

**Association STEP Geneva - Office of the Secretary**

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**Thursday 29 January 2026 – Buffet/Lunch Conference**

Our next buffet/luncheon conference will be held on **Thursday 29 January 2026** at the **Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues Geneva**. The buffet/lunch will be served from 12:00 to 12:45, the presentation will start at 12:45 to 13:45, and the coffee/desserts will be served from 13:45 to 14:00.

Our speaker of the day will be **Justine Markovitz - a Senior Partner in Withers' Private Client and Tax Team**, who will speak in **English** on the topic:

**THE EFFECTS OF CHANGES TO UK TAXATION ON THE RESIDENCE  
AND INVESTMENTS OF UHNW FAMILIES**

**Description:**

*Justine Markovitz will discuss the effects on UHNW family members and the investments of such families due to the changes to UK taxation in the past five years or so as well as the changing immigration landscape and difficulty in obtaining visas for HNW family members. Apart from departures from the UK and the destinations of family members, she will also look at future possibilities for family members to spend a few years in the UK, in particular where family trusts are already in place. Justine will furthermore touch on the wider effects on parts of the UK economy, for instance regarding private schools (VAT and departures), investments (dis-investments) in property (tax and anti-landlord legislation coupled with the failure of the courts to work more efficiently), and longer term effects of having fewer foreign students, family members and professionals resident in the UK.*



*Justine Markovitz is based in Geneva and is a senior partner in Withers' Private Client and Tax team. She co-headed the firm's global Private Client and Tax team from 2016-19 and until the end of June 2025, when her fixed term came to an end, Justine was the firm's global Chairperson. Justine currently heads the Withers Swiss Practice and also heads up the firm's Community, Planet and Impact initiatives.*

*Justine joined Withers in 1999, becoming a partner in 2004. She moved to Geneva to found the Withers Swiss practice in 2005 and has led it since that date.*

*Justine advises global families, their family offices and their trustees on generational transition and family governance. She works with families on international tax and estate planning matters to implement their long-term plans for their personal assets and business interests. Many of Justine's clients are – or were – former non-doms resident in the UK. Justine is also closely involved with many of her clients' philanthropic endeavours, both in an advisory capacity and as a board member for their charitable organisations.*

**Registration:**

To register please go to our website: <http://www.step-geneva.org>

Price of the event is **CHF 65** for STEP members (**CHF 85** for non-members and **CHF 45** for STEP Diploma Students), payable in advance by credit card or transfer to our UBS bank account specified on the invoice.

Registrations and payment must be received at least 48 hours before the event. Anyone who does not register 48 hours in advance may see their registration cancelled should the Hotel not be able to accommodate numbers. Because STEP is liable for reservations made, “no shows” will be required to pay. Cancellations in writing must be received by the Secretariat at least 72 hours before the event.

**This event counts as “1 structured CPD hour”.**

If you have any queries on registration, please send an email to Larisa Udalyagina (STEP Geneva Secretariat) at [secretariat@step-geneva.org](mailto:secretariat@step-geneva.org) and she will help you with your registration.

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