



Newsletter for members of the Russell Bedford International network

## Three more members join our growing network

### IAS Consulting Group joins the network in Russia



We are pleased to announce the strengthening of the network's representation in Russia with the addition of Moscow firm "Informauditservice" (IAS).

Established in 1992, IAS is a multi-discipline banking and consulting group that provides a full range of professional services in the financial sphere, including bookkeeping, auditing, business consulting, corporate finance, valuation, tax, legal services and outsourcing. [Read more...](#)

*The partners of IAS Consulting Group:  
Mikhail Bryukhanov (top) and Viatcheslav Yanenko.*

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## Forero Gordón & Asociados joins as first full member in Panama

Welcome to Forero Gordón & Asociados who join the network in Panama.

Founded in 1985 by current managing partner Rogelio Forero Gordón and accounting partner Gabriel Forero Gordón, the firm has grown to a three-partner practice with two associates and a team of professional and administrative staff. [Read more...](#)



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## Idea Asesores increases network presence in Spain



Our network has further strengthened its presence in Spain with the addition of Málaga firm Idea Asesores.

Founded in 2000, Idea Asesores is a multi-discipline consulting firm headed by senior partner Juan Macías and with the support of audit director Ana Pérez and tax director Rocío Luna.

[Read more...](#)

*The partners of Idea Asesores (clockwise):  
Juan Macías, Rocío Luna and Ana Pérez.*

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# Managers & Young Partners Meeting 2017

## Registration is open for meeting in Budapest, Hungary

Registration is now open for the Russell Bedford International Managers & Young Partners Meeting 2017. The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Budapest City Center, Budapest, Hungary on 1 - 2 December 2017. To register, please visit the Conference page of the website or the Events section of the Global Intranet.

[Read more...](#)



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## Russell Bedford Americas Conference

### Save the dates: 25-28 January 2018



We are pleased to announce that the Russell Bedford Americas Conference 2018 will be held in Houston, USA on 25-28 January 2018.

The event will commence with the COIBE (Ibero-American Committee) Meeting (in Spanish), which starts with lunch on Thursday 25 January and concludes at lunchtime on Friday 26. The Americas Conference (in English) begins with lunch on Friday 26 and finishes with breakfast on Sunday 28 January.

More details on the venue, programme and registration information will follow soon.

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## Just released: Business World September 2017

The latest edition of our twice-yearly Business World magazine is now available [here](#).

Business World delivers views and analysis written by specialists from within the Russell Bedford network, together with guest authors from various other organisations from around the world.

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## Steven Tan Russell Bedford appoints two new partners



Russell Bedford Steven Tan PAC has expanded to a five-partner practice with the appointment of Eugene YIO and KI Lian Heng.

Eugene and Ki have, between them, over 30 years of experience in audit and assurance, both spending a number of years with a Big-4 firm. [Read more...](#)

*New Steven Tan Russell Bedford partners, Eugene YIO and KI Lian Heng*

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# Webinar: Technology is Reshaping Audit

***Led by Kyle Gibbons and Sandeep Shrestha of Confirmation.com***

Thank you to all of those who participated in our webinar on how technology is reshaping the world of audit. A very interesting session on why audit firms need to embrace change in order to keep up with clients' expectations. We hope you found it beneficial.

For those of you who could not attend the webinar, please note that the webinar recording and presentation notes are available on the business development section of the intranet [here](#). Please ensure that you have logged into the intranet before clicking on the link, and if you need a reminder of your login details please do get in touch.

If you would like more information on confirmation.com, please contact Susan Barron at [susan.barron@russellbedford.com](mailto:susan.barron@russellbedford.com) for further details.

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# Global Accounting Update

## *A round-up of updates and commentary on new standards, regulations and ethical issues*

### [ICAEW: Extended Audit Report](#)

Globally, we are at the start of the conversation for extended auditor reporting with revised and new auditor reporting ISAs implemented for accounting periods ending after 15 December 2016. This paper aims to help preparers and users of extended auditor reports in the UK and overseas to implement and understand them.

### [The Professional Accountant's Mindset and Tackling Corruption](#)

Over two-thirds (69%) of the 176 countries rated on the Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index 2016 scored below 50 out of 100 (0 is perceived to be extremely corrupt and 100 is perceived to be completely clean). Tanya Barman, Associate Director, Ethics, Chartered Institute of Management Accountant, discusses the journey towards tackling global corruption.

### [Accountants, Skills & Cybersecurity](#)

Accountants have a number of skills that are relevant in cybersecurity, Lisa Traina, partner at Traina & Associates, discusses the skills that can help with ongoing cyber monitoring.

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## **More news:**

### **Interview with Russell Bedford CEO Stephen Hamlet featured in Russian press**

Following Russell Bedford's recent appointment of Moscow based consultancy group IAS, Stephen Hamlet, Russell Bedford International's CEO, shares his own view on the recent recruitment in an interview with Russian publication i24, featured [HERE](#). An English translation is provided [HERE](#). [Read more...](#)

### **New IRS global compliance initiatives – impacting US businesses, and beyond**

Data-driven, global initiatives appear to have a new and unprecedented focus on the mid-market. [Read more...](#)

**Russell Bedford firm Hallidays acquires Kevin Pitchford & Co.**

Manchester member firm, Hallidays, has added over 120 clients to its portfolio through the acquisition of Stockport accounting practice, Kevin Pitchford & Co. [Read more...](#)

### **Asia Tour 2017: The importance of face-to-face meetings**

As part of his new role as CEO of Russell Bedford International, last month Stephen Hamlet embarked on a mini tour of Asia that saw him visit five locations in 12 days, en route to this year's Asia Pacific conference in Bangkok. [Read more...](#)

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### **Forthcoming conferences:**

#### **34th Annual Conference, Rome, 18-22 October 2017**

Please ensure that you reserve your hotel room separately. Although the Parco dei Principi has sold all the rooms available on its own website, there are still some rooms available at the conference hotel via agencies such as [www.expedia.co.uk](http://www.expedia.co.uk) or MyPrivateTravel.com. Alternatively, the 5-star Aldrovandi Villa Borghese, is an 8-minute walk away.

Please refer to the conference or events page (links below) for further information.

#### **Managers & Young Partners Meeting, Budapest, 1-2 December 2017**

Registration is now open. Discounted fees are available for registrations received before **30 September**, after this date the standard rate will apply.

#### **North American Managing Partners Meeting, Nashville, 6-8 December 2017**

Further details and registration instructions will be available in due course.

#### **Americas Conference, Houston, 25-28 January 2018**

Further details and registration instructions will be available in due course.

Conference information is accessible, as usual, via the [Conference](#) page or the [Events](#) section of the Global Intranet. Please ensure that you have logged into the intranet before clicking on the 'Events' link. Please contact Central Office for a reminder of your username and password if necessary.

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## Russell Bedford - key facts and figures 2017:

- **More than 34 years of global service**
- **Top 20 global accounting network**
- **Approaching USD 500 million global fee income**
- **700 partners and over 5,000 staff**
- **Some 300 offices in almost 100 countries**

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