

PRESS RELEASE

BANKHALL LAUNCHES PACKED AUTUMN TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR FOR ADVISERS AND PRINCIPALS

Bankhall has launched its autumn events and training programme promising a wide range of topics that help both Advisers and Principals in the current climate and in their journey towards 2013.

Bankhall Managing Director IFA Services, David Golder said:

"In addition to surviving the current economic climate, IFAs have to study for qualifications and transition their business in readiness for 2013. Bankhall is supporting its members by hosting more events this autumn than ever before. During September, October and November Bankhall will be hosting 14 Adviser Forums, 10 Business Forums and over 85 Knowledge Forum training courses for its members. All of the content either relates to supporting their business now, preparing it for the future or providing them with qualifications support and guidance"

As part of the programme, the September Adviser Forums also include a special afternoon presentation. The purpose of this is to help Advisers develop their knowledge of the technical and advisory issues in respect of some of the retail products which will receive more regulatory focus in the post-RDR world. The sessions will focus in particular on how structured products and exchange traded funds work

Tony Carroll, Head of Compliance Services commented

"We know from our regular conversations with our clients that maintaining independent status is a key priority for their businesses in the post-RDR world. With this in mind we have responded to the FSA's proposals for a wider definition of independence with this timely and highly practical workshop to help IFAs maintain their status as the only source of unbiased advice."

Bankhall welcomes non-members to many of its events. Further information is available on www.bankhall.co.uk

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Notes to Editors

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- In a September 2008 member survey, 96% of respondents said that they would recommend Bankhall to another IFA (based on 506 responses).
- The average Bankhall member is male and 45 years old.
- Reflecting the wider IFA community, 78% of Bankhall member firms have between 1 and 5 Advisers working for them.
- Bankhall is a provider of support services, not a network. Established in 1993, it provides many of the benefits associated with a network, including compliance, technical and software support, but without the strings attached.
- Bankhall is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.
- With its base in Altrincham, Cheshire, Bankhall is now one of the largest suppliers of support services to financial advisers in the UK, with some 2,500 member firms comprising of more than 8,000 advisers.

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