

New OMFIF Appointment

OMFIF, a body bringing together central banks and sovereign funds with the private sector, has appointed Neil Courtis as Development Director to drive future expansion.

Mr Courtis, aged 39, who worked for nine years in providing research services and training for central banks, joins the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum today.

Michael Lafferty, OMFIF co-chairman, said, 'We are delighted that we have been able to attract a person of Neil's experience and aptitude to assist us in the next phase of expansion of new products and services for the official sector.'

David Marsh, co-chairman, said, 'Neil brings a wealth of knowledge to a market that is developing strongly in many directions and we look forward to having him aboard.'

Neil Courtis said, 'I am very pleased to be joining the OMFIF team which has a deserved reputation for quality and service that we will be developing further in coming months'.

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Background

OMFIF. The Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF) is formed around a core of public sector asset and reserve holders at the heart of world finance. OMFIF goes to the root of the challenges confronting the world economy by providing a convenient yet discreet means for high-level financial market dialogue aimed at controlling risks and enhancing prosperity. OMFIF's activities are crystallised around two essential areas: improving the effectiveness of individual public sector institutions through better asset and liability management; and increasing the cohesiveness of the new supervisory and regulatory arrangements.

Neil Courtis. Until 2006 Neil was executive editor and head of business development of Central Banking Publications, a financial publishing company, prior to its sale to Incisive Media. He is the editor/author of numerous articles and books on central bank finances, governance and management and on banking supervision. He edited *The Financial Regulator* journal for six years and has written articles for the *Financial Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *London Evening Standard*. He is the founder of an online training company and has an MBA from INSEAD business school in France. More details here: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/neilcourtis>