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# “Wealth Management – Rising Challenges”

**Tuesday, 21 November 2006 ■ 9.00am to 5.00pm ■ Supreme Court Auditorium**

## INTRODUCTION

This Conference will focus specifically on issues that are relevant to bankers, lawyers and financial intermediaries who provide professional services to High Net Worth Individuals (“HNWIs”).

Asset protection and investments are key considerations in wealth management and trusts have always been a popular tax and estate planning tool. Session 1 of the Conference examines the factors one should consider when choosing a jurisdiction to locate an offshore trust and provides participants with updates on the laws, tax issues and alternative structures in several popular jurisdictions. The mechanics of asset protection trusts, including the risks, costs and liabilities are discussed in Session 2.

In Session 3 of the Conference, participants will receive an overview of current and emerging trends in alternative investments. Some of the more popular alternative investments for the Asian client will be explained.

Lastly in Session 4, participants are challenged to take a hard look at maintaining professionalism in an age of suspicious transaction reporting. With lawyers and other professionals being legally obliged to make suspicious transaction reports to the police, the task of building and maintaining a relationship of mutual trust and respect between the professional and client presents new challenges. How does one correctly draw the line between serving the client and preserving legality?

## PROGRAMME

- 9.00 am **Welcome Address by Conference Chairman**  
David Chong  
Chairman, PORTCULLIS GROUP
- Session 1 presented by David Chong**  
**Popular Offshore Jurisdictions**  
*An update on laws, tax issues and structures*  
Labuan Samoa  
Brunei Cook Islands  
Mauritius British Virgin Islands  
Seychelles Cayman Islands
- 10.00 am *Coffee Break*
- 10.30 am **Session 2 presented by David Chong**  
**Asset Protection Trusts for Asian HNWI**  
*Preserving wealth; Planning for a lasting legacy*
- 12.00 noon *Lunch*
- 1.30 pm **Session 3 presented by Paul Stefansson**  
**Wealth Management - Alternative Investments**  
*From absolute returns to commodities*
- 3.00 pm *Coffee Break*
- 3.30 pm **Session 4 presented by Michael Darwyne**  
**Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing - The Professional as both Victim and Whistle-Blower**
- 4.30 pm **Q & A Session**
- 5.00 pm **Closing Remarks by Conference Chairman**

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**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

**DAVID CHONG**

David is the founder and Chairman of the Portcullis Group of companies which in late 2004 acquired the TrustNet Group. He is also the Senior Partner of the law firm David Chong & Co. He is qualified as a Barrister of England, as an Advocate & Solicitor of Singapore, Malaya, Brunei, as a Solicitor in Australia and as Barrister & Solicitor of the British Virgin Islands. David holds a Master's Degree in Law and a Master's Degree in Business and was a lecturer at the National University of Singapore for 3 years. He was the first President of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners in Singapore and is the current President for the Malaysia STEP Chapter.

**MICHAEL DARWYNE**

Michael Darwyne is In-house Counsel with Portcullis Trust (Singapore) Limited. He read law at Oxford University (B.A., B.C.L.) and received an LL.M. from the Harvard Law School. He was called to the English Bar (Inner Temple) in 1969. He is admitted as a Barrister in Hong Kong, as a Barrister & Solicitor in Fiji, and as an Attorney in New York. He speaks regularly at seminars and conferences on Singapore trusts and foundations.

**PAUL STEFANSSON**

Paul Stefansson has over 20 years of wealth management experience. Currently, Paul is an Executive Director with UBS Singapore. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst, a Certified Financial Planner, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in Canada with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Paul is a prolific speaker on several topics including investment, wealth management, retirement, rainmaking, and behavioural finance. He has presented to capacity crowds at the Law Society of Singapore, Singapore Management University, Singapore Accountancy Academy, Investment Management Association of Singapore, Asia Pacific Financial Planning Conference, Asia Insurance Review Conference, Global Financial Planning Conference (Malaysia) and International CFP Forum (Taiwan).

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