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# Masuda Funai Joins 'Alliott Group/Global Mobility' Team on the International Stage at FEM EMEA Summit 2018

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## Press Release

Chicago, IL - November 19, 2018 - Kathleen Gaber, Chair of Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell Ltd.'s Immigration Practice, recently joined forces in London with international counterparts from Alliott Group, the firm's international alliance, to present an expert panel on the complex compliance issues faced by organizations that have expatriate populations.

On November 8-9, Ms. Gaber teamed up with specialist international colleagues from the alliance's Global Mobility Services Group at the Forum for Expatriate Management's (FEM) EMEA Summit in London. Alliott Group/Global Mobility's cross-border team was represented by 16 members from 13 firms from across North America, EMEA and Australasia.

The FEM EMEA Summit has quickly established itself as Europe's go-to event for global mobility and HR professionals. This year's conference attracted 400 leaders and innovators at the forefront of the industry and offered the opportunity to network with representatives from organizations such as Booking.com, The British Council, Coca Cola, E.ON, Heineken, IBM, the Home Office and Unilever.

Ms. Gaber remarked: "*The FEM EMEA Summit in London was a great success for Alliott Group/Global Mobility. It demonstrated not only the specialist expertise of the group but also the friendly and highly collaborative approach that is offered by member firms in 165 cities across 63 countries. I very much enjoyed partnering with Stefan Creemers to provide our expert insights on guiding international companies to conquer complex compliance issues involved in moving international workforces to new shores.*"

As well as co-sponsoring the event, Alliott Group/Global Mobility's multidisciplinary global team of tax advisers, immigration experts and lawyers led an expert panel which presented two case studies that offered practical tips on how to reduce risk in cross border assignments by outsourcing advice from Alliott Group's medium-sized member firms.

Luc Lamy, EMEA Chair of Alliott Group/Global Mobility commented: "*Our participation in this conference highlighted the role being played by the member firms of international alliances such as Alliott Group in this sector. It was interesting to hear from delegates that they are increasingly dissatisfied with the levels of service offered by the big consulting firms and that they want true partnerships with professional firms who will offer a*

*more collaborative service at a more competitive price point. That is exactly the gap in the market that we intend to fill."*

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Global Mobility Professionals managing mobility programmes in the EMEA, Americas, APAC and Australasian regions can count on the expertise, efficiency and collaborative approach provided by Alliott Group/Global Mobility member experts, many of whom have backgrounds working for the big global consulting firms. Outsourcing tax and legal compliance and advisory services to Alliott Group/Global Mobility members adds specialist technical expertise and greater efficiency to the global mobility function. It will also bring peace of mind, enabling global mobility and HR directors to focus on the 'bigger picture' strategic issues related to managing expatriate populations.

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