



## Message from the Chairman



*by Jerome Wittamer*

*Dear members of LPEA,  
Dear readers,*

Allow me to close the year on a positive note. With the constant noise generated by media it would be easy to forget the **exceptional year for the European Private Equity industry** and the profound forces of progress at work in our economies. Among the many sources of development LPEA must outline the critical role played by Private Equity investors and the substantial amounts of positive energy our industry has continued to deploy in 2014 in contributing to make our companies more successful and ultimately make this world a better place. [\[READ FULL ARTICLE\]](#)



## Tax clearance and transfer pricing rules to change from January 1st 2015

*by Philippe Neefs*

«Two changes to the current Luxembourg Tax Law [...] may have



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critical implications for the Luxembourg Private Equity Community. [...] The present article analyses the new provision for the formalization of the tax clearance process and the new provisions with respect to Transfer Pricing rules» [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)



## Carried interest, a lot of discussions and debates, but what about accounting?

by *Olivier Jordant*

«When reviewing financial statements of PE funds in Luxembourg and abroad, it appears that the way carried interest is reflected is not consistent and very often does not help to provide a true and fair view of the financial situation of the fund.» [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)



## Update on the Luxembourg Accounting Law

by *LPEA's Accounting & Valuation Committee*

The European Directive 2013/34/EU recasting the IVth and VIth Accounting Directives was published on 26 June 2013. It must be transposed into Luxembourg legislation by 20 July 2015 and will be applicable to the annual accounts for financial years beginning on 1 January 2016. [...] Regarding the draft law 6718, the main changes are firstly on the format of annual accounts [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

## LPEA on the road: Roadshow in Munich

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LPEA Roadshow in Munich, December 9th

On December 9, 2014, the LPEA held its second roadshow in Munich under the title: "Luxembourg: Luxembourg als attraktive und dynamisch wachsende Plattform für Private Equity / Venture Capital Fonds", more than 50 professionals from the industry attending.

The panellists discussed amongst other topics, the Luxembourg PE business model, the Limited Partnership regime and presented the business case "ZBI Opportunity Real Estate".

LPEA would like to once again extend gratitude to all speakers:

- Anja Grenner, Associate Director | Business Development Alternative Assets, EY
- Hans-Jürgen Schmitz, Honorary President of the LPEA and Founding Partner of Mangrove Capital Partners
- Dr. Petra Eckl, Lawyer and Tax Consultant, GSK Stockmann + Kollegen
- Dr. Timo Bernau, Partner, GSK Stockmann + Kollegen,
- Klaus Fürstenberg, Former Board, ZBI Opportunity Real Estate GP S.A.
- Marcus Peter, Partner, Bonn & Schmitt
- Thomas Goergen, Managing Partner, Luxembourg Investment Solutions S.A.

as well as to our sponsors:

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LPEA's calendar of events for 2015 will be presented at the New Year's event.

## Members' News

Mangrove Capital Partners invests in [Rocket's home-cleaning venture Helping](#), in [Lesara - founded by serial entrepreneur Roman Kirsch](#) and makes a [partial exit of Nimbuzz to New Call Telecom](#).

Genii Capital completes a [landmark global property portfolio deal for nearly \\$1 billion](#) on behalf of Korean institutional investors.

groups and HNWI primarily in the context of cross-border transactions.

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January 26

New Year's Event **SAVE THE DATE**

LPEA welcomes all its members to the annual New Year's event for an informal networking gathering



February 6

[Polish & CEE Private Equity Conference](#)

One-day event with inspirational keynote speakers, enriching panel discussions, and valuable networking opportunities for top-tier professionals.

*Intercontinental Hotel in Warsaw, Poland*

*Special 30% discount to LPEA Members.*



Guillermo Morales from **GGM Capital** was recently [interviewed by Andy in Luxembourg](#).



Two LPEA members were awarded earlier this month in Paris during the Private Equity Exchange Awards. **PAI Partners** was awarded the Best Fundraising & Investor Relations and **CVC Capital Partners** the Best European Large LBO Fund. Congratulations to both!

## Market News & Insights

- [EVCA Response to ESMA Consultation on EuVECA Implementing Measures](#)
- [Release of discussion draft on the transfer pricing aspects of cross-border commodity transactions](#) (OECD)
- [LPs forecast next major economic downturn](#) (Real Deals)
- [Eltifs: grand goals for a humble fund structure](#) (Financial Times)
- [Buyout-backed employees "£10,000 worse off"](#) (Real Deals)
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**Paul Junck, Managing Director of LPEA**

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February 20

### [Iberian Private Equity Conference](#)

one-day event, joining top notch keynotes and highly experienced panellists mainly from Spain and Portugal.  
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February 23-26

### [Super Return International 2015](#)

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April 10

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