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Foreign Investment in & from Turkey

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ISTANBUL

TURKEY



Seminar organised by the UIA with the support of Karataş & Gültekin Law Firm
and the International Jurists Association (IJA)

Introduction

The historic city of Istanbul, with its unique cultural and economic environment, is an ideal setting for a seminar entitled "Foreign Investment in & from Turkey".

In recent years, Turkey has become a leading country for economic development and growth. Turkish investors have become a force to be reckoned with on the international market; their desire to invest outside Turkey is increasing daily and they are continually seeking new foreign markets and industries for their investments.

With this in mind, the UIA, with the cooperation of Turkish member lawyers, will hold a seminar in Istanbul on September 27 and 28, 2013, at the Swissôtel The Bosphorus hotel.

Discussing Turkish foreign investments will give participants an opportunity to analyse and compare investment conditions throughout the world. There will be specific focus on how Turkish investors and their lawyers approach investments in foreign businesses. Speakers from a number of countries have been invited. Participants will also have the chance to discuss possibilities for future mutual cooperation.


The aim of this UIA seminar on Turkey's role as a hub for international investments is twofold: provide information on how to invest in Turkey and give professionals from around the world a forum to discuss how investment conditions and legislation differ from one country to another.

We hope to see many of you in Istanbul for this seminar and look forward to welcoming you to Turkey!

Thursday | September 26 | 2013

19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

Paşa Limani Cad. Kılıç Yalısı No:31 Üsküdar Istanbul
Hosted by Karataş & Gültekin – Doğan & Doğan Law Firms
(Transfer by boat)



Friday | September | 27 | 2013

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Swissôtel The Bosphorus

Bayıldım Cad. No: 2 Maçka, Beşiktaş 34357
Istanbul –Turkey

09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- **Berin ERGIN**, *President of the UIA Turkish national committee, Doğan & Doğan Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey*
- **Miguel TORRES BLANQUEZ**, *President of the UIA Foreign Investment commission, Torres, Martín & Zaragoza, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Jean-Marie BURGUBURU**, *UIA President, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Paris, France – or his Representative*

09:30 – 11:00 Moderator: • **Michael MEYENBURG**, *Sladek & Meyenburg, Vienna, Austria*

Speakers:

Society-Advancing Investments, Their Financing Models and Legal Infrastructure

- **Sefa GÜVEN**, *G&G Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey*

Advancing Investments, Their Financing Models and Legal Infrastructure

- **Emrehan DOĞAN**, *CEO, Score Beyond, San Francisco, CA, USA*

Foreign Investment in Turkey

- **Mustafa Hakan ÇINAR**, *Çinar and Çinar Law Firm, Ankara, Turkey*

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 Moderator: • **Miguel TORRES BLANQUEZ**, *President of the UIA Foreign Investment commission, Torres, Martín & Zaragoza, Barcelona, Spain*

Speakers:

Employment of Foreign Workers

- **Gülsevil ALPAGUT**, *Istanbul University, Faculty of Law, Istanbul, Turkey*

Why Invest in Israel-Highlights

- **Pascal PETREL**, *Société d'Avocats P&A, Paris, France – Tel Aviv, Israel*

Withdrawal from Investment: Critical Procedural Issues in Turkey

- **Serhat ESKİYÖRÜK**, *Eşelioğlu Law Firm, Adana, Turkey*

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 Main Legal and Tax Aspects and Recent Trends and Developments of Foreign Investments into other Countries and from other Countries into Turkey

Moderator: • **Federico TORZO**, *Studio Legale Macchi Di Cellere Gangemi, Milan, Italy*

Speakers:

What Legal Pitfalls are there for Foreign Investors Investing the USA

- **Barbaros KARAAHMET**, *Herrick Feinstein LLP, New York, NY, USA*

Business Investment in the EU; Example in Austria

- **Michael MEYENBURG**, *Sladek & Meyenburg, Vienna, Austria*

The Italian Perspective

- **Carlo MASTELLONE**, *Studio Legale Mastellone, Florence, Italy*

16:00 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 18:00 Moderator: • **Mustafa Hakan ÇINAR**, *Çinar and Çinar Law Firm, Ankara, Turkey*

