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Launch of the new AmCham Belgium Website

To serve our members' needs, AmCham Belgium has given a new look to its website. We are very happy to present the new AmCham.be. Discover new features such as improved member visibility, news and business in Belgium and in the US. Moreover, many more features are reserved to AmCham Belgium Members, don't hesitate to [join our membership](#) and [create a new account](#).

Please note that the login details for the previous website are no longer valid. Each employee from a member company must create their own individual account to access the Members only section.

Young Professionals @ Noon Luncheons

For 2009, the Young Professionals Group is organizing four Luncheons aimed at professionals in their 20s and their 30s who wish to optimize their business networking. These events are an ideal and unique opportunity to enable socializing, exchanging ideas and knowledge amongst fellow professionals and colleagues and to learn from the experienced chief executives who are hosting AmCham's Young Professionals.

On January 22, 2009, you will be welcome for the first Luncheon by Eric Dralans, President and CEO of ING. The following events will take place at DHL, Korn/Ferry and Accenture.

For more information, please contact [Simon Andrew](#) or visit [our website](#).

AmCham Belgium's Foreign Investors' Agenda 2008/2009 is available.

The **2008/2009 Foreign Investors' Agenda (FIA)** was presented to the Belgian press on December 5, 2008. The FIA lays out the direction Belgium must take in order to continue to **develop its economy and stimulate employment**. In the current economic climate, with tight credit markets and financial market instability, ensuring debt-equity

Officials

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January 29 – Informative Workshop on “Online Marketing” with Charlie Crouch

In collaboration with Boston University

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

February 4 – “The New US-Belgian Double Tax Treaty” with Larcier

Please note that the Venue has changed, it will be held at the Metropole Hotel.

March 12 – Annual General Meeting and Business After Hours

Both sponsored by Ernst & Young



For all AmCham Belgium events, you may register [online](#), by [email](#) or send us a fax at 02/ 513 35 90.

Welcome to our new Members!

Sustaining Member:

Grant Thornton

Regular Members:

Phoenix Ink
Stanhope Hotel

Quote of the Month

“Year's end is neither an end

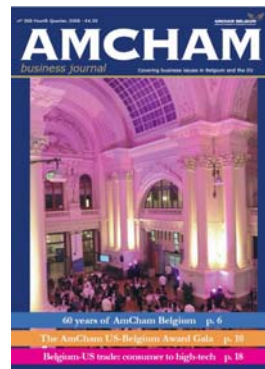
alternatives and flexibility is a must. One instrument continues to facilitate this: the **Notional Interest Deduction (NID)** – a system that effectively reduces the tax burden for companies by promoting equity capital rather than the use of debt. AmCham Belgium believes that ensuring the NID is retained will create stability and allow businesses to plan for the future. Another key priority of our FIA is the need to ensure that the Belgian labor market becomes more competitive and flexible

You can download your own copy by [clicking here](#).

Third Party Publications

Interested in sharing your business expertise with other AmCham Belgium Members? Through our new website, we invite our members to submit relevant non-commercial reports, studies or articles of interest to the US-Belgian business community. These publications can relate to different topics and this service will be accessible beginning of 2009. For more information, please visit the [Third Party Publications' page](#) or send your inquiries to [Sven Vercalsteren](#).

New AmCham Business Journal is out!



To celebrate AmCham Belgium's Diamond Anniversary, the latest ABJ puts on its best gown. Discover what happened in 60 years of US-Belgian relations and learn more about the past activities of AmCham Belgium. For more information, please [click here](#).

Events Just Passed...

► **Luncheon with top officials of the Belgian Tax Administration**, organized by the Legal and Taxation Committee at the Crabe Fantôme on December 16, 2008.

► **“US Investor in the Spotlight” Luncheon – Sponsored by IBM** and held on December 4, 2008. [Click here](#) for the full event coverage.



► **Doing Business in the US – A CASE and US Embassy Seminar** held on December 2, 2008.

nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

*(Hal Borland,
American author,
1900-1978)*

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Partner News and Member Happenings

To read about what's new with **Atos Origin, VLM Airlines, Belgacom, Marriott, Ernst & Young, MenT Associates N.V., Korn/Ferry Belgium, MSD (Merck), AON Belgium, Delhaize** and other AmCham Belgium members, please [click here](#).

Does your company want to inform fellow members of their latest happenings? Please send your information to: external@amcham.be.

Close of Business for Holidays

The AmCham Belgium secretariat will be closed as from December 24, 2008. We will be back on January 5, 2009 to serve all your needs.

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