



CCAB Press Release

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Tony Nicholl FCA appointed new chairman of CCAB

- New chairman to examine the role of the EU in supporting the business agenda -

Tony Nicholl FCA has been appointed as the new Chairman of CCAB – the combined group of the main UK accountancy bodies which represents over 354,000 professional accountants worldwide.

Mr Nicholl is the President of Chartered Accountants Ireland and Managing Partner of GMcG Chartered Accountants Group. He is a highly experienced forensic accountant and expert witness with over 20 years' experience gained in some of the largest commercial, matrimonial and personal injury cases in Northern Ireland. He is also past Chairman of Chartered Accountants Ulster Society.

Mr Nicholl takes over as CCAB Chairman from Jann Brown, Immediate Past President of ICAS (the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland).

Commenting on his chairmanship, Mr Nicholl said: "CCAB's focus in the year ahead is to support growth, encourage financial stability and transparency as well as promoting trust in the profession and demonstrating the value that professional accountants bring to the economies of the UK and Ireland.

"We will also examine the role of the EU in supporting the business agenda and its influence on the UK and Irish economies in particular. We will be engaging with our membership of business leaders throughout the UK, and those based in Europe. We will get their views on how the European Union can work more effectively as a single market and achieve greater benefits for all of its member nations and citizens. These are important questions to consider as the UK prepares for the upcoming referendum on Europe.

"CCAB will also direct considerable effort into tackling the problem of money laundering by encouraging a joined-up approach between policy makers, business and other authorities such as the police. This type of crime can only be solved through co-ordination, communication and collaboration. We believe that professional accountants are the gatekeepers of the financial system and we will work with government to strengthen the regime to confront money laundering."

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Notes for editors

1. The combined membership of the five CCAB bodies - ICAEW, ACCA, ICAS, CIPFA and Chartered Accountants Ireland - amounts to 245,000 professional accountants in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (354,000 worldwide).
2. CCAB provides a forum for the bodies to work together collectively in the public interest on matters affecting the profession and the wider economy.
3. CCAB's credibility stems from its insight into all areas of finance and accounting, from finance director and audit partner to management accountants, professional advisers, public sector finance leaders and entrepreneurs. CCAB's members work through the financial value chain in all sectors as key decision makers and business leaders within the UK and around the world.
4. A full biography of Tony Nicholl can be requested from CCAB

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