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HALF-DAY SEMINAR

Financial Regulation: The Next Five Years

Date: 20th November

Time: 13:00 – 17:30

Location: Giardini Lambrosa, Rabat

FREE ENTRANCE



The Agenda

The seminar will be held at Giardini Lambrosa, Rabat. Attendance is free.

13.00-14.00

Registration & Welcome Coffee

14.00-14.10

Opening remarks Charles Cassar

14.10-14.45

Getting Ready for DORA Jon Cassano

14.45-15.30

Financial Regulation in a Changing World – the interaction between Financial Regulation and Geopolitical trends
Charles Cassar

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break

16.00-17.30

Panel – “Financial Regulation – The Next Five Years”

Charles Cassar, Alfred Zammit, Kenneth Farrugia and Reuben Portanier.
The panel will be chaired by Dr Roberta Avellino Pulé, Senior Consultant at Shoulder.

17.30 onwards

Drinks Reception

The Speakers



**Charles
Cassar**

CEO & FOUNDER | SHOULDER

Charles Cassar is the founder of Shoulder Compliance, and broadly recognised as one of the leading consultants in the Maltese anti-financial and compliance crime sphere.

Charles' previous experience includes leading the compliance function of a European Systematically Important Institution, heading the compliance and legal departments of a fintech bank, and many years of experience as a commercial lawyer acting as external counsel on a large number of transaction.



**Kenneth
Farrugia**

CEO | MFSA

Kenneth Farrugia, CEO of the MFSA and Chairman of the FIAU, is a Certified Public Accountant with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) and an MA in Business Ethics.

He previously served as Director of the FIAU, where he led major reforms in AML/CFT supervision, enforcement, and intelligence analysis. Prior to that, he spent nine years in the Government of Malta's Internal Audit and Investigations Department, where he held various leadership roles.



**Alfred
Zammit**

DIRECTOR | FIAU

Alfred Zammit, has been the Director of the FIAU since December 2023, having joined the Unit in 2010.

He provides strategic direction and ensures compliance with Maltese law and international standards, represents the FIAU in global forums like the Egmont Group, EU FIU Platform, and the European Banking Authority's AML Committee, and serves as a Moneyval assessor.

Mr Zammit holds a B.Com. (Hons) in Management and Economics from the University of Malta and has experience with the Central Bank of Malta and the private sector.

The Speakers



**Roberta
Avellino
Pulé**

SENIOR CONSULTANT | SHOULDER

Roberta is an experienced lawyer with years of professional experience in the public sector as well as the private sector focusing on Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, and anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism.

Her professional experience comprises working with the Government of Malta within the educational and social policy spheres, the University of Malta, and the U.S. Embassy in Malta. Roberta regularly serves as an examiner and research supervisor in Public Law and International Law within the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta.



**Reuben
Portanier**

ADVISORY PARTNER | GTG

Reuben Portanier is an Advisory Partner at GTG, specialising in regulatory, fintech, and gaming sectors.

Mr Portanier advised the Government of Malta on Gaming Policy and European Regulatory policy, as a member of the European Commission's Expert Group.

A former CEO of the Malta Gaming Authority, Mr Portanier has extensive experience in mergers, compliance, and business consulting, and holds degrees in Economics and Financial Services Law from the University of Malta.



**Jon
Cassano**

INFORMATION SECURITY
CONSULTANT | SHOULDER

Jonathan is an IT professional with 30+ years of experience across finance, insurance, retail, and manufacturing industries.

Having a technical background which evolved into IT management, he assists companies with ICT strategy and governance, focusing on cybersecurity transformation initiatives that mitigate cyber risks.

Jonathan holds CEH and CISSP certifications, blending both technical and leadership skills to protect organisations by aligning security with business goals.

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