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Launch of the International Financial Centres (IFC) Forum – A new voice for International Financial Centres

The IFC Forum was formally launched in London this week (1st December 2009) with a formal discussion in London between key organisations and individuals who are recognised as thought leaders in the field of international finance.

The Forum was established to provide authoritative and balanced information to contribute to the public conversation on the role of IFCs in the global economy.

The Forum has launched a website (www.ifcforum.org) with a "Key Issues" section and "Knowledge Centre" as a publicly available resource. The IFC Forum will be constantly adding policy papers to these sections. The Forum will publish a monthly newsletter which can be easily subscribed to online.

Richard Hay of Stikeman Elliott (Advisor to the IFC Forum) said "current economic orthodoxy confirms that tax neutral platforms play an essential and constructive role in the world economy. The IFC Forum's objective is to contribute to global policy through identifying existing empirical evidence, commissioning reasoned research and addressing common misconceptions about IFCs".

Editors Note:

The founding members of the IFC Forum are law firms in several of the leading small international financial centres. Member firms include representatives from Appleby, Conyers Dill & Pearman, Mourant, Ogier and Walkers, advised by Stikeman Elliott, LLP.

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