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'Banking Banana Skins 2010'. A round-table discussion on the CSFI's latest banking survey with the author, David Lascelles, Thomas Huertas (FSA), Andrew Gray (PwC) and Charles Haswell (HSBC). To be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, from 12:30-2:15pm.

The CSFI's Banking Banana Skins survey always throws up much to think about. This year's showed that, as the dust settles from the world's worst-ever financial crisis, the biggest risk facing the banks has become political: retribution, popular control, punitive regulation. But maybe the banks brought it on themselves. At the same time, the survey suggests that earlier problems like liquidity risk and toxic derivatives are easing up. Is that really so, or is it just wishful thinking?

To discuss these and other pressing topical issues, we shall be holding a round table to extract the messages from Banking Banana Skins 2010. Our panel will include;

- Thomas Huertas, Banking Sector Director of the FSA. Tom has been Vice Chairman of the Committee of European Banking Supervisors (CEBS) since last September, and is also a Member of the Basel Committee. He has extensive experience as a banker and has published widely on banking and financial issues. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.
- Andrew Gray, head of PwC's UK financial services consulting practice. Andrew has been a financial service industry specialist for the last fifteen years, and has worked with a large number of the major financial institutions in the UK and overseas. Within financial services he has focused most heavily on the banking sector.
- Charles Haswell, HSBC Group Planning and Strategy. After working as a China specialist in the UK Foreign Office, Charles moved to RBS's strategy function. At HSBC, his current focus is the regulatory agenda, China and other issues.

If you (or a colleague) would like to join us, would you please let us know by emailing sophie@csfi.org.uk or by telephoning 020 7493 0173. As usual, wine and sandwiches will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton
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