



Philipp von Randow and Nick Cline of the Latham & Watkins QFC branch addressing the guests.

## Law company marks 15 years

**L**atham & Watkins, a premier global law firm, has celebrated 15 years of its involvement in Qatar, as well the first anniversary of its Doha office, at a programme at the Museum of Islamic Art recently.

Some 200 guests from Qatari governmental entities, financial institutions, public and private companies attended the reception.

"We are delighted to have been able to host our reception at the Museum of Islamic Art, which is one of the shining examples of the transformation and growth of Qatar over the past 15 years," said Craig Stoehr, counsel in the firm's Doha office.

"Latham & Watkins is pleased to have been involved with Qatar's development over the years, from advising on the very first RasGas financing in 1995, to advising the State of Qatar on its landmark \$7bn bond offering that closed two weeks ago.

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The firm has been involved in a number of high profile transactions in Qatar throughout 2009, including advising Qatar on its \$3bn and \$7bn sovereign bond offerings, RasGas on its \$2.23bn project bond offering, the steering committee for the Qatar Navigation-Qatar Shipping merger, Nakilat in connection with its most recent bank financing, and Qa-



US Ambassador Joseph LeBaron at the reception

tar Investment Authority in connection with its joint venture with NYSE Euronext to transform the DSM into the Qatar Exchange.