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## Insurance-Linked Investments – A Careful Look at the True Investment Case

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### After-Work Lectures on Asset and Investment Management

Series of lectures on current developments in Asset and Investment Management. Exchange of ideas from the professionals of Corporations, Banks, Asset Management, Investment and Insurance Companies, Financial Advisory Services, Tax Administration, Lawyers, Trustees, Fund Managers and Financial Auditors.

#### Abstract

Insurance and reinsurance companies are in the business of assuming event-driven risks from individuals and companies. A particularly difficult risk management challenge for the industry is posed by high severity, low probability events, so-called “cat events”. For instance, the risk of major earthquakes or hurricanes cannot be easily diversified.

In fact, in the mid 1990s, the available capital in the insurance and reinsurance industry for certain extreme loss scenarios was no longer sufficient to cover catastrophic events in a number of key regions. As a result, the industry was forced to explore new and more efficient ways of adequately backing peak risks and raising capital. This led to the development of the insurance-linked investments sector, which enables insurance and reinsurance companies to transfer the pure insurance risks to capital markets – and in turn allows financial market investors to invest in an interesting asset class with low correlation to traditional asset classes. But how does it actually work? How are such investments structured, what are the risks and market opportunities and how will the new Solvency II regime affect this market?

#### Speaker

Michael Stahel is a partner and portfolio manager at LGT Insurance-Linked Strategies in Switzerland and was key in LGT’s acquisition of Clariden Leu’s Insurance-Linked Investments boutique in 2012. In his current role, Michael maintains the responsibility for the main investment strategy for all insurance-linked funds and mandates at LGT Insurance-Linked Strategies. Prior to the team’s transfer to LGT Capital Management in June 2012, Michael served as head of the Insurance-Linked Investments department at Clariden Leu from 2006 until May 2012, performing the same role and building the current team. Before that, Michael spent eight years with Swiss Re in various positions in Zurich and London where he was involved in structuring insurance-linked securities and trading insurance risk derivatives on behalf of Swiss Re’s proprietary book. Michael holds a BA in Economics from the Zurich University of Applied Science and an MBA in Corporate Finance from Rochester University (New York).

**Discussion:** Feel free to submit questions in advance until Tuesday, 24 September 2013 to Mrs. Züger or Mrs. Cornal, Institute for Financial Services, T +423 265 13 48, [banking@uni.li](mailto:banking@uni.li).

## Programme

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### Welcome and Introduction

05.30 p.m. Ass.-Prof. Dr. *Georg Peter*, Chair in Business Administration, Banking and Financial Management, Institute for Financial Services, University of Liechtenstein, Vaduz

### Insurance-Linked Investments – A Careful Look at the True Investment Case

05.40 p.m. *Michael Stahel*, MBA, Partner, Insurance-Linked Strategies Portfolio Manager at LGT Capital Management, Pfäffikon

### Discussion

06.30 p.m. Chair: Ass.-Prof. Dr. *Georg Peter*

### Closing Words

06.45 p.m. *Michael Frommelt*, CFA, President of the Liechtenstein Society of Investment Professionals, Vaduz

### Apéro

07.00 p.m. A p é r o a n d E x c h a n g e o f I d e a s

## General Information

### Participants

Professionals from Corporations, Banks, Asset and Investment Management Companies, Insurance Companies, Financial Advisory Services, Tax Administration, Lawyers, Trustees, Fund Managers and Financial Auditors. Graduate and undergraduate students with interest in investments and finance.

### Location

University of Liechtenstein, Vaduz  
Lecture Room 1 (H1)

### Time

Thursday, 26 September 2013  
05.30 - 07.00 p.m.

### Fee

Free of charge. Advance registration required.

### Registration

For registration visit [www.uni.li/awl](http://www.uni.li/awl) or by fax +423 265 11 12

### Deadline for Registration

Tuesday, 24 September 2013

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