

Tilley is first ever non-US VP of TMA international relations

Alan Tilley of turnaround boutique Bryan, Tappay & Tilley, has been appointed the TMA's first ever non-American Vice President of International Relations. Tilley's appointment was announced at TMA UK's annual conference in London in November, which was also attended by Pat Lagrange of New York-based restructuring boutique Carl Marks Advisory Group, who is this year's overall President of the global TMA.

The appointment of the Englishman to this post "is a huge sea-change for the TMA" says Lagrange.

"Alan's appointment shows that we are committing resources to growing internationally."

As a former head of TMA UK, Tilley has been a keen advocate of a pan-European approach and improving cross-border links. He himself has worked in industry in both Germany and France, having worked for both Glass and Huron.

In a pre-conference meeting the European heads of TMA Chapters agreed a number of important initiatives:

- The TMA will establish a Europe-wide secretariat. This would massively help coordination, said Lagrange. For instance, it would avoid what happened this year when the UK and German Chapter annual conferences were held at the same time.
- Pan European accreditation; The TMA is offering its existing ACTP accreditation system on a Europe wide-basis "We wanted to offer something that isn't already there", stressed Lagrange. The



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accreditation system would be modified to take into account each jurisdiction's particular requirement, he said, a process which would be "perfectly possible".

Pat Lagrange was in London together with TMA Chairman Arthur Perkins from Deloitte in San Francisco. Lagrange told the London conference: "Our aim is to build strong stable affiliates around the world that can flourish. This improves the quality of the network and of our financial support," said Lagrange. "We want to have better coordination between chapters in Europe."

"We are set to clear 10,000 global membership this year, with over 900 in Europe," he added.