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# Customs expert Ian Worth joins Harwood Hutton

**Ian Worth has been appointed Head of Customs and International Trade at Harwood Hutton Specialist Tax Services (HHSTS).**

Ian, a former Head of Customs at Grant Thornton and most recently a director with DHL's UK customs services division, will be offering a full range of customs consulting services and is expecting 2018 to be his busiest year ever as the Brexit deadline of March 29, 2019 approaches.

"Ian is acknowledged as one of the finest customs brains in the UK and we are privileged to welcome him as a partner in our growing team," said Gerry Myton, head of HHSTS.

"There are very few firms outside of the UK Top 10 accountants who are able to offer the level of expertise in indirect taxation we now possess at HHSTS."

Ian will hit the ground running: he will be presenting seminars on the key considerations – and actions – for companies involved in international trade, starting with an event on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Green Park Conference Centre in Reading, staged in conjunction with Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"I am massively excited about working with Gerry and the HHSTS team," said Ian. "Brexit is going to be the dominant theme without question: UK Customs is



*Ian Worth will be speaking at a Brexit briefing in Reading on March 20th*

expecting the number of annual customs declarations to rise from the current level of around 50 million to 350 million a year, while at the same time imposing customs obligations for the first time on more than 130,000 UK businesses.

“My priority will be to educate businesses on the threats and, more important, the opportunities ahead.”

Brexit aside, Ian can advise businesses on saving money through effective holistic duty planning and reducing the burdens of compliance with customs regulations. He can also help challenge unfavourable decisions by customs authorities and recover overpaid customs duties.

“Ian can very quickly get to grips with the most complex supply chains and the most challenging customs laws around the world,” said Gerry Myton. “His in-depth knowledge of how HMRC operates and thinks will be an invaluable asset to us.”

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