

# 'Ireland – A Global Hub for Investment Funds'

hosted by the IRISH FUNDS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010

New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South, New York 10019

7:45 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

**Pre-Seminar Briefing: Introduction to UCITS**

While a European product, UCITS has become an investment fund structure with universal recognition. This session will provide an introduction and overview of UCITS, the international investment fund product.

Cormac Commins, William Fry and Gary Palmer, Chief Executive, IFIA

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

**Main Seminar: Introduction and Welcome Remarks**

Gary Palmer, Chief Executive, IFIA

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

**Ireland - A Global Hub for Investment Funds**

The investment funds industry in Ireland – domicile, administration and distribution centre of choice. Update and overview of recent developments and activities in the investment funds industry in Ireland.

Michael Jackson, Matheson Ormsby Prentice & Chairman, IFIA

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

**Regulatory Update**

This session to include discussion and update on recent and proposed regulatory and legislative developments, including:

- Fund re-domiciliation
- Alternative investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD)
- UCITS IV

Marc Charon, Managed Funds Association; Brian Dillon, Dillon Eustace; Michael Hartwell, Deloitte; Brian McDermott, A&L Goodbody and Seán Páircéir, Brown Brothers Harriman

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break



10:45 – 11:25 a.m.

**Panel Session - Product Update: UCITS as Alternative Investment Vehicles**

With the introduction of a number of UCITS amending directives, the UCITS product has evolved considerably. The panel will discuss how UCITS are now being used to include a much wider range of investment strategies while benefiting from the brand awareness and distribution opportunities that UCITS presents.

**Panel to include:** Clara Dunne, CACEIS; Kevin Murphy, Arthur Cox; Ken Owens, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Gavin Nangle, State Street and Jonny Quigley, Northern Trust

11:25 – 12:05 p.m.

**Panel Session - Product update: Exchange Traded Funds**

In the ten years since the first European ETF was established, ETFs have now become one of the fastest growing Irish product structures. The panel will discuss ETFs the fund product, how ETFs are being used from an Irish/European base, and how US and European ETFs compare.

**Panel to include:** Richard Ciuba, Dow Jones Index Group; Chris Johnson, Vanguard; Elaine Keane, Maples & Calder; Mike Kirby, KB Associates; Steve O'Grady, Kellogg Group and Fearghal Woods, Bank of Ireland Securities Services

12:05 – 12:45 p.m.

**Panel Session - Distribution of International Investment Funds**

With Irish funds being sold and distributed in over 70 countries worldwide, the panel will discuss the opportunities and considerations for distribution of an Irish fund.

**Panel to include:** Darina Barrett, KPMG; Howard Berkenfeld, UOB; Fionán Breathnach, Mason Hayes & Curran; John Donohoe, Carne Global Financial Services; Carin Bryans, JP Morgan and John Hamrock, Kinetic Partners

12:45 – 1:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**