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**Message from British Chamber CEO, David Dawson**

Dear Member

I hope this newsletter finds you rested and refreshed after the holiday season, and already on track for a successful 2016. I readily admit to being caught up in cricket fever, and am relishing the prospect of the ODIs still to come. I hope to see some of you for the fixture on February 12th.

On a more sober note, 2016 will challenge us in a number of ways, as we face water shortages, a weakening rand and political 'unpredictability'. As always the Chamber wants to hear from you on how best we can support your business endeavours. Do encourage others to join our growing number of members, and to add volume and content to the voice of British Business in SA.

Best Wishes



**The Royal Visit and Bond is back!**

The Royal visit at the end of 2015 gave Chamber members an opportunity to rub shoulders with the fifth in line to the throne. Prince Harry's itinerary took in Lesotho, Cape Town, Durban and Kruger National Park. His final stop was Johannesburg, where Sterling Chamber Members were invited to an event celebrating youth entrepreneurship. In Cape Town, the Queen's grandson participated in a charity polo match, met with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and spent time learning about initiatives for young people. This official Royal

visit, the Prince's fourth to South Africa, serves only to increase the goodwill and collaboration between our two countries.

Prince Harry wasn't the only notable British gent attracting our attention at the end of last year. Fictional spy James Bond returned to our screens in **Spectre**, to the delight of all Agent 007 fans, but particularly those Chamber members who enjoyed the movie's exclusive South African premiere at Cradlestone Mall. Not to mention Jaguar Land Rover's scene-stealing vehicles...

## Successful Africa seminar at BCC International Trade Conference

November saw David Dawson co-present a 'standing room only' seminar on Africa at the British Chamber of Commerce (BCC) International Trade Conference in London. Attended by 600 UK and international business delegates, the conference theme was **Assessing High Growth**

**Markets.** Keynote speakers included Ian Davis, Chairman of Rolls-Royce, and Rt Hon Lord Maude of Horsham, Minister for Trade and Investment.

Highlighting new FDI hotspots in the region and pointing to the £9bn pound in bilateral trade between the UK and South Africa, David identified specific opportunities for UK

companies while being pragmatic about the challenges of doing business here. Director General of BCC, John Longworth, assured attendees that the Chamber network can and will offer 'enough support to our amazing global businesses so that they can go even further - and restore our reputation as a great trading nation'.



## Since its 2014 relaunch the Chamber has:

Registered  
**80**  
Members

### Across sectors such as:

-  BUSINESS SERVICES & IT
-  FOOD, BEVERAGES & RETAIL
-  INFRASTRUCTURE, ENGINEERING & WATER
-  LEGAL & FINANCIAL
-  OIL, GAS & ENERGY
-  RESEARCH & EDUCATION
-  MACHINERY & MANUFACTURING

### GUEST SPEAKERS HAVE INCLUDED:

**Nando's Founder** ROBBIE BROZIN  
**DA Leader** MMUSI MAIMANE  
**ANC Treasurer General** DR ZWELI MKHIZE  
**Wesgro CEO** TIM HARRIS

Held  
**30+**  
Business Briefings

### Given its members access to exclusive events, for example:

- The Eve of Opening of Parliament reception at the British High Commissioner's Residence
- Breakfast with the Lord Mayor of the City of London (Sterling members only)
- Events on board visiting British warships
- Reception in honour of Prince Harry (Sterling members only)

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## Interested in being Chamber Member of the Month?

The British Chamber of Business is dedicated to giving our small to medium companies' opportunities to promote their product or service offerings. Our "Member of the Month" initiative, provides exposure on our website, LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. Please contact [info@britcham.co.za](mailto:info@britcham.co.za) to learn more.



**Save the Date:**  
**Johannesburg**  
Members' Business  
Briefing with outgoing UK  
Trade Commissioner Andy  
Henderson, 16th  
February, Inanda Club.



**Save the date:**  
**Cape Town**  
Exclusive Eve of Opening of  
Parliament reception,  
10th February,  
High Commissioner's  
Residence, Bishopscourt



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