

## **Blausten heads Cambridge University Land Society**

Douglas Blausten, Senior partner in Chartered Surveyors Cyril Leonard has been appointed president of the influential Cambridge University Land Society (CULS).

CULS is the Alumni Society of the Cambridge Department of Land Economy and its membership of over 500 includes many leading players among the higher echelons of the UK property scene.

Blausten is developing a series of 17 high profile meetings throughout the year commencing with a briefing on the Global Economy with Sir Paul Judge, Chairman of the Royal Society of Arts on September 23.

Other meetings include a visit to Paddington Waterside in October and a lecture and reception on the New bridges of London sponsored by the Corporation of London and Arups later that month. Blausten is also planning a major conference on 'Making London a Better Place – the Contribution to the Preservation and Development of London by the Major Landed Estates' – at Cadogan Hall next March. To be opened by the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University the speakers will include the Chief Executives of the Grosvenor, Cadogan, Howard de Walden and Portman Estates and the City Corporation ( as an ancient land owner)

“I am delighted to have been granted the opportunity to leads CULS,” said Blausten. “This organisation can act as an excellent medium for the development of thinking in the property sector in the UK as well as bringing together leading figures within the sector.”

Douglas Blausten is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a General Commissioner of Taxes. He is the Senior Partner at Cyril Leonard where he is responsible for corporate real estate consultancy services. He is also responsible for their affiliate offices in the United States through TCN, Paris and their office in Munich.

Blausten is a Board Director of British American Business Inc. (BABi) and Chairman of BABi's Transatlantic Business Development Forum and Vice Chairman of its European Union Forum.

He has personally led accounts for US Corporations in the UK including Steelcase, EDS, Engelhardt, Ashland Oil, NCH and the Gallup Organisation.

In addition, over the last five years he has undertaken leading accounts for five major European organisations in the UK involving corporate services and strategic planning – ALSTOM, Alcatel, DARA (Ministry of Defence), and Carillion Rail

In particular he has acted as a consultant to ALSTOM, helping them through aspects of restructuring their UK businesses, arranging a major pan-European sale and leaseback and handling the effects of joint ventures with ABB and sales to FD Man, Siemens, Areva and a major MBO with venture capital support.

He holds a number of Executive and Non-Executive Directorships in public and private companies.

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