

# BLOCKCHAIN

## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND REGULATION

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2018

THE AMPHITHEATRE

LE MÉRIDIEN ST. JULIANS HOTEL & SPA

- 08.00 - 8.45      Registration & Coffee  
Welcome - Mr Marcel Cassar, Chairman of the Malta Bankers' Association
- 08.45 - 10.15      An overview of the three new acts:  
(i) the Malta Digital Innovation Act  
(ii) the Innovative Technology Arrangements and Services Act  
(iii) the Virtual Financial Assets Act  
*Dr Leonard Bonello & Mr James Farrugia, GANADO Advocates*
- 10.15 - 11.15      An overview of the various types of service providers in the market, their business models and the types of risks which may be associated to each category of service providers identified. Addressing also the implications of the 5<sup>th</sup> MLD and how it will apply to such service providers.  
*Dr Leonard Bonello & Mr James Farrugia, GANADO Advocates*
- 11.15 - 11.30      Coffee break
- 11.30 - 12.30      Panel discussion and Q&A  
Mr James Farrugia, Partner, GANADO Advocates  
Mr JP Fabri, Managing Director, ARQ Economic & Business Intelligence  
Mr Patrick L Young, Entrepreneur and Board Member of the BMA  
Dr Leonard Bonello, Partner, GANADO Advocates (Moderator)
- 12.30 - 13.30      Closing and networking/lunch

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## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### James Farrugia

is the Partner who spearheads GANADO Advocates' Investment Services & Funds team's licensing and regulatory consultancy activities. Leveraging his extensive experience working with the local competent authority, Mr Farrugia is able to offer clients regulatory sound insight and practical solutions throughout the licensing application process on an ongoing basis. James regularly contributes to international journals associated with investment funds and has addressed a number of local and international conferences focusing on this sector. James also regularly lectures on investment services and investment funds at training programs organised by the Institute of Legal Studies, the Institute of Financial Services, the Malta International Training Centre and the Malta Financial Services Authority.

### Leonard Bonello

is a Partner within GANADO Advocates' Banking and Finance team, assisting credit institutions, electronic money institutions and payment institutions in regulatory and other matters including ongoing capital markets issues. Leonard also heads the Fintech group at GANADO and is involved in assisting a number of blockchain-based projects. Leonard is a visiting lecturer and examiner at the University of Malta and sits on the board of the Blockchain Malta Association.

### Patrick L Young

Originally a derivatives specialist, Patrick L Young has been involved in online e-commerce since 1994 while his first book "Capital Market Revolution!" discussed precepts of cryptocurrency/tokenisation when it became the first bestselling book on financial technology in 1999 (a decade before the phrase 'fintech' was conceived!). A former stock exchange CEO, Patrick has advised financial institutions and regulators across the world. He sits on the board of the Blockchain Malta Association.

### JP Fabri

is the Managing Director of ARQ Economic & Business Intelligence, a specialised unit that applies economics to consumers, firms and policy. He is currently the Lead Director on blockchain and cryptocurrency at ARQ Group. JP is specialised in resilience-building strategies and was a Technical Consultant to The Commonwealth Secretariat and acted as advisor to 9 governments across 3 continents. Prior to joining ARQ Group, he formed part of the private secretariat of the former Prime Minister and of the Governor of the Central Bank of Malta. An economist by profession, JP followed post-graduate studies in economics and political economy at the University of Malta and the London School of Economics. He is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta.