

TIAG CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

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FIRM PROFILE

Aska & Co. is a middle-sized audit firm in Japan with its offices located in Tokyo and Osaka. Aska & Co. currently has five partners and ten CPAs. It was established in April 1986, and, since then, it has provided audit services and advisory services for both listed companies and companies "going public" with high reputations, some of which are worldwide businesses.

Aska & Company has collaborated with the TAGLaw member firm in Tokyo, South Toranomom Law Office, on a complex matter involving the incorporation of a non-profit organization for recycling of small rechargeable batteries. The organization has more than 200 clients including, Matsushita Battery, Sanyo, Sony, NEC, Ericson, and other giants in the electronics industry.



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The TIAG contact is partner Shinya Miyakawa. Miyakawa-san joined Tohmatsu Awoki & Co. in 1970 (now called "Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu") and he worked there for 10 years. He then joined a wholly-owned Japanese subsidiary of Baltimore-based corporation where he worked as the controller for 14 years and then as CFO for 7 years prior to joining Aska & Co.

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FIRM PROFILE

Boisjoli has symbolized accounting excellence since 1920. This tradition continues today with Boisjoli Sabbag, which resulted from the 1982 merger of Boisjoli, Houghton and Co. and Courtois, Ziri, Malka. The firm has a solid reputation for knowledge of financial matters. The Boisjoli Group favors a dynamic, global management approach based on solutions, which are developed in cooperation with our clients in order to prepare realistic and effective expansion plans. Proactive and focused on the future, the Boisjoli Group concentrates on preparing for the future needs of its clients, through their emphasis on communication and dialogue. The Group's associates, who specialize in a variety of fields, work in a complementary, homogenous manner to meet the needs of their clients in a wide variety of fields. The Boisjoli Group is committed to the ongoing training and development of its personnel. Their experts keep up with the latest information so as to meet the constantly growing needs of their clients. The Group's team members love challenges and apply their professional expertise to finding solutions to the most complex situations. They are focused on maintaining the highest standards of excellence in their efforts to satisfy their clients and improve their profitability.



Joseph Suissa

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Mr. Suissa runs the Taxation Department and has been a partner at Boisjoli Sabbag since 1996. As a specialist in tax planning and corporate reorganizations, he assists both individuals and businesses with tax planning, estate planning, business purchase/sale planning, and claims for R&D tax credits. After gaining practical experience with various international accounting firms, he spent a number of years teaching in taxation at McGill University and for the continuing education program of the Quebec Order of Chartered Accountants. Mr. Suissa has published articles on taxation and given a number of presentations, notably to the Tax and Financial Planning Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and completed the In-Depth Tax Program with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Suissa is a husband and a father of two who enjoys downhill skiing, cycling and singing. He is actively involved in improving his community, notably by helping to organize fundraising campaigns for various charity and community organizations.



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Michel Sabbag is a TIAG Advisory Board member. He is known for his extensive experience in mergers & acquisitions, strategic planning, and management consulting. He works with a wide range of leading businesses in Canada, the United States, and overseas, and is highly appreciated for his exceptional dedication. His international expertise and leadership is what earned him a seat on the TIAG advisory board. Mr. Sabbag holds an economics degree from the University of Aix en Provence, France and a finance degree from University of Montreal (École des Hautes Études Commerciales). He speaks French and English. A husband and a father of three, Mr. Sabbag is a dedicated volunteer who plays an important role in a number of major community organizations. His favorite hobbies include fishing, cross-country skiing, jogging, and swimming.

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Since the firm's foundation in the seventies, Bové Montero y Asociados has firmly believed and invested in the future of their clients. Their success has depended and continues to depend on their future.

Being one of the first and principal national firms in auditing, tax and legal consultancy and assessment, the firm's aim is to be at their client's side, to offer a quality multidisciplinary and trust service, independent of their client's company's activity or size. Through the offices in Barcelona, Madrid and Palma de Mallorca, with a professional team who specialise in various fields and constantly keep up to date with the most modern technical means, Bové Montero y Asociados can provide the right service, when and where their clients need it.

