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## MALTA'S VALUE PROPOSITION FOR THE ASSET MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY

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# Malta's Value Proposition for the Asset Management Industry - Geneva



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15:00 – 19:45



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- 15:00 **Registration**
- 15:30 **Welcome address** by Mr Kenneth Farrugia – Chairman, FinanceMalta
- 15:50 **Malta's Comprehensive Regulatory Framework for the Asset Management Industry**  
Mr Joseph J. Agius – Deputy Director, Securities and Markets Supervision Unit, MFSA
- 16:10 **Panel Discussion:**  
*Structuring Opportunities for Investment Funds*
- Panellists:**
- Dr Claudio Caruana – Legal Counsel, ARQ Advisory Ltd
  - Mr Jeremy Leach – CEO, Managing Partners Group
  - Mr Dominique Lecocq – Founder, Iecocqassociate
  - Mr Roberto Colapinto – Founder and CEO, Abalone Asset Management
- 17:10 **Networking Break** sponsored by Finanz-Fund Services
- 17:35 **The Strengths of a Maltese Custodian Combined with a Swiss Bank**  
Mr. Lino Finini – Director, Member of Senior Management, Swissquote
- 17:55 **Panel Discussion:**  
*Structuring Investment Services Operations*
- Panellists:**
- Dr Laurence Toso – Senior Legal Advisor, REYL & CIE
  - Mr Anthony O' Driscoll – Managing Director, Apex Fund Services Ltd Malta
  - Mr Chris Portelli – Executive Director, EY Malta
  - Dr Marina Grech – Associate, GANADO Advocates
- 18:55 **Closing address** by Mr Kenneth Farrugia – Chairman, FinanceMalta
- 19:00 **Reception**

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# Speakers



## Joseph J. Agius

Mr Agius is responsible for the supervision of the funds sector within the MFSA. He has been working in the funds business since 2000 and has occupied senior roles with HSBC Investment Management, fund administration and custody units in Malta.



## Lino Finini

Mr Finini has been a Director and Senior Member of Management at Swissquote Bank Ltd since May 2001. He reports directly to the Group CTO. Lino is also a Director of Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Ltd.



## Claudio Caruana

Dr Caruana is a legal professional responsible for the regulatory affairs of the firm's financial services clients. Claudio holds a doctor of laws degree from the University of Malta and a Masters degree from the University of Strathclyde.



## Jeremy Leach

Mr Leach is the CEO of Managing Partners Group ("MPG"), a Global Fund Management group that manages a number of Regulated Mutual Funds, securitisations and Collective Investment Schemes.



## Roberto Colapinto

Mr Colapinto is the Founder & CEO of Abalone Asset Management. Previously he was Head of Regional Coverage responsible for Southern Europe and Latin America for Credit Agricole Prior to that he was Director General of Edmond de Rothschild Europe that he established in Milan in 2007.



## Dominique Lecocq

Mr Lecocq was admitted to practice in Switzerland and Malta. He founded lecocqassociate in 2007 and has three offices, in Geneva, Malta and Dubai. His practice mainly centres on regulatory finance, banking, insurance, general securities, Collective Investment Schemes and corporate matters.



## Laurence Toso

Dr Toso joined the Bank REYL in 2013 and as Senior Legal Advisor was instrumental in the operational set-up of REYL & CIE (Malta) Ltd as a category 4a license holder in Malta. She actively promotes custody and depositary services to Collective Investments



## Anthony O' Driscoll

Mr O' Driscoll serves as a Managing Director of Apex Fund Services (Malta) Ltd. He joined Apex in January 2007. He is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland.



## Chris Portelli

Mr Portelli is the Executive Director at EY Malta and Leader of the Asset Management Assurance Services. His main area of expertise is in auditing financial services entities, in particular fund managers, investment funds, securitisation vehicles, captive insurers and other insurance intermediaries.



## Marina Grech

Dr Grech is an Associate within GANADO Advocates' Investment Services and Funds Department. She focuses on the setting up, licensing and ongoing servicing of investment services licence holders and Collective Investment Schemes, including hedge funds and UCITS schemes.