



## European Fund Tax Conference 2014

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Hilton Hotel Dublin  
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### Speakers

Christian Bischler, WTS Group AG  
Steffen Gnutzmann, WTS Group AG  
Lars Heise, BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO  
Dr. Alexander Lindemann, Lindemann Rechtsanwälte  
Mag. Tatjana Polivanova, LeitnerLeitner  
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**Invitation**

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**Christian Bischler** – WTS Group AG

Christian Bischler has built a strong reputation in servicing non-German investment companies in relation to the German Investment Act and the German Investment Tax Act. He headed a large number of German fund tax law reviews for foreign-based investment funds, numerous of them on-site in Ireland, Luxembourg, the UK or France. Christian is a frequent speaker at industry events and conferences. Christian started his professional career in the Banking & Capital Markets department of PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2003. In April 2007, he relocated to WTS. After having completed a professional banking education at Landesbank Hessen - Thüringen (Helaba) from 1996 until 1998, Christian Bischler studied economics (focus: Banking and Finance, Taxation, Fiscal Law) at Justus-Liebig-University in Gießen (Germany) and graduated with a German Master degree in economics (Diplom-Kaufmann) in 2003.

**Steffen Gnutzmann** – WTS Group AG

Steffen Gnutzmann advises on tax law and regulatory law for the Financial Services industry. He focuses on servicing international mutual funds, hedge funds and their administrators, covering the complete range of services from German market entry advice to the annual German tax compliance and exit strategies. In 1999, Steffen started his professional career in the Financial Services Investment Management / Capital Markets department of PricewaterhouseCoopers Germany in Frankfurt/M. In 2007, he relocated from to WTS as a member of a team of 7 advisors. Steffen graduated in Law from the University of Berlin, is a German attorney-at-law and completed a degree in taxation from a German government university. Steffen has published widely on German tax law and the Financial Services industry. He is the co-author of one of the two leading commentaries on German fund tax law.

**Lars Heise** – Vice President, BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO, Boston

Lars Heise is a Vice President and Head of European Tax Reporting at Brown Brothers Harriman. He is responsible for the provision of European tax-reporting services to non-German mutual and hedge funds that distribute funds into several European markets. Prior to joining BBH in 2010, he was the Head of German and Austrian tax reporting at State Street (formerly Investors Bank & Trust) for more than five years. Before moving to Boston and joining State Street, Lars worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers–Frankfurt in the Income and Tax and Financial Services departments since 1998. Lars is an active participant in industry conferences and is proficient in editing related client memorandums. He is a prolific writer, and publishes articles regularly in the Alternative Investment Management Association journal as well as in BBH's client magazine, GlobalView. Lars has an MBA degree from Frankfurt University. He is fluent in German and knows basic Spanish.

**Dr. Alexander Lindemann** – Partner, LINDEMANN RECHTSANWÄLTE, Zürich

Alexander has in-depth experience in advising Swiss and foreign investment funds, asset managers, private clients, investors and banks in legal, regulatory and tax matters. He has a special focus on Swiss fund tax reporting as well as FINMA and listing compliance for foreign investment funds in Switzerland. He is acknowledged representative with SIX Swiss Exchange. Alexander serves as member of the board of a pension fund. Before that he held leading positions with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Credit Suisse and Clifford Chance. Alexander is Founder & Co-President of Kapitalmarktforum Schweiz (www.kapitalmarktforum-schweiz.ch) which unifies leaders from different sectors of the Swiss and Liechtenstein finance industry, regulatory bodies, science and politics.

**Mag. Tatjana Polivanova** – LeitnerLeitner

Tatjana Polivanova is an Austrian certified tax adviser and focuses on the taxation of financial products under domestic and international tax law. She is head of the Banking & Finance Group of LeitnerLeitner and engaged in tax and regulatory structuring of financials and tax driven investments for institutional and private investors. She publishes frequently on the taxation of financial products and is regularly mentioned as an expert for financial products in World Tax. Before joining LeitnerLeitner in 2002, she worked with several Big Four companies in Austria and the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation in Amsterdam.

