

# iGAMING MEETS THE MALTESE CAPITAL MARKET

28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

09:00HRS

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## OVERVIEW

Participants will be afforded insights into how the Maltese Capital Markets can help fuel the iGaming industry's further growth and meet its financing needs. With Malta being one of the EU's fastest growing economies, an ever larger pool of capital and savings can be used to finance at least parts of the country's iGaming sector's needs. Likewise Maltese law and accounting firms offer an excellent and financially advantageous solution for iGaming companies looking to list on the Malta Stock Exchange or within the EU. Participants will learn how the Malta Stock Exchange offers a well-regulated and highly cost effective listing solution. The seminar will offer an opportunity for iGaming executives to delve into the regulatory, tax and financing aspects of listing and raising capital in Malta.

Participation for this seminar is free, however advanced registration is required.

# AGENDA

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- 09:00 - 09:40** Registration
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- 09:40 - 09:50** Mr Joseph Portelli - Chairman Malta Stock Exchange
- 09:50 - 10:00** Mr Joseph Cuschieri - Chairman Malta Gaming Authority
- 10:00 - 10:10** The Hon Prof Edward Scicluna - Finance Minister
- 10:10 - 10:30** Dr James Scicluna - WH Partners  
**Gaming and Capital Markets, context and opportunities**
- 10:30 - 10:50** Mr Bonavent Gauci - PwC  
**Preparedness for Listing**
- 10:50 - 11:10** Dr Michael Psaila - MAMO TCV  
**Regulatory aspects of raising capital in Malta**
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- 11:10 - 11:40** Break
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- 11:40 - 12:00** Mr Karl Micallef - Curmi & Partners  
**The role of a listing agent and sponsor**
- 12:00 - 12:40** Panel discussion  
**Malta - A Gaming and Capital Markets solution**
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- 12:40** Closing
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# SPEAKERS

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## JAMES SCICLUNA - WH PARTNERS

James Scicluna is a Maltese Advocate and a Solicitor of the Senior Court of England and Wales. James provides advice mainly to the Gaming, Financial Services, Real Estate and Hospitality industries. After being awarded the Chevening Scholarship by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 2004, he graduated with an LLM Summa Cum Laude in International Business Law from University College London. He holds a Doctor of Law and a B.A. in Law & Sociology from the University of Malta. James ranks as one of the top 50 gaming & gambling lawyers by Chambers & Partners. He also lectures Gaming Law at the University of Malta.



## MICHAEL PSAILA – MAMO TCV

Michael Psaila graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2004 after submitting a doctoral thesis entitled 'The Raising and Maintenance of Capital'. He furthered his studies at King's College London, where he obtained a Masters of Law degree in Corporate and Commercial Law. Michael was called to the bar in January 2005 and was a partner at Simon Tortell & Associates since the firm was founded in May 2009 until it merged with Mamo TCV in July 2016. Michael's main areas of practice include banking and finance, capital markets, corporate and insolvency law. He is a member of the Chamber of Advocates, the Institute of Financial Services Practitioners and the International Bar Association and is also recommended in most major legal directories.



## BONAVENT GAUCI - PwC

Bonavent Gauci joined the firm in 2000 after reading for a Bachelor of Accountancy at the University of Malta. After four years in the Assurance service line, he moved to the Advisory practice in 2005. Bonavent specialises in corporate finance, strategic business advisory, valuations, feasibility studies, mergers and business recovery. His client portfolio covers a wide range of industries including financial services, online gaming, property development, telecommunications and energy. Bonavent leads the valuation team responsible for complex financial instruments and hard to value assets such as intellectual property. He also co-ordinates The PwC €1 million Start up Fund, a PwC Malta initiative aimed to assist start-up companies. In 2009, Bonavent graduated from Warwick Business School with distinction obtaining a Master's degree in Business Administration specialising in corporate finance and strategic management.



## KARL MICALLEF - Curmi & Partners

Currently an executive director at Curmi & Partners and a member on the boards and investment committees of a number of entities regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority. Karl joined Curmi & Partners Ltd in 2001 working within the research division covering equities. In September 2001, after completing his formal education with a Master's degree in Financial Services, Karl successfully achieved the CFA qualification and became a member of the CFA UK Society. Karl is currently involved with portfolio management services for institutions and high net worth individuals. His main areas of expertise are Insurance, Pensions and Trusts. Prior to joining Curmi & Partners, Karl worked within the Investments Division of Middlesea Group and was a member of the Investment Committee responsible for the management of the investment portfolios of both Middlesea Insurance and Middlesea Valletta Life Assurance.

