

RICS London

Property - Prospects, Prophecies, Policies and Profits!

RICS, Parliament Square, London 15 March 2011 from 1000 – 1500

1000 - Registration opens - Coffee, tea and water available

1030 - Welcome - Conference Chairman - Alun Oliver FRICS

1045 - 1130

Macro Economic Overview - The Bumpy Road to Recovery

Speaker: Simon Rubinsohn, RICS

Simon Rubinsohn is the Chief Economist for the RICS. He is responsible for leading the economics and research team in providing timely analysis of developments in both the commercial and residential property markets as well as in the construction industry. He is also responsible for delivering the RICS suite of high profile surveys measuring sentiment in different segments of the property market, helping to develop RICS policy positions alongside the External Affairs team and is a regular media commentator. Prior to taking up this position, Simon was Senior Strategist for Barclays Wealth, and has also previously lectured in economics.

Topics will include:

- The prospects for the global economy
- The ability of the UK economy to withstand the policy tightening now under way
- The impact of the 'bumpy road' on the commercial and residential property markets

1130 - 1215

Overview of the UK and international policy landscape – hopes and threats for real estate Speaker: Peter Cosmetatos, British Property Federation

Peter is Director of Policy (Finance) at the British Property Federation, where he is responsible for formulating and articulating industry views on finance, tax and regulatory matters, ranging from the promotion of Tax Increment Finance (TIF) and REITs to trying to protect the industry from European financial regulation. He previously worked as a tax lawyer in the City with a particular focus on property finance.

The following topics will be covered:

- UK tax policy developments following the change of government (including TIF, REITs, EPR and CRC)
- EC initiatives for financial regulation (the AIFM Directive and regulation of derivatives)
- Changes to lease accounting

1215 - 1315 Buffet Lunch

1315 - 1400

VAT - Minimising costs and avoiding costly errors

Speaker: Martin Scammell, E³Consulting

Martin is a self-employed VAT consultant working, in particular, with property taxation specialists E³ Consulting and with several London law firms. He has largely specialised in property and construction issues for the last 25 years, first in VAT Policy in Customs & Excise, and subsequently at Ernst & Young and more recently as head of indirect tax at Eversheds.

VAT can make an enormous difference to project costs, but the rules are often illogical, and the details can make all the difference. Martin will guide us through the issues:

- Commercial development making sure of VAT recovery
- Care homes and student accommodation some special problems
- Residential projects getting the benefits of reliefs
- Landlord and tenant opportunities and traps

1400 - 1445

Capital Allowances and Land Remediation – Optimise Your Profitability, Minimise Tax! Speaker: Alun Oliver, E³Consulting

Alun is Managing Director of E³ Consulting, a firm of Property Taxation Specialists, he has nearly 20 years experience of generating valuable tax savings on both Commercial and residential property developments through a combination of Capital Allowances, Land Remediation and Repairs & Maintenance.

Property tax is too often a project after thought, or surprisingly NEVER considered at all. Taking timely advice on the availability and quantum of the different tax incentives and allowances can make a difference on projects proceeding or languishing on the drawing board! Alun will also highlight the recent changes to these complex areas of property tax.

1445 - 1500 Questions & Answers





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