**Christiane Schoenbach** – WTS Group AG

Christiane Schoenbach advises German and foreign clients from various segments of the Financial Services industry, especially German and foreign banks and financial institutions, administrators, German and foreign investment funds, private equity funds and their investors, on issues of national and international tax law, e.g. general corporate tax matters, on specific (tax-legal and regulatory) asset management topics, including all aspects of German income taxation, withholding tax aspects, fund tax law and fund regulatory law. Christiane Schoenbach is co-writer in a commentary on the investment Tax Act (InvStG) as well as co-author of publications on the taxation of investment funds in Germany.

**Olof von Sponeck** – International Sales, WM Datenservice Frankfurt

Olof von Sponeck has been responsible for foreign distribution at WM Datenservice since 2010, prior to which he worked for various financial information service providers, including several years as Account Manager for Austria and Eastern Europe at Thomson Financial (now Thomson Reuters).

**Dr. Markus Thomas** – Sales, WM Datenservice, Frankfurt

Dr. Markus Thomas is Sales Director for WM Datenservice (Frankfurt/Germany). He is in charge of sales for WM Datenservice to Asset Managers in Europe. Before joining WM Datenservice in Mai 2012, Dr. Thomas gained wide experience through his work for German asset and pension fund managers (Activest, Siemens) and as investment consultant. Markus Thomas graduated in History, Politics and Economics from the University of Mainz, and earned a doctorate at the University of Würzburg.

**Franck Willaime** – DIRECTOR, ACARDA S.A R.L., LUXEMBOURG

acarda operates worldwide, focusing on providing software solutions and consulting services on regulatory & client reporting, fund administration and risk management to financial institutions. Franck Willaime is responsible for acarda's business development and key account management in Luxembourg, France, United Kingdom and Dublin. Prior to joining acarda in 2014 he held several managing positions. In his role as the Managing Director of Cadis Software he created the Luxembourg subsidiary. He managed and developed its Continental European business from scratch and considerably increased revenues every year. Before moving to Luxembourg he worked as International Sales Manager at Thomson Reuters Plc in London and Sungard GL Trade in Paris. Franck graduated in Investments and Corporate Finance from the Institut Supérieur du Commerce in Paris, and holds an MBA from the University of Georgia, USA. Moreover, he is Fund Director at several Luxembourg regulated funds and member of the Institut Luxembourgeois des Administrateurs (ILA).



## AGENDA

- 09:15 AM** *Welcome & Registration*
- 09:30 AM** **Introduction: WM Datenservice and European Fund Market Business overview**  
Olof von Sponeck, WM Datenservice
- 09:45 AM** **German Fund Regulatory Update 2014**  
Christiane Schönbach, WTS Group AG
- 10:30 AM** **Update on FTT**  
Christiane Schönbach, WTS Group AG
- 10:45 AM** *Coffee Break*
- 11:15 AM** **Client Fund Reporting for Institutional Investors in Germany**  
Dr. Markus Thomas, WM Datenservice
- 11:45 PM** **Swiss Fund Tax Reporting: Case Studies**  
Dr. Alexander Lindemann, Lindemann Rechtsanwälte
- 12:15 PM** *Lunch Break*
- 01:30 PM** **German Fund Tax Update 2014**  
Christian Bischler, WTS Group AG
- 02:15 PM** **Austrian Fund Tax Rules 2014**  
Mag. Tatjana Polivanova, LeitnerLeitner
- 02:45 PM** **Best Practices of European Tax Reporting**  
Lars Heise, BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO
- 03:15 PM** **AIFMD Implementation experiences for an European wide regulatory reporting**  
Franck Willaime, ACARDA S.A R.L.
- 03:40 PM** *Coffee Break*
- 04:00 PM** **WM Special Feed: US and EU Sanctions Regarding Russia**  
Dr. Markus Thomas, WM Datenservice
- 04:15 PM** **Portfolio Investment Taxation – International Developments**  
Steffen Gnutzmann, WTS Group AG
- 05:00 PM** **Tax Reporting Challenges impacting Asset Managers and Depositories**  
Moderator: Dr. Markus Thomas, WM Datenservice  
Christian Bischler, WTS Group AG  
Lars Heise, BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO  
Christiane Schönbach, WTS Group AG
- 05:30 PM** *Refreshments/Appointments*



## Registration

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