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On page 5: Kathy Lowe watches as the ball just misses the cup at BABA's annual golf tournament — where everyone was up for the challenge!

## CEO Speaker Series Kicks Off Season with Address by Andrew Gould

By Ben Cromer

BABA's CEO Speaker Series reconvened in October with a luncheon address by **Andrew Gould**, Chairman of BG Group PLC. Held October 8 at the Willard InterContinental in Washington, Gould took the opportunity to touch on the changing energy landscape particularly whether new sources of supply, particularly tight and shale oil and gas are creating a misplaced sense of energy security that makes conventional supplies, particularly from the Middle East and Russia, seem less essential to balancing energy markets.

A chartered accountant, Andrew Gould was chairman and chief executive officer of Schlumberger, the leading oil-and-gas services company, from 2003 to 2011, where he successfully led a major restructuring of the group, retiring as chief executive in 2011 and chairman in April 2012. Until May 2012, Gould was senior independent director of Rio Tinto PLC. He also was a Member of the UK Prime Minister's Council of Science and Technology from 2004 to 2007.

For more photos from this event, turn to pages 6-7.



From left to right: BABA Chairman Barry Eccleston, Andrew Gould (holding speakers' plaque), and Chris Nicholson.

**Celebrate the Holidays with Friends & Colleagues!** 

BABA's 19th Annual Gala Christmas Luncheon

December 4, 2015

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## From the President . . .

Dear Members:

It's amazing how fast time flies. Indeed our Annual Christmas Luncheon will soon be upon us. The luncheon continually represents one of the high-spots



of the year for the Association and I am really looking forward to seeing you there. Indeed, I have really enjoyed seeing you at many of our other events throughout the year including the CEO Speaker Series and the Ambassador Drinks Party to name a few.

It seems like only yesterday I was embarking on my two-year tenure as

President. In fact, almost two years have passed so at the end of December I will be handing over the presidency to **Eamonn Cooney**.

Eamonn has been a significant contributor to BABA over the years and will make a fantastic President. As part of Eamonn's election to President, I am delighted to let you know that **Mark Herlach** – who currently chairs the Energy & Environment Committee – will be elected to Vice President. I would also like to recognize **Jennifer Taylor-Hodges**' ongoing commitment, support, and work as VP. We have an outstanding Chairman and a strong leadership team who will continue to drive BABA forward.

So as I sign off my last *Newsletter* as President, I want to say a huge thank you to all our Members and contributors. I believe we have made real progress in the past two years and our Association remains in a strong position due to the passion, energy, and commitment all those associated with our Association display.

It has been a pleasure serving as your President these past two years and I look forward to working with you in the future.

All the best to you and your families!

Andrew C. Baker President@babawashington.org

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#### Chinese State Visit

In October, the **Prime Minister** hosted President of China, Xi Jinping, in a State Visit, announcing more than \$45 billion worth of trade and investment deals. Looking ahead to the end of the year, the British Embassy will also

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be engaging on climate change issues leading up to COP21, and we'll

be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the 1815 Commerce and Navigation Treaty between the UK and US as a symbol of our historic trading relationship in December.

Here is a look at some activities from this last quarter:

#### **Unveil Bentley Bentayga**

Sir Peter Westmacott, British Ambassador, unveiled the Bentley Bentayga at the Residence on 5 October, to showcase UK's innovation - the Bentayga is the fastest SUV on the market. Over 200 attended the unveiling.

## 6th Annual CyberSecurity Summit

At the 6th Annual Billington CyberSecurity Summit, UKTI hosted a UK pavilion showcasing nine UK cyber security SMEs to cyber leaders from across government and private industry. Following the Summit, Sir Peter Westmacott, British Ambassador, and British Telecom (BT) hosted a reception at the British Residence, with keynote remarks provided by Lieutenant General Cardon of US Army Cyber Command.

### **International James Bond Day**

Defence Attaché Major General Cripwell hosted a reception at the Jefferson Hotel to celebrate International James Bond Day, on 5 October, to promote the latest James Bond film SPECTRE. Partnerships with Aston Martin, Diageo, and the GREAT campaign allowed us to showcase the Roaming fees for calling, sending text messages, and using best of Britain through their associations with Bond.

#### **UKTI Webinar Series**

UKTI hosted a webinar series in October, which highlighted:

- ABCs of Visa Options for UK Companies to Invest
- Top 10 US Tax Planning tips for UK Businesses Entering the US Market
- tips for the US Market
- A Practical Guide to Establishing your Business in the Western United States

For more information on the Embassy, visit <u>www.gov.uk</u>. For more information, visit www.europarl.europa.eu.

