

## CROSS-BORDER MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

2 February 2007, London

The first of four events examining the challenges of cross-border regulation, in this case mergers and acquisitions and recent efforts by the United States and some European governments to prevent the acquisition of local companies and assets by foreign companies — of relevance to MENA investors.

W [www.chathamhouse.org.uk/cityseries1](http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/cityseries1)



## TRADE, TREASURY AND CASH MANAGEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: CHANGING LANDSCAPES

6 – 7 March 2007, Dubai

The fifth annual conference on trade, treasury and cash management in the Middle East, organised by Eurofinance, will look into a range of issues including a unified GCC currency, electronic delivery channels, trade finance, business with Iran, Qatar's diversification, corporate governance and transparency

W [www.eurofinance.com](http://www.eurofinance.com)

## INTEGRATION OF ARAB CAPITAL MARKETS: PROSPECTS & CHALLENGES

17-19 February 2007, Muscat

Conference on the significance of transparency, disclosure and joint brokerage services, role of joint IPOs and joint investment portfolios, electronic networking and market indices.

W [www.aabfs.org/fmf.asp](http://www.aabfs.org/fmf.asp)

## TRANSPORTATION SECURITY FORUM: SECURING TRADE AND TRAVEL

28 February 2007, Paris

This two-day international summit on the emerging technologies and innovative approaches available

## 6TH ANNUAL ISLAMIC FINANCE SUMMIT — Europe's Largest

30-31 January 2007, Royal Garden Hotel, London

Annual conference bringing together more than 250 senior Islamic finance practitioners from the Middle East, Europe and Asia. This year there will be a discussion on the contribution of the Sharia scholars; the essence of Islamic finance; the inaugural Islamic Finance CEO Roundtable and a follow-up to last year's session on the social perspective of Islamic finance.

W <http://euromoneyseminars.com/ifs2007>



## FOURTH ARAB AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL BANK AWARD

Arab African International Bank has launched its **Fourth AAIB Award 2007** across the universities in Egypt. According to AAIB, the award adds a new dimension to the banking business in Egypt, and offers scope for contributing to the society. The AAIB Award is a university level contest that encourages undergraduate students to develop and present a new banking product or improve an existing product. Hundreds of students from different universities participate in this exciting and challenging competition each year. The objective of the award, says AAIB, is "to prepare young students for facing practical life after graduation." This is achieved through a dedicated AAIB team of advisors who grant the students training sessions in different aspects of the banking industry. The Award also aims to strengthen the field of banking and finance in Egypt by bridging the gap between academic and financial institutions.



W <http://www.aajibank.com/about/aajib.aspx>

for securing the global transportation network is organised by Wise Media SpA of Milan and will focus on the security issues faced by a strategic, essential and vulnerable industry of every country: transportation. The Forum is endorsed by the European Commission will focus on how to secure the hubs of the global transportation network: airports, railroad stations, seaports and subway stations. It will provide a snapshot of the regulations, legislation, best practices and technologies impacting on hub security around the world.

W [www.registered-traveler-forum.com](http://www.registered-traveler-forum.com)

## MIDDLE EAST ROADS, BRIDGES AND CAUSEWAYS

27-28 March 2007, Dubai

This is a conference, to be organised by the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED), bringing together key government and private-sector developers from across the Middle East and North Africa region. MEED promises the gathering will be a platform for networking and obtaining industry updates on future road, bridge and causeway developments in UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait, countries where a building boom fuelled by high oil prices continues despite indications of a slowdown.

W [www.meed.com](http://www.meed.com)

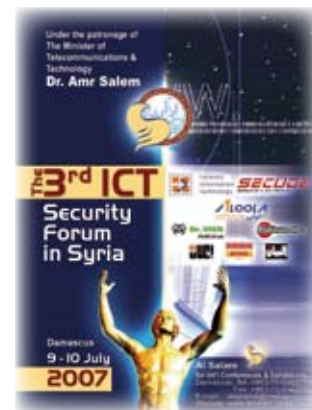
## PRIVATE BANKING ASIA

7-20 April 2007, Singapore

Promoted as a key event in Southeast Asia, focused on private banking and high net wealth management issues: How can private banks and wealth managers improve portfolio management or customer relationship? In terms of administration, tax, legal and funds services—how does support service providers such as funds custody, funds transactions, legal and tax professionals is relevant in the growing wealth management business in Asia.

W [secure.terrapinn.com](http://secure.terrapinn.com)

## THE THIRD ICT SECURITY FORUM IN SYRIA



9-10 July 2007, Damascus

An international conference organised by Al Salam for International Conferences under the patronage of the Telecommunication Minister, Dr Amr Salem. The delegates will examine aspects of Syrian security in the light of recent developments.

W <http://www.alsalam.co.sy>