At Bové Montero y Asociados, we speak your language. In order to help you, we need to first understand you and make ourselves understandable to you. Among our staff, you will find professionals who can communicate in German, French, English and Italian. Language will not be a barrier for your business in Spain.



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Secundino Urcera, born in 1959, married, with a child, has a degree in Economics (University of Valencia) and he is a Chartered Accountant.

Partner of the Firm since 1989, Secundino Urcera has combined his career as a chartered accountant with his interest in anything relating to new technologies applied to business administration, accountancy and auditing. In this field, he has represented the Instituto de Auditores Censores Jurados de Cuentas de España (Spanish Institute of Chartered Accountants) in diverse national and international working parties.

At present time, he is a member of the International Innovation Network, an entity that comprises auditing and accounting institutes from more than 20 countries with the aim of sharing and developing ideas and new products offered by and to their members: WebTrust, SysTrust, continuous audit, etc.

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For more than 50 years, BrookWeiner has been helping our clients achieve their financial goals. As a Chicago-based, full-service certified public accounting and business consulting firm, BrookWeiner is well qualified to assist with tax and accounting challenges, as well as a host of other business and personal financial services.

Look to BrookWeiner for estate planning, financial planning, business consulting, valuation services, risk assessment, litigation services, and more. We have a great depth of experience working closely with individuals, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations across a wide range of industries.

Our diverse professional staff is well qualified to provide expert technical skills and business acumen our clients need. At the same time, we remain small enough to offer the one-on-one attention so often lacking in business today. At BrookWeiner, we are dedicated to providing timely, independent accounting and tax services of the highest caliber. We approach every engagement with a commitment to excellence, innovation, and integrity. Trust BrookWeiner to provide the guidance, solutions, and services you need to turn your financial goals into reality.

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Sherwin provides tax, business consulting, risk assessment and legal support services for numerous corporate and individual clients. He represents clients in the financial services, real estate, and professional services industries. Mr. Brook has acted as special advisor to legal counsel on numerous matters. He has over 30 years of experience in public accounting. His career includes five years in the Financial Services Audit Division of Arthur Andersen & Co. and two years with Touche Ross & Co. (now Deloitte Touche). He then partnered with a friend, Sheldon Weiner, and formed the firm of Weiner & Brook, eventually merging it into the firm that is now BrookWeiner. Through the years, Sherwin has successfully handled and resolved accounting issues and provided professional advice for a broad spectrum of clients.

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FIRM PROFILE

CF & Co., L.L.P. has been serving the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the Southwest for nearly fifty years. We are a full service public accounting firm providing auditing, tax, accounting, and management consulting services. Our firm is consistently ranked as one of the larger accounting firms in the Dallas area by the Dallas Business Journal.

CF & Co., L.L.P. is a member of the AICPA Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center (EBPAQC). Our firm is committed to audit quality in the critical area of employee benefit plans. We are also registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and is a member of the Center for Public Company Audit Firms of the AICPA. The PCAOB will inspect our public company audit practice every three years. As a member of the SEC Practice Section, we undergo peer reviews every three years for compliance with the highest professional standards. Like an audit, a peer review is conducted by outside CPAs who evaluate our controls and procedures to provide quality accounting and audit services. In each of our reviews, we have received an unmodified ("clean") opinion.



J. Tom Connor

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Mr. Connor is a Partner of CF & Co., L.L.P, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants primarily in the tax department. Tom has thirty five years experience in public accounting, principally in federal and state taxation and management consulting and he has served as an expert witness in a major litigation. Tom is licensed to practice in Texas.

Tom earned his BBA in 1970 from the University of North Texas. He joined CF & Co., LLP in 1976 after working for a regional accounting firm.

Tom is a member of the AICPA, TSCPA, the Dallas Chapter of the TSCPA, and CPAmerica International. He has been an instructor for the University of North Texas PDI Institute.

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Managing information, anticipating change, piloting development, improving performance: such are manager's and shareholder's priorities. They are the heart of Conseil Audit & Synthèse's mission.

Since 1980, their team of professionals have put their methodologies and relevant principles into practice in order to serve independent companies or subsidiaries of groups, either French or international. Chartered accountants, authorized statutory auditors, consultants in strategy and financial structuring, Conseil Audit & Synthèse's staff apply the highest standards in auditing, accounting and consulting, in accordance with the most demanding legal and regulatory environment. Always with technical perfection in mind.

Masters of their "art", the firm's consultants have learned to go beyond their technique to put a lot into the quest of innovating solutions, alongside the company's management and shareholders. Strong from the richness of their experiences, they demonstrate their ability to adapt to a client's environment and to get involved in the success of their client's plans to imagine new ways, which always are practical. Imagination serves the creation of value.



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Tracing its origins to 1983, Corbin & Company represents a diverse clientele in the manufacturing, distribution, high technology, real estate, construction, medical, dental professional services, financial services and non-profit industries.

The firm maintains a unique position in a highly competitive marketplace. Each of our partners and managers have extensive Big Five experience and technical expertise. They possess strong local market knowledge and are committed to an intimate working relationship with each client. Supported by an accomplished staff of accounting professionals, the partners of Corbin & Company are committed to rendering professional services at the highest standards of the public accounting profession at competitive market rates. In addition, each of our Certified Public Accountants (CPA's) are licensed by the California Board of Accountancy.



Kendall Merkley

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Mr. Merkley has been practicing in the public accounting industry since 1985. Prior to joining Corbin & Company, he spent over 13 years at Arthur Andersen. He was in the Enterprise Group where he served entrepreneurial middle market companies. His experience in coordinating audit engagements and consulting with business owners is extensive, particularly in the manufacturing, distribution, service, high technology, real estate and financial services industries. Mr. Merkley has broad experience with SEC 1933 and 1934 Act Filings. His business consulting experience includes acquisition consulting, transaction due diligence, internal audit outsourcing, inventory costing and controls and internal control review, evaluation and implementation.

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FIRM PROFILE

Since our founding in 1968, we have consistently offered an alternative to traditional accounting firms. From a modest beginning with three partners and five staff members, we have grown into a responsive, mid-size organization. An exceptional accounting firm has evolved, which combines the best qualities of both large and small firms - a full range of technical expertise along with a commitment to personal service and attention to all clients.

Our services include:

- Accounting and Auditing – public and private
- Tax Planning and Preparation
- Management Advisory Services
- Business Planning, Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation Support, Operational Analysis, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning and Consulting
- Personal Financial Planning
- Business Technology Consulting
- Business Needs Analysis and Process Reengineering, Accounting/Business Management Software Analysis, Selection, Implementation and Customization, Local and Wide Area Network and Network Security Consulting



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EDUCATION: Kenyon College, Syracuse University; New York University Graduate School of Business Administration

AREA OF EXPERTISE: Information Technology, closely held companies

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); The New York State Society of CPA's (NYSSCPA): Board of Directors, Committee on Committee Operations.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: Recipient of the Foundation for Accounting Education's Outstanding Discussion Leader Award. In the November 1999 issue of Accounting Technology Magazine, was the featured Accounting Technologist. In 2001, Mr. Frank became one of the first CPA's to earn the AICPA's Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) designation.

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Willy de Neef, the managing director of the company. He was born in Buggenhout in 1945. In 1985 he founded his own audit firm in Sint- Niklass after having worked in an internationally oriented audit firm in Antwerp. Over the years the audit firm has grown from 4 people to 18 people working in audit, accounting and tax departments. The clients of the company are from the multinational companies, public institutions, hospitals and high schools. Mr. De Neef is also a teacher at the Economical High School EHSAL in Brussels, teaching courses such as consolidation, deep financial analysis of companies and the valuation of companies. In this respect he is also often asked to be a guest speaker at seminars regarding the valuation of companies. He speaks fluent French, English and German.