## **European Parliament Moves to End Mobile Phone Roaming Fees**

A complete ban on roaming charges for using mobile phones abroad in the European Union will take effect in June 2017 under action taken by the European Parliament. In addition, clear rules on the right to Internet access will become law following Parliament's final approval of the new telecoms package in October.

"This abolition of roaming surcharges has been long awaited by everybody: ordinary people, start-ups, SMEs and all kinds of organisations" said Pilar del Castillo, a member of the European Parliament speaking during the debate before the vote.



"Thanks to this agreement, Europe will also become the only region in world which legally guarantees open Internet and net neutrality. The principle of net neutrality will be applied directly in the 28 member states. It also ensures that we will not have a two-speed Internet," she added.

the mobile Internet abroad in the EU (and in EEA countries) will be banned from 15 June 2017. From 30 April 2016, however, roaming surcharges (added to the price paid at home) must not exceed a predetermined rate. The cap on charges for incoming voice calls will be determined later this year and is expected to be considerably lower than for outgoing calls.

The new law will oblige firms offering Internet access to treat all traffic equally; i.e.,not to block or slow delivery • Selling your UK Product in the US - Marketing and PR of content, applications, or services from selected senders or to selected receivers, unless this is necessary to obey court orders, comply with laws, prevent network congestion or combat cyber-attacks.



## Lockheed Martin Lauded for Corporate Sustainability

**Lockheed Martin Corporation** [NYSE: LMT] has been named to the *Dow Jones Sustainability World Index* for 2015, maintaining its position on a benchmark

for corporate sustainability for the second consecutive year. The 2015 *Index* represents the top 10 percent of the largest 2,500 companies in the *S&P Global Broad Market Index* based

on long-term environmental, social, and economic criteria. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.lockheedmartin.com/sustainability">www.lockheedmartin.com/sustainability</a>.

## Dentons Names Nick Allard as Senior Counsel

**Dentons** has named **Nicholas W. Allard** as Senior Counsel in the Firm's Public Policy and Regulation



practice. Allard, who is the dean of Brooklyn Law School and will continue in that role, will be based out of

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Dentons' New York and Washington, DC offices. Allard will focus on legislative, regulatory, and administrative legal matters in the telecommunications, information technology, health, energy, environmental law, and higher education sectors. For details, visit <a href="https://www.dentons.com">www.dentons.com</a>.

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## US Army Selects Cobham to Develop Future Explosive Detection System

A team of **Cobham** colleagues has been contracted by the US Army to develop next generation technologies that can detect landmines and other explosive hazards hidden in the ground. The \$4.17 million development effort will take three years and result in a highly specialized handheld technology demonstrator designed to offer the Army a potentially unique system with increased capability beyond what similar systems can provide today, the company said. For details, visit www.cobham.com.

## OBXtek Named to the Washington Technology Fast 50 List

For the third consecutive year **OBXtek** has been included in the Washington Technology's Fast 50 list. "We are proud of our continued success and thank our customers, partners, and employees for making this

happen," said CEO **Bruce (Ed) Jesson**. The firm indicated that business has continued to expand in its Professional Services, IT Engineering Support, Soft-

ware Development and Testing, and Information Security offerings. OBXtek currently supports 13 Federal Civilian and Department of Defense agencies. For details, visit www.OBXtek.com.

## Arnold & Porter Tops American Lawyer's 2015 Pro Bono Rankings

For the second year in a row **Arnold & Porter LLP** led *The American Lawyer*'s annual pro
bono ranking of large law firms internationally and
ranked second amongst US firms. In its June issue, *The American Lawyer's 2015 Pro Bono Report* cited Arnold
& Porter lawyers in both the UK and US for spending
more than

480 hours "researching

the

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legal issues surrounding HIV self-testing kits and coordinating advice from other countries in the region for the Southern African AIDS Trust." In the USA, the firm was recognized, among other things, for its prodigious work in Cunningham v. Federal Bureau of Prisons, a class-action case on behalf of mentally ill Supermax prisoners, as well as for starting a new project defending military and civilian victims of sexual abuse by US service personnel. For full details, visit www.arnoldporter.com.



## The 5th Annual Cross-Channel British-French Golf Challenge

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## **British Airways**

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## American Airlines Lansdowne Club, Leesburg, VA

September 17, 2015



The First-Place team from Orbis celebrates its triumph.



Kathy Lowe (I.) from Premier Sponsor American Airlines (L) and Derrick Surratt (r.) with British Airways pause for a photo with the winner of the BA Business Class tickets, Richard Powell (second from right).



Debbie Nash's team — Nash's Tigers — enjoy a great day out at Lansdowne Club.



Closest-to-the-Pin winner Mark Nisley holds his prize — the Rolls-Royce putter.

