

Investment Outlook 2017: Agenda

Wednesday 18th January 2017, DIFC Conference Centre

Time	Session	Participants
9.00am	Introduction Key themes from Hogan Lovells Investment Outlook 2017 Report	Imtiaz Shah, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai
9.30am	Geopolitical drivers – who or what will shape the political landscape in 2017 and beyond? This session will discuss the ramifications of global 2016 political developments on governments and economies across the world in 2017 and beyond. From Brexit to the US elections, Iranian sanctions and everything in between, we will discuss how the major players are jockeying for position and where they fit into the geopolitical jigsaw.	Moderator: Andrew Tarbuck, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai Sorana Parvulescu, Partner, Control Risks Peter Watts, Partner, Hogan Lovells, London (Brexit Specialist) Aaron Cutler, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Washington DC (US Election Specialist)
10.45am	Coffee break	
11.15am	Will the new restructuring law make the UAE a more attractive destination for investors in the future? Investigating the new restructuring law and exploring the expected rise in private equity and venture capital deals across the GCC, during this session we will discover the latest trends, new targets and the hottest sectors for investment in 2017.	Moderator: Charles Fuller, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai Markus Federle, General Counsel, Samena Capital Sarah Jones, CEO, Mini Exchange Anthony Pallett, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai
12.00pm	A new commercial reality? A discussion of changes and trends in the commercial landscape facing businesses in the UAE and the wider GCC for 2017 and beyond. This panel will discuss recent and anticipated events and how they may impact on the commercial decisions of everyday businesses, from the changes in oil prices and policies, the introduction of VAT, regional liquidity and capital markets, to the resurgence of PPP.	Moderator: Warren Thomson, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai Sam Surrey, Principal Director, Deloitte Corporate Finance Limited Scot Anderson, Partner & Head of Energy, Hogan Lovells, Denver Christopher Cross, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai
12.45pm	Closing remarks	Imtiaz Shah, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Dubai
13.00pm	Luncheon	