

**Rethinking UK financial regulation: A dinner discussion with Sir James Sassoon.**  
**To be held on Monday, January 19, 2009, at Taylor Wessing LLP,**  
**5 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3TW, at 7.00 for 7:30pm.**

**Hosted by Taylor Wessing LLP**

I am sure you all remember James Sassoon from his time at the Treasury. From 2002 to 2006, he was managing director of the Finance and Industry Directorate; from 2006 to 2008, he was the Chancellor's representative for promotion of the City. And until earlier this year, James was president of FATF. All in all, he was for some years the key point of contact between the City and the Whitehall mandarin.

You may also be aware that James has recently been asked by the Shadow Chancellor, George Osborne, to review the UK's tripartite regulatory structure – particularly in terms of financial stability. This has entailed sniffing around the City for a couple of months, and preparing a pretty meaty report that will (one assumes) be reflected in the Tories' next manifesto.

The CSFI is scrupulously non-partisan. But there is at least a chance (for better or worse) that Osborne will be our next Chancellor. It is, therefore, in everyone's interest that the advice he gets is informed and supportive of the City's future. Hence the importance of what James is doing – and hence my delight that he has agreed to give us some early insight into his thinking.

Thanks to Taylor Wessing's generosity, this takes the form of a dinner at their new offices (5 New Street Square, EC4A 3TW), on January, 19<sup>th</sup>. We would be delighted if you could join us. Since it is a relatively small event (and seats are limited), could you let us know as soon as possible if you can make it – either by email ([nicole@csfi.org.uk](mailto:nicole@csfi.org.uk)) or by phone (020 7493 0173).

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton