



Welcome to the Autumn 2009 Newswire

Introduction by Paul Winder



Even with the summer holiday period being quieter for MGI, it has been a busy quarter. Planning is now complete for the MGI UK and Ireland Partners and Managers Conference, where we have a strong line-up of presentations, and support from a number of key sponsors – for full details, please see our website. There will be a wealth of international representatives at the conference. In addition, the European co-ordinators have just announced that they would like to hold their next meeting on Thursday, 26 November at our conference venue, with many of them expecting to stay for the full conference.

We have recently held the 'rainmaker' seminar and the second tax forum of the year, both of which gave delegates something of value to take away. In the last quarter of the year, we will have our first gathering of partners and managers acting for clients in the legal profession, which takes place on Monday, 5 October. On Tuesday, 3 November, we will have our second Managing Partners Forum, where we will be discussing the management and board structure of MGI UK and Ireland and the results of our 2009 Inter-Firm Comparison. Firms are asked to deal with the IFC promptly when it is issued, to give us time to collate and distribute the information prior to the meeting. The final forum of the year will be on IT and will be held early in December, on a date to be finalised.

I am in the process of contacting firms to carry out the Practice Assurance Reviews and ensure that Audit Reviews have or will take place this year. The format of the reviews will be similar to that used in previous years, although I am being encouraged to do more follow-up work to ensure they are acted upon.

Over the next quarter, I will expect to see all of you at least once, with various conferences, seminars and firm visits taking place. I am sure MGI UK and Ireland will be well-represented in Paris at the AGM, where undoubtedly there will be business to be done, sights to be seen, and a little wine to be drunk.

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MGI Marketing seminar



It was good to meet with the other attendees from MGI at the 'rainmaker' seminar on 4 and 5 September.

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Members meet for tax forum



On 24 September representatives of the UK firms met to talk about tax. This was the fourth meeting of the tax focus group and the first one to be held outside of London. We met at the offices of Rowleys in Leicester and were made very welcome by our host Mark Hook.

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UK and Ireland conference nears



Plans are taking shape for our 2009 MGI UK and Ireland Partners' and Managers' conference from 26 to 28 November, which will focus on new technology and how accountancy firms can take advantage of it.

[Find out more](#)

International delegates head to Paris



Delegates from around the world will be gathering in Paris from 14 to 16 October, for the MGI annual general meeting. The meeting theme, 'The Economic Crisis: Opportunity and Challenge', will create a forum for in-depth discussions about the world as it is today and how MGI and its member firms can confront the challenges and maximise the opportunities created by current world developments.

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New member targeting programme continues



We have continued our efforts to expand the MGI association's reach over the past quarter, and I have recently held meetings with a potential member firm in the Midlands who may be joining us soon.

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Seymour Taylor joins Hampden Group



Member firm Seymour Taylor is looking forward to offering its services to an even wider range of clients in future after becoming part of the Hampden Group of Companies.

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MGI website update



The MGI UK website received 380 visits between 22 August and 21 September 2009, with the average visitor staying for just under two minutes and looking at an average of 3.45 pages per visit.

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New video message to promote MGI



As MGI continues its efforts to embrace the latest technology in order to spread our message, we will be recording a short video on 3 November, where member firms will talk about the advantages of being part of an international association.

[Find out more](#)

MGI keeps on blogging



MGI has continued to maintain a presence on the popular accountancy website www.accountingweb.co.uk, with its own blog channel, featuring contributions from MGI members on the issues of the day.

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Around the firms



A quick round-up of news from MGI UK and Ireland member firms.

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