mailed out to target firms followed up by details of our conference. In the last month, I have had enquiries from three potential members, which is most encouraging.

We have had three seminars in the last quarter, the tax forum, the impact and influence seminar and the managing partners forum. The IT forum takes place early in December, giving those with IT responsibilities the opportunity to share ideas.

Looking ahead to 2009, the board agreed a budget that will see subscriptions to MGI UK & Ireland dropping for most firms at the renewal next July. The budget allows time for me to visit member firms twice next year and proposes that we have up to eight seminars.

Two of these will be managing partner forums, two tax forums and an IT forum. If there are other specific topics that you would like covered then let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you.

As the end of 2008 gets ever closer, I would like to wish you all continued success in 2009.

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### UK conference is Just the Job



MGI members from the UK and Ireland gathered earlier this month for our 2008 annual conference.

The event, which focused on recruitment and retention of staff, highlighted member firms' difficulties in recruiting appropriate personnel.

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### MGI delegates head for Mexico City

More than 100 MGI delegates and companions gathered in Mexico City for the 2008 AGM.

Hot topics at the meeting, which took place from 22-24 October, included the EU Audit Directive and the global financial crisis.



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#### Seminar focuses on timely issues



With few glimmers of hope on the gloomy economic horizon, our latest Managing Partners Seminar touched on some topical issues.

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#### Role play makes delegates' day



Working life is full of challenges, ranging from achieving co-operation within a team to giving – and receiving – negative feedback.

Judith Gilmour, the motivational keynote speaker from 2007 MGI UK & Ireland's 2007 AGM, provided expert advice at a recent MGI seminar titled Impact and Influence. Jonathan Farrow reports on an interesting day in which role play played a significant part.

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#### Introducing CBW



CBW has become the latest member of MGI UK and Ireland. The London-based firm of chartered accountants and business advisors sums up its approach to the way it does business as: *the expertise of a major firm, the personal services of a small firm.*

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#### Rowley's offer new IT solution



MGI member Rowley's has launched a new IT business to complement its other services.

Rowley's IT Services offers services including website design and e-commerce solutions.

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#### New MGI brochure brings positive response



The launch of MGI UK & Ireland's new brochure has met with a positive response. The innovative brochure, which was launched in October, examines the experience of member firms, told in their own words.

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#### Midgley Snelling welcomes new partners

MGI founding firm Midgley Snelling has appointed two new partners.



Peter Bond and James Beecher took up their new roles from 1 October.

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