## **BABA CEO Speaker Series Luncheon**

Featuring

## Andrew Gould CEO, BG Group PLC

October 8, 2015

Willard InterContinental — Washington, DC



From left to right: Andrew Gould, Chris Nicholson, Kristen Verderame, Mike Davis, and Kent Maxfield.



From left to right: Jennifer Taylor Hodges, BT; Mark Herlach, Sutherland; and Jenny Fordham, NGSA.



From left to right: Sal Tamburo, Dickstein Shapiro; New Member Sophia HuePham, International Trade & Financial Group; and John Dickerman, The CBI.



Andrew Gould takes questions from the audience following his address.

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From left to right: Allison Speaker, Sutherland; Cory Gill, Goldwyn Global Strategies; and Ryan Weiss, Sutherland.



From left to right: Abigail Campbell, Ryan Nalty, and Careth Alston, all with the British Embassy, with Brian Elson, Rolls-Royce North America.



New Member Susan Breitkopf, National Building Museum, with Cameron Land, ClearView Energy Partners.



Andrew Gould (r.) chats with James Kariuki during the networking reception.

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## **International Festival for Business Takes Flight in 2016**

What is IFB 2016? IFB (International Festival for Business) 2016 is a global marketplace for creating con-

nections and doing deals. It brings together thousands of businesses from around the world for three weeks of events, networking, and deal-making.

Where does it take place? The festival takes place at Exhibition Centre Liverpool, a world-class venue situated in one of the most vibrant cities in Europe. Why Liverpool? It is the perfect business destination with good communication and transport networks that makes it easily accessible from other parts of the UK as well as mainland Europe and beyond. It's also a thriving port with long established links with trading partners from the rest of Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia and a cultural hotbed for music, sport and the performing arts.

**Why attend?** IFB2016 offers a range of opportunities — both formal and informal — for businesses to network and connect with one another. Amongst the most

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significant are the Business Club, the Business Brokerage Service, and Meet the Buyer. Business Club membership gives direct access to more than 15,000 registered members as well as a range of exclusive benefits, products, and services to aid companies in making the most of their participation at the festival. The festival is open to companies of any size from around Europe as well as further afield.

Need more details? Visit www.ifb2016.com.

## CBI Report Advocates for Continued UK Role in EU

According to a new report by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), UK membership in the European Union may have downsides but the disadvantages are significantly outweighed by the benefits.

The report, Choosing Our Future: Why The European Union Is Good For Business, But How It Should Be Better, argues that the Prime Minister's push for reform gives a window of opportunity to maximize

those benefits — before the public chooses the future course for the UK.

"With a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union now a question of 'when' not 'if', it is essential that the business community is part of the debate," the report states. "Business lives Europe every day."

The CBI report contains the views of 29 business leaders, setting out both what EU membership means for them and how it should be better. They come from firms of all sizes, from all sectors and from all parts of the UK. Between them, they are responsible for hundreds of thousands of jobs.

The CBI points out that the majority of firms believe that the 'pros' of EU membership outweigh the

'cons'. But they also recognize that – like most institutions – the EU is far from perfect.

"There are disadvantages to EU membership. It costs money. It means compromising with other countries and not always getting our way,: the CBI adds. "The EU should be more focused on being competitive in a changing global economy. The need for further integration of Eurozone countries is not something the UK wants to be part of."

Aspects of EU legislation do get in the way of business, the CBI writes, adding that the Union itself is facing many challenges, particularly in an unstable world. But just as 'more Europe; isn't the answer to every question, neither is 'no Europe'.

"Being a member of the European Union helps British businesses to grow and create more jobs across the UK. The 'EU single market' gives British business access to over 500 million customers – that's 8 times the number of customers in the UK alone," the CBI writes.

While the CBI is in favor of the UK remaining in the EU, it also wants to see improvements in the relationship. "Like the Prime Minister, we believe that creating jobs should be the EU's 'raison d'être', not an 'optional extra'. The EU must expand the single market in services and update it for the digital age. New regulation must be a last resort, not a first response. And the EU must relentlessly focus on signing new trade deals with high-growth economies around the world. The CBI has been actively pushing this reform agenda with our sister federations in other member states."

The future UK referendum — a decision that includes whether staying or leaving will be best for tomorrow's growth and jobs — is the fundamental question. "Alternative arrangements to full membership either have

serious downsides or are surrounded by huge uncertainty. That's why the majority of business want to remain in a reformed EU," the CBI concludes.

To access the full report, visit <a href="http://news.cbi.org.uk/news/cbi-makes-case-for-being-in-a-reformed-eu/choosing-our-future">http://news.cbi.org.uk/news/cbi-makes-case-for-being-in-a-reformed-eu/choosing-our-future</a>.



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