

**Governance New Zealand Incorporated**  
**Auckland Branch**

## **Economic Update Breakfast**

**Thursday 5 April 2018, Auckland**

### **Presenters**

- **Nick Tuffley Chief Economist ASB Bank**
- **Mei-Fern Johnson, Partner, and Sarah Salmond, Special Counsel, Russell McVeagh**

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#### **Nick Tuffley, Chief Economist**



Nick Tuffley was appointed as ASB's Chief Economist in January 2007, having previously worked at Westpac and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Nick studied at Canterbury University, graduating with a Master of Commerce in Economics.

He and the rest of the Economics team provide regular analysis of economic developments and the outlook through written publications and media comments. Their key objective is to help the bank's clients make better-informed business and personal finance decisions.

#### **Key areas of focus:**

Nick will give an update on how the NZ economy is faring in a background of ongoing change and uncertainty. NZ is bedding in a new government, geopolitical risks remain, and markets have been nervous about the prospect of continued interest rate rises in the US. But, barring something unforeseen, both NZ and the global economy are set for decent growth.

#### **Mei-Fern Johnson, Sarah Salmond Russell McVeagh**

#### **Mei-Fern Johnson, Partner**



Mei-Fern is a Russell McVeagh board member and practises in the areas of corporate and commercial law, including in the specialty areas of M&A (including restructuring and joint ventures), oil and gas, energy, technology, and infrastructure. Mei-Fern brings to clients a deep understanding of the applicable regulatory frameworks of the industries in which her projects are based, including obtaining regulatory consent for foreign investment in New Zealand. She co-authored the New Zealand chapters of *The Energy Regulation and Markets Review* (3rd ed) and *Chambers and Partners Corporate M&A Legal Practice Guide 2016*, and is a member of Global Women and the Institute of Directors.

## Sarah Salmond, Special Counsel



Sarah has 18 years' experience of providing precise and strategic advice on a wide range of public, regulatory and commercial law matters. She advises on all aspects of international trade law, including customs matters, export controls and sanctions, trade remedies, market access requirements, bilateral trade and investment relations, Brexit contingency planning and World Trade Organisation rules. She also advises on food and beverage industry regulation, sales and marketing law, and lobbying. Sarah worked

for six years as a Senior Consultant in the European Union, Competition and Trade law practice at DLA Piper in London and Washington DC. Before entering private practice, she was an international trade negotiator for the New Zealand Government, a consultant at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, and a senior official at two industry associations in London

### Key areas of focus:

Mei-Fern and Sarah will discuss recent activity and regulatory changes relating to foreign inbound investment, as well as implications for New Zealand following global events such as Brexit

### Event details

<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday 5 April 2018</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>7.00am</b> Registration and light breakfast <b>7.30am</b> Nick Tuffley, ASB Bank <b>8.15am</b> Mei Fern and Sarah Salmond, Russell McVeagh <b>9.00am</b> Presentation concludes
<b>Venue</b>	Grant Thornton 152 Fanshaw Street Auckland CBD
<b>Cost</b>	\$45 (GST incl.)

### To register

- [Register online](#)
- Email: [info@governancenz.org](mailto:info@governancenz.org) with credit card details
- Direct credit: BNZ Auckland 02 0100 0043243 00 (quote **EconupdateApr** as reference)

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