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Top 30 accounting firm, DTE Professional Services Group, is among the UK's fastest growing accountancy and advisory firms, with a full service offer that reflects deep expertise, intense commitment to clients' success and strong entrepreneurial values.

With a significant presence based principally in England's three main cities of London, Manchester and Birmingham, DTE has become a national practice with international expertise, providing the following services: Audit and Advisory, Tax Consultancy, Forensic Accounting, Corporate Finance, Risk and Financial Management services, Corporate Strategies, Corporate Recovery, Simple Debt Solutions, and DTE Support.



Tim Beard

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Tim has nearly 20 years experience of forensic accounting, having been a founder member at two of the 'big 4' forensic accounting practices in Manchester. In the last 10 years, his experience has predominantly been with medium/large commercial expert witness matters ranging from small to multi-million pound cases. He also has substantial experience of fraud and other investigative work.

Tim is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. In 1996, he was appointed by the European Union to work in Sierra Leone to undertake a review of claims for damages arising from civil and military disturbances in that country. Tim has experience of giving evidence in court and frequently lectures to the legal profession.

Tim is married with two daughters and is a regular mountain biker. His other interests include rallying and watching football.



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Andrew has nearly 20 years Corporate Finance experience which includes debt and equity fund raising, commercial due diligence, management buyouts, acquisitions, mergers, demergers and disposals. Andrew is a Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA) and a member of the Securities and Investment Institute. Having completed transactions on OFEX, AIM, the main market of the London Stock Exchange and on the International Eurobond markets and PFI deals, he is also accomplished in dealing with large public transactions.

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Paul Reeves

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Paul has over 14 years experience in the insolvency arena. With responsibility for business development, he advises company directors on all matters relating to business rescue and recovery. He brings valuable expertise to deals involving commercial property angles, particularly for banks and other chargeholders.

Paul is a former Chartered Surveyor and qualified Insolvency Practitioner.

Paul enjoys golf and football and supports Manchester United FC. He lives with his wife and 3 children.



Keith Train

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Prior to taking up the role of Group Managing Director, Keith handled a diverse range of entrepreneurial clients and held a number of directorships in companies across a wide spectrum of sectors.

Sport has always been important to Keith. After playing rugby for Rochdale, he later developed an interest in both mountain pursuits and long distance running and completed the first marathon run at high level on Mount Everest. He is now a keen mountain biker.

In the years that Keith has devoted to raising substantial funds for the Variety Club, he has developed a number of close contacts from television, theatre and sport.

Keith is probably the first port of call for international connections.

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FIRM PROFILE

Founded in 1939, Fiduciaire Fernand Kartheiser & Cie is perhaps the oldest accounting firm in Luxembourg. The firm has 27 employees and 5 partners, and a number of its partners have previous experience at major international firms. The company provides a number of services, foremost being its accounting services, tax advisory, payroll services, domiciliation services, audit and financial planning. Almost a third of its work comes from international clients.



Roland De Cillia

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Partner

- Born on March 16th, 1968 in Luxembourg
- Single
- Degree in economics from Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in 1995
- Working in audit department of Fiduciaire Montbrun, Luxembourg from 1995 to 2000, and from 2000 to 2002 for BDO
- In the end of 2002, I took together with 2 former colleagues, Jeannot Diderrich and Romain Wagner the majority of the parts of Fiduciaire Kartheiser, an middle-sized accountant and auditing company
- Specialized in taxes and luxemburgish holding and Soparfi companies
- Leisure: snowboarding, table tennis, traveling, books



Jeannot Diderrich

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Partner

- Born on March 27th, 1973 in Luxembourg
- Married, one daughter
- Degree in economics from Université Louis Pasteur (Strasbourg) in 1996
- Working in audit department of Fiduciaire Montbrun, Luxembourg from 1996 to 1999; accounting and finance department of PAUL WURTH SA from 1999 to 2001; from 2001 to 2002 working at "Entreprise des Postes et Télécommunications Luxembourg" (regulator department)
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Fishbein & Company, P.C., is a diversified public accounting firm engaged in virtually all aspects of the profession. For approximately fifty years, they have provided responsive, high quality specialized services in a variety of areas at a competitive cost.

