

New Challenges in Corporate Governance

Is There a Clash of Cultures between Germany and Britain?

Background

Business faces ever increasing demands from both regulatory authorities and stakeholders in the form of international corporate governance standards. As part of progressive integration of European capital markets, UK and German business have taken great strides towards harmonisation of standards and approaches. Yet differences remain regarding the openness of different countries' capital markets, and the legal, operational and financial rules governing the conduct of corporate affairs.

The conference organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany together with the Institute for Corporate Culture Affairs (ICCA) and German British Forum examines the impact of these different approaches on the financial and business exchanges between Britain and Germany. Who decides the "correct" standards? What is the impact on business of differing regulations and interpretations? Is a gradual convergence inevitable towards an international Anglo-Saxon standard? Or will a modified "European" version of traditional Rhineland corporate governance standards prove to be the strongest and most durable model?

Programme

3rd Düsseldorf Conference
Thursday, 24 May 2007

Industrieclub Düsseldorf

14:00 h **Registration, Refreshments**

14:30 h **Welcome**

- Norbert Strohschen, President BCCG
- Prof. Dr. Klaus Germann, Managing Director, Industrieclub
- Nick Tolhurst, Managing Director, ICCA
- Herbert Quelle, Head of Economic Department, German Embassy London

15:00 h **Introductory Speeches**

- David Pitt-Watson, Director, Hermes Focus Asset Management Ltd; Chairman of Equity, Ownership Services, Hermes
- Prof. Hans-Helmut Kotz, Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Bundesbank
- Prof. Dr. Rüdiger von Rosen, Managing Director, Deutsches Aktieninstitut
- Christian Strenger, Director, DWS and Member of the German Government Commission on Corporate Governance

16:00 h **Intermission**

16:15 h **Panel Discussion**

- David Marsh, Director, London & Oxford Capital Markets plc
- Bernd Ziesemer, Editor, Handelsblatt
- Frank M. Hülsberg, Partner, Deloitte
- Dr. Nikolaos Paschos, Partner, Linklaters
- Prof. Reinhard Schmidt, Universität Frankfurt
- Christian Strenger, Director, DWS and Member of the German Government Commission on Corporate Governance
- Dr. Michael Ensser, Partner, Egon Zehnder International

17:30 h **Closing Remarks**

18:00 h **Reception**
(end approx. 20:00 h)

Please note that only a limited number of seats are available (registration on first come-first serve basis). Conference language German and English (no simultaneous translation).

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