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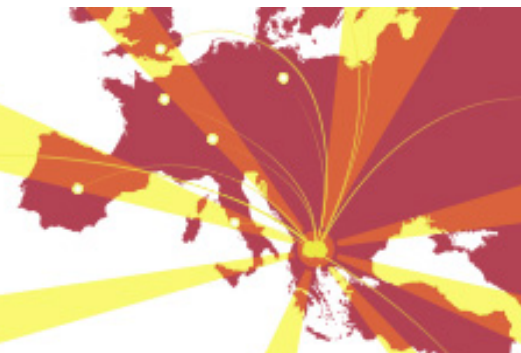


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# INVESTING IN MACEDONIA

Putting capital to work in south-east Europe

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## Cologne - Wednesday 10th December 2014

18:15 - 19:00

**Drinks Reception**

19:00 - 19:05

**Opening Remarks from the Chair**

**Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, *Financial Times Group*

19:05 - 19:20

**Keynote Government Address: Macedonia as an Investment Location**

- Introducing Macedonia
- Macedonia's political, economic, financial and business climate
- Why foreign businesses invest there

**Nikola Gruevski**, Prime Minister, *Republic of Macedonia*

19:20 - 20:15

**Dinner: First and Second Courses Served**

20:15 - 21:00

**Panel discussion followed by Q&A with guests: Turning Investment Opportunities into Realities**

Topics to be covered, based on real-life experience, will include:

- The main opportunities for foreign direct investors in Macedonia
- Its advantages and disadvantages as a business location
- The official incentives available - grants, loans, favourable tax arrangements

- Dealing with the practicalities of setting up business there
- The difficulties that can be encountered, and how they are overcome
- The long-term business outlook for Macedonia

**Ludwig Bathon**, Executive Manager, *ODW Elektrik*

**Vladimir Pesevski** Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, *Republic of Macedonia*

**Vele Samak** Minister for Foreign Investments, *Republic of Macedonia*

**Frank Volk**, Business Editor, *Automobil Produktion*

Moderator:

**Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, *Financial Times Group*

21:00 - 21:10

**Summary of Macedonia's Attractions to International Businesses**

**Viktor Mizo**, Chief Executive Officer, Free Zones Authority, *Republic of Macedonia*

21:10 - 21:15

**Closing Remarks**

**Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, *Financial Times Group*

21:15 - 21:40

**Dessert and Coffee**

21:40

**Formal conclusion**