Every client is important to them. The hallmark of the firm is exceptional personal service that flows from working in a close relationship with each of their clients. Their service is based upon a thorough understanding of their clients' businesses, financial situations and goals. As a result, they respond quickly to developments and questions, providing easily-accessible financial and general management counsel.

A Fishbein & Company, P.C., professional has direct and continuing responsibility for each of their client relationships. They are members of the American Institute of CPAs and its Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Practice Section and Private Companies Practice Section. As an AICPA member, the firm's audit and accounting practice undergoes a comprehensive peer review every three years. Their adherence to their quality control systems received unqualified approval, confirming their observance of the accounting profession's highest standard. Their Professionals serve and have served on a myriad of committees, have lectured on topics of current and ongoing interest, and teach in area colleges.



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CPA, President

Alan joined Fishbein & Company more than 25 years ago and has served as the firm's president since 1999. Under his leadership, the firm has grown to become a leading regional accounting and business advisory firm. Focused on continued growth and profitability, Alan charts the firm's strategy and is actively involved with its implementation.

In addition to running the firm's day-to-day operations and seeking acquisition and growth opportunities, Alan provides corporate finance and strategic business consulting services to firm clients. He regularly consults on business management, finance and bankruptcy issues and advises clients on major business transactions including mergers, acquisitions and sales. He also heads up the firm's litigation support services.



Phil Steinberg

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Philip has more than 31 years of experience, all with Fishbein & Company. He has a solid history of success in providing integrated business solutions for his clients. He also oversees many of the firm's internal management initiatives as a member of its Executive Committee.

Philip's experience includes planning, administration and supervision of financial statement presentation; development and administration of qualified deferred compensation plans; and tax planning to privately held business in regards to:

- Business consulting
- Forecasts and projections
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Tax preparation and planning
- Various accounting and auditing services.

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Fitch Chartered Accountants - A company with heritage, experience and values that helps you, the entrepreneur, to make your vision a reality. Our sole objective is to provide innovative, timely and cost effective services to entrepreneurs.

Based in Belfast, with a presence in London W2, and an associated office in Kilkeel (Purdy Quinn Chartered Accountants), we work closely with our clients situated all over the United Kingdom, Ireland and beyond. We believe in setting the highest standards: we are regulated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, are members of the Chartered Institute of Taxation in the UK and have achieved the International Quality Standard ISO 9001.

Our close relationship with our clients provides an insight into a far wider range of business situations than is traditionally associated with an accountancy practice. As a result we seek to ensure that clients are kept abreast of the new opportunities which arise.

Our people are our greatest asset. At Fitch Chartered Accountants we work together as one team in order to provide a better service to our clients. We are a team of reliable, approachable and proactive accountants who will do more than just respond to your needs but work alongside you to help you succeed.



Michael Fitch

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Michael Fitch (42) is Managing Director of Fitch Chartered Accountants. He graduated in Law (LLB) from Queens University Belfast in 1986 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1990 having trained with KPMG. He became a partner in his family practice in 1991 at the age of 26 and became a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland in 1997.

Michael is the senior audit responsible individual in the practice working on clients with turnovers from a few million sterling to £50m sterling. He also advises on strategic planning issues, risk management, corporate tax planning and acquisitions and mergers. Clients include property companies, professional practices, motor and other retailers, interior designers, manufacturers, charities including a hospital and school and nursing homes.

