



# Douglas Flint CBE

Championing HK-UK Business Links

## HM Treasury Special Envoy for the Belt and Road Initiative

## MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

**Date:** Thursday 24th May 2018

**Venue:** The Cavalry & Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, Mayfair, London W1J 7PX

**Time:** 12.30pm Drinks, 1.00pm Lunch

**Cost:** £80 per person (HKA Members); £95 per person (Non Members)

The Baroness Fairhead CBE, Minister of State for Trade and Export Promotion was to have been the Guest of Honour at the Hong Kong Association's Membership Lunch on 24th May. Unfortunately the Minister has had to pull out of this event due to a new Cabinet level commitment. The Membership lunch will however continue and we are very grateful that our Chairman Douglas Flint CBE, as HM Treasury Special Envoy for the Belt and Road Initiative, will now be our speaker.



China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was proposed in 2013 by China's President Xi Jinping. Drawing inspiration from the concept of the Silk Road established during the Han Dynasty 2000 years ago, an ancient network of trade routes that for centuries connected China to the Mediterranean via Eurasia, President Xi proposed a programme of investment, cultural and people-people exchanges which would promote economic co-operation and connectivity, primarily through infrastructure investments, among the countries along the proposed routes. This long-term project now encompasses over 100 countries, extending geographically well beyond the original concept and has already brought about significant trade and investment activity supporting local employment and new business formation.

As the Prime Minister made clear during her recent visit to China, the UK welcomes the economic opportunities presented by the Belt and Road Initiative, noting that the UK sees itself as a natural partner with its unrivalled professional services and project management expertise. The significant commercial opportunities for the UK, particularly

in sustainable infrastructure, financial and legal services, innovation and technology, and public health prompted the Chancellor to appoint a Special Envoy to the Belt and Road Initiative to co-ordinate and project both the UK's interest and capabilities to work with China to secure the economic benefits envisioned.

Douglas Flint, former Group Chairman of HSBC and Chairman of the Hong Kong Association was invited to take up this role and we are delighted he will share his thoughts on the opportunities, particularly as he will have only recently have returned from a week-long trip to meet with senior government and business leaders in China to promote the UK's interest in working within this initiative.

The all-in cost of this event will be £80 per head for members; this will include the pre-lunch reception and a 2 course lunch with wine. No tickets will be issued. Dress will be lounge suits.

*(To book a place for this event, please complete the booking slip and return it with your cheque, payable to "The Hong Kong Association", to the office address. Member companies are particularly encouraged to bring tables of up to 10. Any staff of member companies can attend at the members rate)*

### Hong Kong Association Membership Lunch - Douglas Flint CBE (Thursday 24th May 2018)

I would like to book a table for 10 or..... places (@ £80 per head / £95 per head) to the above event and enclose a cheque for

£ ..... Name of Member Organisation: .....

Name of Contact: .....

Tel No: ..... E-Mail: .....

Dietary requirements: .....

(Please send names and appointments of all attendees at least one week before the dinner.)