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**AICPA and Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants to Launch Inaugural Summit**

*Accounting and Finance Thought Leaders Featured at Joint Event in Caribbean This Fall*

**NEW YORK (July 18, 2017)** – The American Institute of CPAs and the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants (CIIPA) will hold their first joint summit in the Caribbean this fall.

The event will run from Nov. 15-17, 2017, at the Marriott Grand Cayman Beach Resort in the Cayman Islands. The summit is designed for accounting and finance professionals, particularly CIIPA members, public accounting staff in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean, as well as AICPA members doing business in the region.

“This conference is a centerpiece of our efforts to showcase emerging issues and best practices for the accounting profession in the Caribbean region,” said Sheree Ebanks, chief executive of CIIPA. “It combines the global reach of the AICPA with the local influence of CIIPA, with an agenda that will reflect those diverse strengths.”

Speakers include:

- [Michael Bazzell](#) of Intel Techniques, an open source intelligence training and privacy consulting firm
- [Kimberly Ellison-Taylor](#), chairman of the AICPA Board of Directors
- [Jim Glassman](#), head economist for commercial banking, JPMorgan Chase
- [Anton Colella](#), CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

The summit is the product of a larger agreement between the AICPA and CIIPA to share AICPA resources on professional development and organization building. That collaboration was announced last year.

“The summit serves as a focal point for the closer relationship we’re building with our colleagues in the Cayman Islands, and we think this collaboration will have benefits for both our organizations and our members,” said Jim Knafo, CPA, CGMA, the AICPA’s director of global alliances.

Reporters who wish to attend the summit, either onsite or remotely, can contact Jeff May, [jeffrey.may@aicpa-cima.com](mailto:jeffrey.may@aicpa-cima.com), for press credentials. For more information about the summit or to register, please visit [aicpastore.com/CIIPASummit](http://aicpastore.com/CIIPASummit).

### **About CIIPA**

CIIPA was formed in the Cayman Islands in 1970 and has evolved into one of the largest professional societies in the Cayman Islands with more than 1,000 members. The organisation's mission is to further the public interest through the regulation of the accounting profession, promoting the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct in line with the values of transparency, proportionality, and accountability. In 2013, CIIPA became a full member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the worldwide organisation representing the profession.

CIIPA's maintains its offices in Camana Bay, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

### **About the AICPA**

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) is the world's largest member association representing the accounting profession, with more than 418,000 members in 143 countries, and a history of serving the public interest since 1887. AICPA members represent many areas of practice, including business and industry, public practice, government, education and consulting.

The AICPA sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for private companies, nonprofit organizations, federal, state and local governments. It develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination, and offers specialty credentials for CPAs who concentrate on personal financial planning; forensic accounting; business valuation; and information management and technology assurance. Through a joint venture with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), it has established the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation which sets a new standard for global recognition of management accounting.

The AICPA maintains offices in New York, Washington, D.C., Durham, N.C., and Ewing, N.J.

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### **About the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants**

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association) combines the strengths of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) to power opportunity, trust and prosperity for people, businesses and economies worldwide. It represents 650,000 members and students in public and management accounting and advocates for the public interest and business sustainability on current and emerging issues. With broad reach, rigor and resources, the Association advances the reputation, employability and quality of CPAs, CGMAs and accounting and finance professionals globally.

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