

CEO-LUNCHES

LUGANO: 4 SEPTEMBER, ZURICH: 6 SEPTEMBER, GENEVA: 13 SEPTEMBER 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2003: 27 JUNE 2003 IN GENEVA

Topics of Interest

Conservation of books

In the context of the revision of the Swiss Code of Obligations the conservation of books (Art. 957 and 962) is also being reviewed. The electronic conservation will now be admitted. New deadlines are being fixed and a distinction between basic and current / transaction documents is being introduced. The Swiss Bankers' Association will inform with a circular in autumn.

Securities Act

The revision of the Securities Act also deals with questions relative to collective custody, the equality in treatment of physical and non-physical securities, the general deed, the transfer and pledge and the responsibility. The working group in charge has discussed a first project. Information: maurer@foreignbanks.ch.

Internet Banking

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) discuss the conditions for the supervision of Internet banks. New questions on supervision arise with regard to the latter's cross-border activities. A current practice is about to establish itself as no underlying legal framework exists. The Swiss Bankers' Association has summed up the basic guidelines (in French). Information: mireille.tissot@sba.ch.

Revision of the RRV / DEC

The Swiss Federal Banking Commission has proposed some modifications to be included in the revised RRV / DEC. The final text will be sent to those concerned soon. We will invite banks to make their commentaries and observations. Information: maurer@foreignbanks.ch.

Human Resources

Free movement of persons

The agreement between Switzerland and the EU on the free movement of persons has entered into force on 1 June 2002. Its implications also concern the contributions to social insurance. In opposition to the work permits, no transition periods are planned. Adaptations are to be envisaged especially with regard to health insurances. Information: <http://www.tls.pwc.ch>.

EU directive on pension plans

The EU examines a Directive governing the activities of pension plans. It envisages to allow multinationals

to include their employees resident in different countries in one common pension plan. The Swiss Bankers' Association evaluated the possible consequences. Information: mireille.tissot@sba.ch or maurer@foreignbanks.ch.

Taxation of Stock Options

It cannot be excluded that moment of time relevant for the taxation of stock options is being changed to the date of vesting. A recent ruling of a Zurich court goes in that direction; it will, however, be subject to appeal. Information: maurer@foreignbanks.ch.

Internal

30th General Assembly of the Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland in Zurich

The General Assembly has decided to admit foreign owned Securities Dealers and Fund Managers and Agents as members. It further elected the following as new Board Members: P.F. Braunwalder (HSBC Republic Bank (Suisse) SA), H.-P. Brunner (Couotts Bank (Switzerland) Ltd.), Dr. Ch.A. Camenzind (Bank Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie (Switzerland) Ltd.), B. Meier (Deutsche Bank (Suisse) SA) and M. Monbaron (Credit Lyonnais (Suisse) SA). It expressed its thanks to the quitting Board Members, J. Assaraf (Discount Bank and Trust Company), R. Erdmann (LB(Swiss) Private Bank Ltd.), R.G. Keller (Lloyds TSB Bank plc), G. Perahia (HSBC Republic Bank (Suisse) SA) and H.-J. Scheidt (Deutsche Bank (Suisse) SA).

3rd General Assembly of the Foreign Funds Association Switzerland in Zurich

The General Assembly followed the proposal of the Board and decided to dissolve the association and to represent the foreign owned funds' interests through the Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland. This decision also improves the representation of the foreign funds within the Swiss Funds Association (SFA). An Info-lunch on "New Ways in Fund-Distribution" took place on the same occasion. Information and Documentation: wuergler@foreignbanks.ch.

Members

END OF MEMBERSHIP: Discount Bank and Trust Company, Geneva – Rabo Robeco Bank (Switzerland)

Ltd., Zurich – Creafin SA, Zurich – Handelsfinanz-CCF Bank, Geneva.

OTHERS: ABN AMRO Bank (Switzerland) closed its branch in Bern.

Agenda

20/27 August: Wandel in der Kontinuität – Rechtliche Probleme des Bankkundengeheimnisses, PD Dr. Ch. Winzeler, Swiss Bankers' Association, Zurich;

22 August: Outsourcing – what's in its name, BossLab, Zurich;

29 August: Outsourcing – what's in its name, BossLab, Geneva;

30 August: Revision of the RRV / DEC, Workshop, H. Gareus, Zurich (a similar event is planned in Geneva, details will follow);

3 September: La formation continue – la base d'une relation de travail à long terme, M. Wirth, Swiss Bankers' Association, A. Ferraiuolo, BSI Ltd., Geneva;

19 September: Cocktail on the eve of the Bankers' Day; BNP Paribas (Suisse) SA invites to its art gallery showing the work of Benno Oertli, Basel;

20 September: Bankers' Day, Basel;

29 October: Info event on communication issues, S. Korfmann-Bodenmann, Zurich, Details will follow;

6 November: Info event on communication issues, S. Korfmann-Bodenmann, Geneva, Details will follow.

Last Minute Information

The IMF has adopted the Final Report of the Financial Sector Assessment Program it made in Switzerland: <http://www.ebk.admin.ch>.

The EU presents its relations with Switzerland: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/switzerland/intro/.

On the occasion of the General Assembly of the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Councillor Ruth Metzler presented its ideas on Corporate Governance: <http://www.amcham.ch> \ What's New.

A recent event of the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce gave an overview of the presently applicable Conventions on Double Taxation: <http://www.amcham.ch> \ Events in Switzerland.

The European Banking Federation informs on discussions internal to the EU: <http://www.fbe.be>.

The Swiss citizens' opinion on the second round of the bilateral negotiations with the EU is divided: <http://www.gfs.ch/europa>.