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The Treasurer's Handbook is back and in an exciting new digital format. Peter Matza gives the low-down

Since the late 1990s, the publication of *The International Treasurer's Handbook* in November has been a familiar fixture in the ACT's winter calendar. In the early 2000s, it was joined by *The Asia Treasurer's Handbook* and together they represented a physical link between the ACT, the world's treasury associations and the customers of our sponsor (at least in recent years) JPMorgan Asset Management. As with many good things over time, the association with our sponsor came to an end with the 2014 editions of both handbooks.

As a consequence, we have – after nearly 20 years and more than 100,000 books – decided to discontinue the distribution of printed versions of the *International* and *Asia Treasurer's Handbooks*. But we know that the global treasury community has always appreciated the range of content, both new and old, and the editorial integrity that the books have provided. The handbooks were each unique; no other reference work of their type was produced and distributed globally, by any other treasury association.

The ACT has recognised, however, that its support for the modern treasurer requires adapting elements of what we produce to meet contemporary needs and changing information demands, and to be in a format more suited to a digital lifestyle.

As a result, we have designed a handbook that is an online reference tool. It is available to anyone who visits either the ACT website (www.treasurers.org) or the new home for *The Treasurer's Handbook*, the Treasurer's Wiki (wiki.treasurers.org/wiki/Main_Page). The handbook is available without registration or charge.

The 2015 edition Wiki Handbook has five distinct sections: cash management, corporate finance (including markets and funding), risk management, the treasury professional and the ever-popular country guides. The overall volume of material has been concentrated to a set of essential articles covering contemporary treasury topics and geographies. All the content has been revamped and reviewed by the ACT to meet a consistent and demanding editorial standard. As

in previous years, the content has been sourced from the ACT itself, academics, financial institutions, professional bodies, associations and sponsors.

We are confident that in its new format the handbook will remain the reference book for treasurers, given that it is produced by the only Chartered body for international treasury.

The ACT would like to thank all our contributors. Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking and BlackRock have provided sponsorship for this year's edition of *The Treasurer's Handbook* and we are grateful for their support.



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