

PRESS RELEASE

Holman Fenwick Willan Charity Football Tournament

Informa Dominate As Charity Is the Real Winner!

The Corporate Projects, & Finance Group of international law firm Holman Fenwick Willan (HFW) hosted a charity 5 a side football tournament on Friday 20 June 2008 at the London City Powerleague centre. 13 teams entered each trying to win money through their footballing skills for their nominated charity. They included DVB Bank, Ansbacher, Constellation Energy, ICAP Hyde, Informa Plc, Bank Mandiri, Arch Financial Products, Nevsky Capital, DnB NOR Bank, BMS Associates and SEB, as well as two HFW teams.

The teams were split into 2 groups and the games came thick and fast as ageing limbs were put to the test in some frenetic 10 minutes games. It was evident from the outset that some teams were taking it far more seriously than others both from the size of their squads and the quality of their kits. Things even got a little heated as the testosterone levels rose and some players were sent for an early bath.

Informa were the comfortable winners of Group A followed by Bank Mandiri, Ansbacher and ICAP Hyde into the quarter finals, whereas in Group B, BMS Associates led Holman Fenwick Willan 1, Nevsky Capital and SEB into the last 8. Informa continued their fine form in the knock out stages and eventually triumphed 3-1 in the final against BMS Associates. The Plate Final saw DnB NOR Bank gain revenge over HFW 2 who had beaten them in the group stages, winning 2-0 in the final. Top scorer of the night was Adam Smith of Informa with an impressive 14 goals.

A great night was had by all and an amazing £5,390 was raised for charity. Not only did Informa walk away with a host of trophies, but they also received a huge (literally) cheque for £2,000 for their nominated charity, World Cancer Research Fund, which is dedicated to saving lives by funding cancer research and providing education programmes that expand our understanding of the importance of our food and lifestyle choices in the cancer process. DnB NOR Bank, by winning the Plate Competition, won a £1,200 cheque for their nominated charity, Right to Play, which is an international humanitarian organisation that uses sport and play programs to improve health, develop life skills, and foster peace for children and communities in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world. HFW managed to raise £2,190 for their charity, Alive and Kicking UK, which is a charity which employs local African people and uses local raw materials to make footballs which carry an important prevention and awareness message in connection with AIDS, HIV and malaria in Africa.

A big thank you to the organisers Dinesh Nathan and Menelaus Kouzoupis who ensured the tournament ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Another tournament is planned for next year, once the ageing limbs have had a chance to recover!

Andrew Williams, HFW Solicitor and Captain of HFW 1

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