

Russell Brennan Keane's International Partner Named Third Largest International Association

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Dublin, Ireland:

Leading Edge Alliance (LEA), Russell Brennan Keane's international partner, has been ranked by the International Accounting Bulletin as the third largest international association of independent accounting firms for 2008. The Leading Edge Alliance is an international group of independently owned accounting and consulting firms with more than 140 member firms worldwide and collective revenues exceeding 2 billion USD. Currently more than 90 countries are represented in the association.



"Membership of The Leading Edge Alliance enables us to harness the resources of the association for the benefit of our clients who operate internationally. It has enabled us to position our Firm as a credible alternative for service and value in the market to the Big 4 who traditionally have tended to monopolise the international market." said Liam Rattigan, Chief Executive, Russell Brennan Keane. "We are therefore delighted with the association's achievement and proud to be a member of such a successful coalition."



"By utilising technology and developing innovative special interest groups who meet regularly to collaborate and share ideas, The Leading Edge Alliance members are able to compete on a substantial scale, throughout the country and across the globe," commented Jackie Masterson, International Tax Partner with Russell Brennan Keane. "LEA provides the resources that support member firm's consistent growth and, subsequently, its own."

To discuss your international or other requirements call Jackie Masterson, Tel:+353 1 6440100 or email jmasterson@rbk.ie

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ABOUT RBK

Russell Brennan Keane is one of Irelands leading business advisory and chartered accountancy firms. With 50 years experience providing professional advisory services to a range of clients in the mid to large corporate market in Ireland, from offices in Athlone, Dublin and Roscommon. Russell Brennan Keane is a member of The Leading Edge Alliance, an international professional association of independently owned accounting and consulting firms.

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LEADING ASSOCIATIONS OF INDEPENDENT FIRMS

Rank 2008	International affiliate/firm	Most recent year's fee income (\$/m)	Growth rate (%)	Rank 2008	International affiliate/firm	Most recent year's fee income (\$/m)	Growth rate (%)
1	Praxity AISBL (6) (7)	3,232.6	14%	14	Polaris International*	543.1	-4%
2	Moore Stephens International (8)	2,237.0	19%	15	EuraAudit*	489.1	11%
3	Leading Edge Alliance (9)	2,078.5	29%	16	MSI Global Alliance*	477.8	10%
4	Kreston International (10)	2,065.3	21%	17	MGI*	388.7	17%
5	Fiducial International (11)	1,500.0	11%	18	Enterprise Network Worldwide*	330.0	12%
6	AGN International* (12)	1,479.8	12%	19	K S International*	311.8	8 6%
7	IGAF Worldwide*	1,332.6	29%	20	INPACT*	284.4	-2%
8	BKR International*	1,330.0	74%	21	Integra International*	225.5	-
9	DFK International*	951.0	8%	22	GMN International*	241.9	6%
10	IAPA*	921.0	7%	23	Ecovis*	238.6	21%
11	CPA Associates International*	812.0	7%	24	Parker Randall International* (14)	124.8	207%
12	Morison International (13)	625.9	-22%	25	A.C.E.E.*	23.0	-
13	JHI*	588.7	7%				

Notes: *Disclaimer = Only data from firms working solely and exclusively within the network/association concerned is included here. Data relating to non-exclusive, associate or affiliate firms and/or organisations is not included; n/a = Not applicable; (1) Other includes advisory services; (2) Fee income of correspondent and nonexclusive members is \$51 million. The combined revenue of RSM International is \$3,627.5 million; (3) Fee income of correspondent and non-exclusive members is \$168.5 million. The combined revenue of Horwath International is \$3,063.1 million; (4) Other Includes law; (5) Other includes legal services; (6) Fee income includes \$56.4 million from correspondent and non-exclusive members; (7) Accounting years ended in 2008 of the Independent firms; (8) Fee income includes \$50.7 million from correspondent and non-exclusive members however all of Moore Stephens International's correspondent firms work solely and exclusively within the MSIL association; (9) Fee income includes \$133.3 million from correspondent and non-exclusive members; (10) Fee income includes \$350.9 million from correspondent and non-exclusive members; (11) Fee income includes \$500 million from correspondent and non-exclusive members; (12) Other includes management consulting, corporate finance, corporate recovery/insolvency and litigation support; (13) Morison International's figures exclude affiliated organisations in the US and Canada; (14) Merged with International Accountants Consortium. Parker Randall International name is retained for the whole network.

Source: *International Accounting Bulletin*.