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Not in my name? AP Anlage and Privatbank offered to mask their clients' funds...

Evidence is gradually emerging that the bank's business model of acting as a repository for oligarchic funds from Russia and Ukraine remains unchanged. An anonymous source has informed me that one of the firm's "partners" is the "Intelligent Solutions Group" (ISG) a company with offices in Latvia, Russia, and Ukraine. The image below apparently certifies the close partnership between the two organisations.



What are friends for?

ISG, which is itself registered in Belise, specialises in offering offshore services for its clients. The company hawks ready made shell firms in jurisdictions ranging from Scotland to the Seychelles. These companies can be used for a variety of purposes. One entity possibly sold by ISG is linked to a Donetsk based Ukrainian oligarch involved in fuel trading. Another of their shell companies is connected to a Georgian involved in the privatisation of a mining company. There are dozens of these firms which may be similarly linked to oligarchic businesses. Whether these offshore vehicles are mechanisms for concealing assets is a matter worthy of further investigation by the authorities. The company also offers to assist its clients to secure "citizenship by investment" in a range of countries. The countries offering these schemes include Malta, whose offer of passports for cash was being investigated by the journalist Daphen Caruana Galizia when she was assassinated by a car bomb.

The nature of the partnership between AP Anlage and Privatbank and ISG is unclear, but it seems probable that the Swiss bank is providing services to ISG clients.