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ITFA & VEFI Christmas Cocktail Party: An Evening to Remember

Contributed by Dieter von Boddien, ITFA's VEFT Committee member, December 2024

On 12th December 2024, the International Trade and Forfaiting Association (ITFA) and the Association of Forfaiters in Switzerland (VEFI) once again joined forces to host their highly anticipated annual Christmas Cocktail at the iconic Zunfthaus zum Rden, nestled in the heart of Zurich's enchanting old town.

The event welcomed a dynamic mix of professionals from banks, ITFA and VEFI member institutions, and even a few familiar faces regarded as legends in the Swiss forfaiting world. This diverse crowd of local and international participants enriched the gathering with lively conversations and meaningful exchanges, making it an evening of both connection and celebration.

A true testament to its success, the evening exceeded expectations, lasting well beyond the scheduled end time as guests continued to enjoy each other's company. After the official event concluded, a spirited group of local attendees and visiting professionals ventured out to experience Zurich's vibrant nightlife, adding an extra layer of excitement to an already memorable occasion.

The 2024 Christmas Cocktail not only brought together the forfaiting and trade finance community of Switzerland but also highlighted the importance of collaboration, networking, and shared insights. Guests left the event with a sense of camaraderie, fresh perspectives, and fond memories to carry into the festive season.





ITFA MERC Networking Event, Dubai, UAE

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The International Trade & Forfaiting Association Board held a self-sponsored networking event on December 12th, 2024, at Avli by Tasha's in the DIFC. Over 20 attendees showed up from the wider Dubai financial community – including members from regional and international banks, investment companies, credit insurance companies, insurance brokers, fintechs, law firms, and corporations.

The event allowed the ITFA community to catch up, exchange information and have a good laugh one last time ahead of the upcoming holiday period. ITFA MERC has had a very active 2024, and 2025 is proving to be an even busier one for us all, if the engagement with the local ITFA member community is any indication of that.

ITFA MERC will continue to host networking sessions in 2025, so we hope to see you at our next one!

