

**2019 EMEA Regional Meeting
Malta, November 13-16**

Wednesday, November 13	
Optional Dinner	19:30 – 22:00
Thursday, November 14: Optional Malta Business Program, Reception and Dinner	
Maltese business leader briefings	09:30 – 12:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Cardona, CEO, Identity Malta. <i>Malta's residency and citizenship programmes</i> • Joe Portelli, Chairmen, Malta Stock Exchange. <i>Capital markets innovations and the emerging crypto currency exchange</i> 	
Lunch in Valletta Panorama Restaurant <i>After lunch, we'll travel to the Phoenicia Hotel for the afternoon sessions</i>	12:00 - 14:00
Doing Business in and from Malta:	14:00 - 17:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malta's corporate tax system • Types of structures used to carry on business from Malta • Regulating blockchain businesses: way beyond crypto currencies • Using Maltese foundations and trusts for estate and succession planning • Gaming & esports 	
Welcome Reception at The Phoenicia Hotel <i>After the reception we'll travel by coach and ferry to dinner</i>	19:00 - 20:30
Welcome Dinner at The Sheer Bastion	21:00
Friday, November 15: Regional Meeting + Dinner	
Welcome + Ally Law Operations Update <i>Bjorn Welinder, Lindmark Welinder; Wendy Horn, Ally Law; Regional Directors</i>	09:00 - 10:15
Topics will include strategic projects, the 2020 budget and dues, new members and observer firms, policy updates and the referral process.	
How Technology and Regulation are Shaping the Future of Money <i>Moderator: Ruth Galea, WH Partners; Ricky DeLandro - Head of Business Innovation for HSBC UK Corporate Banking</i>	10:30 - 11:15
Digital innovation is changing the financial world, if not turning it upside down. Are regulators and financial services companies keeping up? Who will determine the future of fintech? This session will tackle trending topics in blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), regulatory and operational challenges, and cybersecurity.	

<p>Member's Brexit: Brexit's Impact on Us All <i>Moderator: James Scicluna, WH Partners</i></p> <p>The UK's imminent departure from the EU will not only reshape market access and future cooperation across the Channel - its effects will be felt worldwide. Our panelists will explore potential immediate and long-term impacts of this historic split on cross-border trade and services.</p>	11:15 - 12:00
<p>Physician-Approved? A Look at Medicinal Cannabis Regulation <i>Moderator: Joseph F Borg, WH Partners</i></p> <p>As more countries are approving cannabis and cannabinoids to treat medical conditions, use of these compounds is increasingly rapidly. When it comes to medicinal cannabis policy and regulation, who takes the lead: doctors or regulators? Our speakers will take both a broad and country-specific look at some of the controversies and challenges facing policymakers, physicians and industry participants.</p>	12:00 – 13:00
<p>Lunch at The Phoenicia</p>	13:00 - 14:30
<p>Location, Location, Location: Evolving Concepts of Tax Residency <i>Moderator: Ramona Azzopardi, WH Partners</i></p> <p>Tax residency is a central issue for taxpayers and their advisors. Can relocation solve your clients' tax planning and tax reporting concerns? Our panel of private client tax practitioners will discuss the pitfalls and protections that can result from moving jurisdictions. We will review some of our clients' success stories; please come prepared to share your planning ideas, as well.</p>	14:30 - 15:15
<p>Keeping an Eye on AI: Ethical and Regulatory Considerations <i>Moderator: Olga Finkel, WH Partners</i></p> <p>Artificial intelligence is expected to underpin \$15.7 trillion of global economic growth by 2030, at a potential rate of nearly 75% compound growth for at least the next several years. With all eyes on the opportunities, what are legislators, regulators and businesses doing to address the ethical issues raised by this exciting technology? Using real-world examples, our panelists will explore likely scenarios.</p>	15:15 - 16:00
<p>The Wheel of Talents: How to Improve Leadership at Your Firm <i>Moderators: Emmanuelle Jehanno, Chrysalis Conseil; Christophe Gerschel, Alerion</i></p> <p>Google "leadership" and you'll get more than four billion hits. If everyone's talking about it, why is it so hard to do well? What's unique about law firm leadership — and which "time-tested" leadership techniques offer real results? Together with a top management consultant and leaders from Ally Law member firms, we'll break down the myths and the facts and identify practical strategies for more effective law firm leadership.</p>	16:00 - 17:30
<p>Closing Dinner at Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar.</p>	19:30 - 22:30
<p>Saturday, November 16: Optional Walking Tour, Lunch + Visit Mdina</p>	
<p>Optional Group Excursion</p> <p>Walking tour of the historic St. John's Co-Cathedral and the Grandmaster's Palace in Valletta. Between tours, we'll stop for coffee.</p>	10:00 - 13:00

Lunch @ Palazzo Castelletti Restaurant, Rabat

13:00 - 14:30

Explore Valletta, Rabat and Mdina

10:00 - 15:00