



Welcome to the March 2009 Newswire

Introduction by Paul Winder



Welcome to the first MGI UK and Ireland Newswire of 2009. We start the year on a sad note, as we have said farewell to Lanham & Francis after three decades of MGI membership.

However, we understand Ian Dodds' change of business focus and the fact that he has limited time to attend to MGI matters. We thank Lanham & Francis for their support and contribution to MGI over the last 30 years and wish the practice well for the future.

Lanham & Francis' departure does mean that we have the opportunity to recruit a new member in the south-west and we have already had some interest. My thanks go to Robin Sewell of MGI Midgley Snelling, through whom I have been given details of specific firms and partners to contact, which certainly helps to "open the door".

It would be most helpful if all member firms would consider contacts around the country that they think might welcome an approach from MGI, as having this kind of information makes life much easier.

I hope to be meeting all member firms in the first half of this year and meetings are now being put in place. From what I hear, although economic situation continues to have an effect on cash flow and clients taking longer to pay their bills, on the whole our firms remain as busy and buoyant as these difficult times allow.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Marketing raises MGI profile



A busy marketing campaign is raising the profile of MGI UK and Ireland and attracting interest from potential new members.

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Make a date for conference



A date has been set for the 2009 MGI UK and Ireland Partners' and Managers' Conference.

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Seminar programme launched

Plans are now in place for MGI UK and Ireland's annual programme of specialist seminars.



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MGI members prepare for international meetings



MGI UK and Ireland members are preparing to meet their counterparts from across Europe and around the world at key conferences.

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Rowley's new venture is a big h-IT



In a tough economic climate, many businesses will be tempted to batten down the hatches and play it safe by sticking to doing what they've always done.

Launching a new venture against a backdrop of constant doom and gloom headlines is a bold move, but that's just what Leicester-based Rowley's did last year when it set up a separate company, Rowley's IT Services, which offers advice and support on issues including upgrading hardware and software and internet security.

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Seymour Taylor launch new international brochure



Long-standing MGI member Seymour Taylor in High Wycombe is highlighting its expertise in working with UK subsidiaries with a new brochure.

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CBW highlights alternatives to bankruptcy



As the troubled economic climate continues to take its toll on the finances of businesses and individuals, John Alexander, corporate recovery and insolvency partner at CBW, gives an expert view on alternatives to bankruptcy.

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Michelle sees the world with MGI



Chartered accountant Michelle Vawdrey has travelled thousands of miles to join the team at MGI Midgley Snelling...and to take a little time out to enjoy the history and culture of the UK and Europe.

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Blog on to accountingweb.co.uk

More than 1,000 people have read an MGI blog posted on the popular accountancy website www.accountingweb.co.uk



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Around the firms



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

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