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O'Melveny Brussels Office Hosts Directors Roundtable on Risks to Multinational Companies Arising from US Laws

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O'Melveny's Brussels office will host a Directors Roundtable event on December 10 from 4:30 - 6:00pm, followed by a cocktail reception hosted by partner **Riccardo Celli**, head of O'Melveny's Brussels office. Partners **Greta Lichtenbaum** and **Jeremy Maltby** will discuss the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, US Economic Sanctions Laws, and European-US Enforcement, alongside Peter Cromhout of PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory NV and José Hernandez of Freeh Group International.

Multinational companies are evaluating the changing global compliance and enforcement environment under the new US administration. Two important areas include the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and economic sanctions laws, which have key implications for both US and EU companies. This program will discuss what Boards of Directors need to consider as they manage risk and global corporate strategies.

Topics discussed will include:

- EU and US cooperation and (in some cases) conflict in the enforcement context
- Possible changes in direction for the new Obama Administration
- Lessons from Siemens' US\$1.6 billion anti-corruption fine, Lloyds TSB's US\$350 million economic sanctions fine, and other recent cases
- Special challenges for financial institutions
- What triggers these laws? One contact with the US – a phone call or e-

mail can be sufficient

- Due Diligence on partners, targets, and agents – when is it enough?
- Managing risk in mergers and acquisitions
- Problems operating in emerging and high risk markets
- Strategies for handling cross-border investigations

The Directors Roundtable is a civic group that organizes the preeminent worldwide programming for Directors and their advisors.

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