

PRESS NOTICE

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MARTIN STOKES APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE LBMA

At the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the LBMA on Wednesday 21 July 1999, Martin Stokes of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York was appointed as the fifth Chairman of the LBMA in succession to Peter Fava (HSBC-Midland). Martin, who has been Vice-Chairman for the last four years, said

"I am sure that the people who were responsible for setting up the LBMA 12 years ago would have had no concept of the number and complexity of the issues which face us and our clients today. Obviously, these are challenging times for the global bullion market, but the LBMA will face up to them with enthusiasm. We fully recognise London's responsibilities as the clearing centre and setter of benchmarks for the international market-place. I look forward to implementing the many initiatives identified under Peter Fava's Chairmanship".

The new Vice-Chairman is to be Simon Weeks, Director, Bullion Trading, of The Bank of Nova Scotia-ScotiaMocatta. Other members of the Management Committee elected today are:-

Jeremy Charles	Republic National Bank of New York
Rick McIntyre	Deutsche Bank AG
Neil Clift	The Chase Manhattan Bank
James Dobell	Sumitomo Corporation Europe PLC
Colin Griffith	Standard Bank London Limited.

In addition it was announced that Chris Elston, Chief Executive for the past 4½ years, would be retiring towards the end of the year. His successor is currently under selection.

In his report the outgoing Chairman paid tribute to the members of the old Management Committee, to the Chairmen and members of the four Sub-Committees and to the staff of the Executive for their dedication and hard work. He drew attention to the high standard of content and presentation now achieved by the Association's quarterly journal the *Alchemist*; and he noted that the LBMA web-site (www.lbma.org.uk) was operational and was under continuing development.

Finally Peter Fava introduced the revisions to the LBMA's Constitution. He thought it right that the LBMA had not opted to become a Recognised Investment Exchange, but warned against the advent of screen-based trading systems unless they came under the LBMA's control.

One of the main constitutional changes concerned the make-up of the Management Committee, which when it comes into force next year, will no longer be reserved for Fixing members, the number of seats available to Ordinary Members will increase from two to three, and the Chief Executive will become a full voting member. In addition a new category of International Associates was introduced with neither regulatory obligations nor voting rights, but which will be represented on the Committee by the Chief Executive.

The full text of Peter Fava's report is attached.

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