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# CRCA 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Confidence in Compliance—The Corporate Advantage in a Changing Market



10-11 November 2008  
Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, Trinidad  
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**TODAYS HEADLINES UNDERSCORE NEED FOR DILIGENT COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS -  
"FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR A TRAINWRECK"**

**CRCA Compliance Conference to Address the Continuing Turmoil in the Global  
Financial Services Sector**

September 19, 2008 – Toronto, Ontario – The headlines say it all:

***"FED Takes Tough Line"***

***"Merrill, Others Ignored Bears"***

***"Canadian Banks Face Exposure"***

***"Everyone is wondering who is next?"***

From the ABPS debacle, to flawed credit instruments issued by overzealous financial firms, the financial services sector is in turmoil. Not since the crash of 1929, have the markets taken such a beating and this many major banks collapsed under the weight of over-leveraging.

Professor Jeremy Siegel, of the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, put it rather succinctly when he commented in a recent editorial in the National Post, that much of the blame should also be placed on the US regulatory agencies, including the Federal Reserve, for not sounding a warning. But, in that same editorial, he also comments that he thinks that the worst is over despite the most recent AIG buyout by the Feds.

He says that it is easy to be pessimistic about the future of financial services in the current climate. But, objective facts indicate that the future demand for these services will be high. Looking beyond past losses, the demand for financial services, especially internationally, has been strong. The growth of the developing countries combined with the ageing population in the developed countries, will lead to huge international capital flows that will be facilitated by the new and existing financial intermediaries.

The need for competent and highly skilled compliance professionals will continue to grow as the industry evolves and expands.

While all of this is good news for the compliance professional, it also underscores the need for continuing education and diligence of best practices in this area.

In response to the current economic situation and taking a page right out of the headlines, **CRCA (Caribbean Regional Compliance Association)** has designed their annual conference, taking place in **Trinidad, November 10 and 11, 2009** to address these issues and provide a "best in class" continuing education program for compliance professionals.

**Topics include:**

- "Compliance Risk Associated with Insurance Products" by noted international speaker Roxanne Ford of ALGICO,
- "The Cost of Counterfeiting", lead by Robert Duncan, head of the Brand Enforcement Group, British American Tobacco Association

- "The Implications of Basel II in the Caribbean" – a hard hitting look at how Basel II rules will be applied in more than 100 countries with speaker George Lekatis
- "Emerging Threats for the Caribbean Jurisdictions" – delivered by eminent speaker Robert Mathavious, head of the BVI Financial Services Commission and noted Caribbean statesman
- "Compliance Risk in the Evolution of Investment Products and Services" – Barbara Tannock of Alpha Consulting will provide an in-depth examination of this "in the moment" topic

Capping off the conference will be a keynote address and opportunity to exchange questions with **Richard Berkhout of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**.

Richard will address the conference on the FATF's revised mandate and what this means to the Caribbean region, the FATF's position on Building Capacity in Low Capacity Countries and how the FATF is building a framework for consultations with the private sector. A not to be missed speaker, this will be his only Caribbean engagement this year.

Set to run at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, the conference will also include an optional communications workshop offered on November 12 , a Basel II – 3 Day Training Course November 12 – 14 and CAMS Preparation Seminar and Examination. For more information and to register for one of a limited number of delegate positions left, please visit the website at [www.crcaconference.com](http://www.crcaconference.com)

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