Speakers:

How to Approach Employment Issues when Investing, Investing in Italy

- **Federico TORZO**, *Studio Legale Macchi Di Cellere Gangemi, Milan, Italy*

Investing in Spain: the Turkish Experience

- **Miguel TORRES BLANQUEZ**, *President of the UIA Foreign Investment commission, Torres, Martín & Zaragoza, Barcelona, Spain*

Investing in Germany: Important Tax and Legal Aspects for Investments in Germany

- **Mansur POUR RAFSENDJANI**, *Noerr LLP, Munich, Germany*

20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

09:15 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:30 – 11:00 Moderator: • **Berin ERGIN**, *President of the UIA Turkish national committee, Doğan & Doğan Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

Investing in Ukraine: Important Tax and Legal Aspects for Investments in Ukraine

• **Mansur POUR RAFSENDJANI**, *Noerr LLP, Munich, Germany*

Foreign Direct Investment Law in India, and India as an Investment Market

• **Sandeep SINGH**, *Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, India*

A Country Open to Foreign Investments and Talents

• **Pascal PETREL**, *Société d'Avocats P&A, Paris, France – Tel Aviv, Israel*

11:00 – 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 – 12:20 Moderator: • **Serhat ESKİYÖRÜK**, *Eşelioğlu Law Firm, Adana, Turkey*

Speakers:

Investing in Russia: Important Tax and Legal Aspects for Investments in Russia

• **Mansur POUR RAFSENDJANI**, *Noerr LLP, Munich, Germany*

Doing Business with Nigeria and some other English Speaking African Countries

• **Olufemi SUNMONU**, *Femi Sunmonu & Associates, Kano, Nigeria*

12:20 – 13:20 Moderator: • **Yonca Fatma YÜCEL**, *Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, Ankara, Turkey*

Speakers:

South Africa for Turkish Investors: Open For Investment and a Gateway into Africa

• **Philip BOTHA**, *Philip J. Botha Attorneys, Johannesburg, South Africa*

Investing in Poland: Important Tax and Legal Aspects for Investments in Poland

• **Jacek BAK**, *Noerr LLP, Warsaw, Poland*

13:20 – 13:30 CLOSING REMARKS



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General Information

SEMINAR VENUE

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REGISTRATION FEES

	UIA Member		Non Member	
	≤ 27.08.2013	> 28.08.2013	≤ 27.08.2013	> 28.08.2013
STANDARD REGISTRATION	€ 350	€ 400	€ 400	€ 450
YOUNG LAWYER (<35)*	€ 300	€ 350	€ 350	€ 400
TURKISH LAWYER		€ 200		

* Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyer fee.

These fees cover participation in the welcome cocktail, participation in the seminar, coffee breaks, lunch on Friday, September 27, 2013, as well as the documentation of the seminar. The dinner on Friday night, September 27, 2013, is optional and at additional charge. Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be used for obtaining "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" – "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules.

For more information, please contact the UIA.

LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English** with a **simultaneous translation in Turkish**.

HOTEL RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms has been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation.

Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

Hotel	Rates
SWISSÔTEL THE BOSPHORUS	Single room € 190
Bayıldım Cad. No: 2 Maçka	Double room € 190
Beşiktaş 34357	
Istanbul – Turkey	Breakfast and 8% VAT NOT included
T +90 212 326 1100	
F +90 212 326 1122	<i>Please download the hotel reservation form from our Website:</i>
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www.swissotel.com/istanbul	

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than August 27, 2013.**

No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than August 27, 2013** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and total registration fees **no later than August 27, 2013.**

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50 to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar.** Cancellations must be accompanied by a **proof of visa refusal.**

If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the seminar to a later date, change the seminar venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the seminar programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the seminar, at any time and at their entire discretion, without having to provide any reasons for the same.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications.

The UIA strongly advises participants to subscribe to modifiable and/or refundable services, as well as to take out a cancellation insurance.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature whatever, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate or accompanying person, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

FORCE MAJEURE

“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatever decreed by Governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.