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08:30 - 09:30

Registration and Coffee

09:30 - 09:35

Chair's Opening Remarks

David Gardner, Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

09:35 - 09:45

Welcome

Suzan Sabancı Dinçer, Chair, Turkish-British Business Council of Foreign Economic Relations (DEİK)

09:45 - 10:15

Ministerial Address and Interview

Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs, Republic of Turkey

Interviewed by

10:15 - 11:40

[David Gardner](#), Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

Keynote Panel Discussion: Turkey's Economic Outlook and Key Investment Opportunities

Dr Tevfik Aksoy, Managing Director and Head of Central Europe, Middle East and Africa Economics, Morgan Stanley

Dr Vusal Gasimli, Acting Chief of the Department of Economic Analysis and Global Affairs, Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Hakam Kanafani, CEO, Türk Telekom Group

Soli Özel, Commentator, Habertürk Newspaper

Hasan Pehlivan, Principal Consultant, ISPAT (Investment Support & Promotion Agency)

Mustafa Sani Şener, President and CEO, TAV Airports

Dr Murat Ulgen, Managing Director and Chief Economist, Central and Eastern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, HSBC

Moderated by

[David Gardner](#), Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

With a dynamic period of economic activity on the cards, what is driving Turkey's key growth trajectories? What is the outlook for the country's economic and finance sectors - particularly against the backdrop of the Eurozone's deepening woes? Speakers will give a strategic overview of the latest business and investment opportunities for international and national commercial interests within the national and international economic and political context.

- Economic outlook in the EU and global context
- Privatisation and construction plans to 2015
- The future of Turkey's energy and 'renewables' sector
- Is Turkey looking more towards the East?

11:40 - 12:00

Networking Coffee

12:00 - 12:45

Keynote Address and Interview

Mehmet Şimşek, Finance Minister, Republic of Turkey

Interviewed by

[Daniel Dombey](#), Turkey Correspondent, Financial Times

12:45 - 13:05

Keynote Address

Hakan Binbaşgil, CEO, Akbank

Moderated by

[Daniel Dombey](#), Turkey Correspondent, Financial Times

13:05 - 14:15

Networking Lunch

14:15 - 14:35

Corporate Case Study: Investing in Turkey - An International Perspective

Han İlhan, Vice President and Country Director - Turkey, Alamos Gold

Moderated by

[Daniel Dombey](#), Turkey Correspondent, Financial Times

14:35 - 15:40

Panel Discussion: Turkey's bid for EU Accession

Special address

[Selim Yenel](#), Ambassador to the EU, Republic of Turkey

Followed by panel discussion with

[Cengiz Çandar](#), Senior Columnist, Radikal (Daily), Istanbul
[Joost Lagendijk](#), Columnist, Zaman and Today's Zaman
[Sinan Ülgen](#), Chairman, EDAM (Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies)
[Selim Yenal](#), Ambassador to the EU, Republic of Turkey

Moderated by

[Daniel Dombey](#), Turkey Correspondent, Financial Times

Discussions over Turkey's entry to the EU ran aground almost five years ago, not only because of the impasse over Cyprus, but because of core EU members' concerns that the country is too big, too poor and too Muslim. Can Turkey continue to go it alone? Or, as the Turkish economy keeps on its upwards trajectory, will we see the EU finding it harder to resist Turkey's overtures?

- How important is EU membership for Turkey - and for the EU?
- What are the main roadblocks to entry?

15:40 - 16:00

Networking Tea and Coffee

16:00 - 17:00

Panel Discussion: Turkey as a Logistics and Production Hub

İzzet Karaca, Executive Vice President for Turkey, Russia, Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and CEO, Unilever

Ruhi Engin Özmen, President, UND

Mehmet Şahintürk, General Industries Sector Manager, Ekol Logistics

Moderated by

Turgut Erkeskin, Chairman, UTİKAD and President and CEO, Genel Transport

Turkey lies between Asia and Europe serving as a bridge geographically, culturally and economically. Its location on two continents plays a central part in Turkish history and gives the country's logistics and production sector a major advantage in serving the markets of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. But is underinvestment undermining the country's position as a production and operations hub and an east-west transit route?

17:00 - 17:20

Address: Moving Turkey Ahead: Financing Infrastructure Investments

Alper Hakan Yüksel, EVP, Corporate Banking, Akbank

Moderated by

[David Gardner](#), Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

17:20 - 17:40

Corporate Case Study: The International Perspective: Investing in Turkey's Energy Sector

Farid Jafarov, Deputy CFO, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)

Moderated by

[David Gardner](#), Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

17:40 - 17:45

Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Summit

David Gardner, Associate Editor and International Affairs Editor, Financial Times

17:45 - 18:45

Networking Drinks Reception