Michael has a range of personal business interests and is currently deputy chairman of one of the UK's top 100 charities employing over 1000 people in UK, USA and India. He is married to Gillian and has four sons aged 4 to 13. He enjoys travel and skiing and is an active member of his local church.



Mark McNeill

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Mark is a director in Fitch Chartered Accountants having worked for the firm for 14 years. He graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSc (Hons) in Accounting in 1991, became a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland in 1995 and a member of the Institute of Taxation in 1997. Mark's main area of work is general practice including audit work for the larger clients, but as a Chartered Tax Adviser, he undertakes all personal and corporate tax planning work for the firm. Mark is a responsible individual for audit purposes and he is also responsible for staff training and recruitment.

Mark is 36 years old and is married with two children. He is a keen sportsman and has completed 2 marathons, a number of triathlons, enjoys golf and played gaelic football at intercounty level.

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The company was founded in 1974 by Dr. Rolf Grützmacher. From the beginning the philosophy of the firm was to render multi-professional high-level consulting services with a high degree of partner involvement. GGV is now a firm of lawyers, auditors, tax consultants and notaries in the legal form of a German partnership.



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Born in 1970, Wirtschaftsprüfer, Steuerberater.

Study of business administration in Jena. Eight years experience in the enterprise division of Arthur Andersen, Frankfurt office, specialised in audit, tax advice and consultancy of medium-sized companies.

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A full-service public accounting firm advising and assisting our clients with their accounting, tax, financial and strategic planning needs. At Greenstein, Rogoff, Olsen & Co., LLP, we specialize in private corporations and high net-worth individuals.

Since 1964, our partners have advised hundreds of entrepreneurs in building their companies and preserving their wealth. Our clients participated in building companies like America Online, Oracle, Sun Microsystems, Compaq, Macromedia, and Genentech. We also support clients in other industries such as entertainment, real estate and venture capital. Today, our firm is a leading Bay Area accounting practice with two offices (Fremont and Palo Alto) serving clients throughout the United States and Overseas.

Greenstein, Rogoff, Olsen & Co.'s wide variety of business experience is particularly suited to the small-to-medium size, closely held business and its owners. Our mission is to provide you with the tools and information necessary to achieve your long-term goals. At GROCO, we are trusted advisors and partners who carefully evaluate your complete financial and business objectives to provide you with strategic and innovative solutions that will positively impact your bottom line.



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Mark G. Child is the Firm Administrator for Greenstein, Rogoff, Olsen & Co., a 42 year old CPA firm in Fremont, California. Mark comes to GROCO with over 20 years of experience managing departments and developing marketing programs for companies of various sizes and growth stages. Mark has served in various management roles for firms in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, as well as for companies in New York City, and Utah, his home state. Most recently, Mark has been working with high tech startups in Silicon Valley, successfully launching several companies as well as scores of new products. Mark obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Utah and did his graduate work in New York City.

Mark joined GROCO in September of 2006 as its newest Director and will be responsible for managing their Marketing, HR and Operations.



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Hamill Spence O'Connell is a professional services practice with established specialist expertise in many areas and yet is of a size that enables us to give our clients the personal attention they require. In recognising that our clients know more about their businesses and financial affairs than anyone else, our service philosophy is based on keen listening and understanding. We combine our knowledge and experience with our understanding of our clients' business and financial affairs to provide valuable advice at all times.

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Client services also include the following areas:

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Founded in 1905, Mercer & Hole is a top 50 firm of chartered accountants in the UK, with around 16 partners and 140 staff. The firm works from 4 offices in London and the surrounding counties, providing audit & accountancy services, taxation and a wide range of niche services to corporate and private clients.

