



P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE
Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance

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P.R.I.M.E. Finance Welcomes Twenty Five New Members to its Panel of Experts

P.R.I.M.E. Finance (the Hague-based Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance) has confirmed twenty-five new appointments to its List of Experts from thirteen different countries, including a former Minister of Treasury and Finance, Minister for Defence and Minister of Justice (Luxembourg), the President of the EFTA Court (Switzerland), a retired Lord Justice of Appeal (England and Wales), and the Chairman of the Board of Piraeus Bank (Greece). P.R.I.M.E. Finance is thrilled to include these experienced individuals from diverse financial and legal backgrounds on its list of experts.

The Panel is currently composed of more than 130 experts in total with more than 4,000 years of collective relevant market and legal experience.

P.R.I.M.E. Finance, which opened its doors in 2012, joined forces with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), also based in The Hague, in 2015. P.R.I.M.E. Finance's filing address is now the Peace Palace in The Hague. The arbitrations may take place anywhere in the world, and may be facilitated by the PCA's host country agreements with a number of its member states. As a result, parties to complex financial transactions will have easier access to arbitration and mediation to resolve their disputes.

The twenty-five new members of the Panel are:

André Andersson, Partner, Mannheimer Swartling

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Carl Baudenbacher, President, EFTA Court

Joseph Bauman, Affiliate, Rutter Associates; former Chief Administrative Officer, Athlon Group Holdings Corp.; former Chief Financial Officer, Primus Guaranty Ltd.; former Chairman, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)

Adrian Beltrami QC, Barrister, Joint Head of Chambers, 3VB Chambers

Henning Bruttel, former Managing Director, Capital Markets Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein

Pedro Cardigos, Partner, CARDIGOS

Manuel Conthe, Independent Arbitrator; former Of-Counsel at Bird & Bird; former Chairman of Spain's Securities & Exchange Commission (CNMV)

Sir Peter Cresswell, former English High Court Judge; Judge of the Qatar International Court; 3VB Chambers

G. Massimiliano Danusso, Partner, BonelliErede

Matti Engelberg, Senior Advisor, Hannes Snellman Attorneys Ltd

Luc Frieden, Partner, Elvinger Hoss Prussen, Luxembourg; former Minister of Treasury and Finance, Minister for Defence and Minister of Justice

Matthew Gearing QC, Global Co-Head, International Arbitration Group, Partner, Allen & Overy, Hong Kong; Incoming Chairman, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Frank Graaf, Partner and Head of the Financial Regulatory and Derivatives Group, Clifford Chance LLP

George Handjinicolaou, Chairman of the Board, Piraeus Bank; former Deputy CEO, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)

Mark Hapgood QC, Barrister, Brick Court Chambers

Holger Hartenfels, Managing Director, Associate General Counsel, Deutsche Bank AG

Maria João Martins Parreira Ferreira Leite, Secretary-General, Agência de Gestão da Tesouraria e da Dívida Pública – IGCP (Portuguese Treasury and Debt Management Agency)

Professor Carlo Mottura, Professor, University Roma Tre

Professor Loukas Mistelis, Director, School of International Arbitration, Queen Mary University

Kirsti Niinisalo-Snowden, former Head of Legal Services and Regulatory Affairs, Nordea Bank AB

Professor Dr. Peter Nobel, Founding Partner, Nobel & Hug

Professor Sir Bernard Rix, retired Lord Justice of Appeal (England and Wales); Professor of International Commercial Law, Queen Mary University; 20 Essex Street; Judge, the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal; Judge, the Singapore International Commercial Court

Professor René Smits, Independent Consultant; Professor of the Law of the Economic and Monetary Union, University of Amsterdam; Alternate member of the Administrative Board of Review, European Central Bank; former General Counsel, the Netherlands Central Bank

Janet Thomas, Managing Director, Infinity Capital Partners

Don Thompson, Retiring Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, JPMorgan Chase

According to Professor Jeffrey Golden, Chairman of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation:

"The collective experience of these Experts adds another dimension to the P.R.I.M.E. Finance offering. The financial marketplace is now truly a global affair, and we aim to ensure that the Experts available to resolve disputes in it can draw on sufficiently diverse and broad-based backgrounds to enable P.R.I.M.E. Finance to deal with the variety and complexity of the cases now arising in an authoritative and cost-effective way."

About P.R.I.M.E. Finance

P.R.I.M.E. Finance was established to help resolve disputes concerning complex financial transactions. The organization has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process.

In 2012, P.R.I.M.E. Finance was honored with Global Arbitration Review's Innovation Prize for Arbitration's Best Newcomer.

On 23 & 24 January 2017, P.R.I.M.E. Finance will hold its 6th Annual Conference in the Peace Palace in The Hague. For registration details, please visit: <http://primefinancedisputes.org/page/conference-2017>

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