



Ask Amanda

It was lovely to see so many of you at last month's Le Tour de Finance at Château Le Clos de la Ribaudière, Poitiers.

For those who couldn't make it, here's a review of the event and key points raised by the participants:

Michael Lodhi, Managing Director of The Spectrum IFA Group, opened the seminar by explaining that The Spectrum IFA Group are a firm of Independent Financial Advisors regulated and operating across Europe, with Amanda Johnson as the local Advisor for this area. He focused on the importance of regulation when seeking financial advice and the benefits of using well known and good quality products.

Jeremy Ferguson of SEB Life International, explained how an Assurance Vie works, the importance of portability and how you can build a bespoke portfolio within an Assurance Vie to suit your personal needs.

Andrew Wallace, from Prudential International outlined how the Prudential invests their Oru funds and explained how they use a smoothing process to ensure investing with Prudential International is less of a bumpy ride.

John Hall of Standard Bank offers banking to French residents in Sterling, Euros and Dollars. John also summarised their offering for 100% secure investments.

Sue Cook and Karolyn Chauvigne from Currencies Direct outlined their ability to pre-book the set rates of today. They also explained how to use Currencies Direct to watch rates for you and review how the exchange rates have changed over the past 6 months.

Chris Wanless of Rathbones spoke about the possible impacts of the EU referendum in June. He also talked about market volatility and protecting investments by ensuring diversity in portfolios.

Frederic Varin is an English speaking Notaire and he joined us to explain the changes regarding wills, which took place last year for British nationals living in France.

As your local Spectrum IFA Group Advisor, I will be happy to speak to you further on any of the areas of financial support and arrange introductions where appropriate. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

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