The philosophy of Mercer & Hole is to provide a personal, partner-led service to clients, with a high level of technical expertise. Clients have direct access both to the partner and managers who look after their affairs. Through growth and investment in the firm, Mercer & Hole has become one of the top firms in the country for taxation and insolvency work. Taxation is an area where Mercer & Hole has a superb reputation, with one of the premier tax practices in London. Two partners of Mercer & Hole are former presidents of The Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Mercer & Hole works for a range of business clients including start up firms, small to medium sized businesses and UK divisions of multi-national enterprises across a wide range of industries. Mercer & Hole also operates in a number of specialist sectors, for example providing services to not-for-profit organisations, pension schemes, the agricultural industry and to solicitors of firms. The firm has significant expertise in providing services to private clients, for example, high net worth individuals, directors of businesses, family trustees and owners of private estates.



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We advise private clientele in all aspects of taxation and tax planning. Our industrial and medium-sized business clients do business in the following sectors: Computer Hard- and Software, Management Consulting, Advertising, Incentive Traveling, Transport Logistics, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Building, Property and the Manufacturing Industries. We also advise international clientele wishing to establish a business and to set up operations in Germany.

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Our firm was founded in 1980 and has grown steadily to its present size. Currently it is made up of over thirty qualified professionals, their assistants and other support personnel.

Services: Bookkeeping, administrative consultancy, company consultancy, contractual advice, taxation consultancy, labour law consultancy, consultancy on international operations.

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Our fee policy guarantees an optimal cost-value ratio and takes into account the level of complexity of the assignment.

Highly skilled and motivated employees rank among the most important success factors for our firm. With 10 partners and roughly 60 employees we operate from our offices in Gümligen (Bern). Eight of our professionals are Swiss Chartered Accountants (CPA, eidg. dipl. Wirtschaftsprüfer) and two are Swiss Certified Tax Experts (eidg. dipl. Steuerexperte).

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Chartered tax expert, chartered accountant and financial controller, partner

Career: 1994-1998 Head of finance and accounting in a commercial group; qualified as a chartered accountant and financial controller; 1999-2002 Tax consultant in a major consultancy business
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2002 Joined T&R AG 2005 Partner

Activities: Tax consultancy, Management consultancy

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Activities: Tax consultancy; Management consultancy; Public services and NPO

Main consultancy areas: Direct taxation consultancy and planning; Company conversions and succession planning; Value added tax consultancy and planning; Value added tax auditing

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For the sake of permanent education and quality-maintenance, they are members of SRA (association of independent medium-sized auditors). The SRA takes care of peer-reviews, permanent education, develops and maintains an efficient audit-approach and keeps the firm informed about recent changes in their line of business.



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Married, three children

Basic education - engineer of machinery production economy Lithuanian

Auditor's licence since 1997. Work experience as auditor 9 years.

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Mehmet Ali Demirkaya was born February 20, 1976, in Kars, Turkey. He grew up in Adapazarı, Turkey, where his father worked as a teacher. He graduated from Istanbul University (Economy Faculty) with a bachelor's degree in 1999, then started to work as a CPA trainee in Report Yeminli Mali Musavirlik Ltd.Sti. He became a CPA in 2002. Mehmet took a one-year Languages Program at Bogazici University and converses well in English. He has worked for Ulusal Bagimsiz Denetim ve YMM A.S. since 2003. He has performed as Auditor and Manager of Independent Audit since 2005. His interests include archaeology, windsurfing and he enjoys traveling.

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The firm was established over thirty years ago, and has grown by developing and maintaining long-term relations with our clients and our community. We attribute our success to our clients and friends, and to our commitment to the following goals:

- Providing quality and timely services
- Training and retaining experienced professionals on our staff
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- Being accessible to clients and associates
- Meeting our client's changing needs



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Steven L. Tait is the managing partner and partner in charge of audit and accounting services. He has been a practicing Certified Public Accountant for over twenty-five years, eighteen of which have been with Walker & Armstrong, LLP.

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Mr. Tait has extensive audit and accounting experience with a wide variety of organizations, including manufacturers, distributors, construction, financial institutions, legal, medical and engineering professions, health care organization, retail operations, leasing companies, land development, counties, municipalities, Indian communities, housing authorities and nonprofit organizations.

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