

PRESS RELEASE

TAX CONSULT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE OF LEADING LOCAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRMS IN AUSTRALIA

Brussels, 16 October 2017 – Luc Lamy from Tax consult will be present at the Alliot Group 2017 Worldwide Conference in Sydney this week (18-21 October). Membership of Alliot Group and participation in the international association's conferences form an integral part of our firm's international strategy to ensure our clients have access to the services of other like-minded professional firms across the world's major commercial centres.

Tax consult will join approximately 80 professional advisors from 54 firms in 27 countries and leading consultants to the professions to learn and to exchange and share knowledge on how to build the business of a professional services firm in the international marketplace and how to excel in providing cross border services to commercial and private clients.

The conference will be hosted by Alliot Group (www.alliotgroup.net), one of the world's leading international associations of independent accounting firms and law firms of which Tax Consult is the representative member in Brussels, Belgium.

Luc Lamy will return with greater insights into the international trade and investment opportunities offered by Australia's open market economy and with the requisite strong personal connections to professional advisors in Australia (and in other countries) that ensure services can be provided to clients as seamlessly as possible whenever they are needed in different jurisdictions.

According to the Austrade, the Australian Government's Trade & Investment Commission, Australia is the world's 13th largest economy with GDP of US\$1.3 trillion and is "forecast to realise average annual real GDP growth of 2.9% over the next five years, the highest among major advanced economies." Austrade also states that "Australia is expected to realise average annual real GDP growth of 2.9% between 2017 and 2021 – the highest among major advanced economies and up from an average growth rate of 2.7% between 2012 and 2016." Australia is also well positioned as a trade and investment hub for international companies doing business with Asia.

Luc Lamy from our firm will also attend specialist meetings focused on legal, international tax, corporate finance and M&A, and global mobility where they will exchange views on the likely impact on foreign businesses and internationally mobile individuals of major international developments such as President Trump's U.S. immigration reforms, the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project (BEPS) and the UK's proposed exit from the European Union in March 2019.

James Hickey, Alliot Group's CEO comments: "The opportunities for learning, sharing and exchanging information on how to become the 'go to' local firm for businesses and individuals with multi-market needs continue to improve with each Alliot Group conference. This year, we aim to set new standards and to ensure that each and every attendee returns to their firm with new ideas, new inspiration, new contacts and of course new business leads."

This year's keynote speaker will be Rob Nixon of Panalitix, author of best-selling books The Perfect Firm and Remaining Relevant. Rob will lead a workshop that explains why attendees must change their business models to survive.

About Tax Consult

Tax Consult was created by Jean-Marie Leclercq at the end of 1981.

Tax Consult was, at its very beginning, specialised in Belgian and international taxation.

Since then it has also developed a department specialising in accounting, as well as a specialising department in terms of advice concerning the international mobility of executives.

Tax Consult has, since its creation, been a member of the Institute of Accounting and Tax advisers.

Today, Tax Consult counts 6 active partners and a total of 53 consultants arrayed in three departments and working in total synergy.

Our "Big enough to cope, small enough to care " banner is not only the exact expression representing our professional state of mind, but also our intermediate and privileged positioning in relation to the Big 4 and traditional trustees

About Alliot Group

Founded in 1979, and with some 170 member firms in 70+ countries, Alliot Group (www.alliotgroup.net) is an award winning international association of independent accounting and law firms. Alliot Group provides services that help its member firms position themselves as the 'go to' firms in their local markets for businesses and private individuals with multi-market business interests.

For more information

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