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VIP Dinner Discussion One/23

with

The Rt Hon Lord Dominic Johnson of Lainstone CBE
Minister of State (Minister for Investment)
at the Department for Business and Trade

On **Tuesday, 7 March 2023**, Lord Johnson was our **Guest of Honour and Speaker** at a Dinner Discussion, hosted by our Executive President, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, at the Royal Over-Seas Club, London SW1.

The Minister spoke about the importance of Germany as the UK's second largest trading partner and mentioned that his Department has therefore prioritised their links with Germany. Dr Atenstaedt gave an overview of German business in the UK, followed by highlights of our recent survey on 'Current Challenges Facing German Business in the UK'. This was followed by a very lively question and answer session and we were grateful that the Minister fully answered all our questions.



Royal Over-Seas Club



The Minister Speaking

At the end of the evening, our Chairman and Chief Executive, Mr Phil McClennon, gave the vote of thanks.

A very rewarding evening.



Some participants during the dinner

Some 25 members and guests were present who included, along with the Minister, Lord Stephen Green and Lord Dafydd Wigley, *House of Lords*, Mr Markus Knauf, *German Embassy*, Ms Sehar Shaheryar, *PS to the Minister*, Mr Klaus Allion, *ANT*, Mr Heiner Boehmer, *Helaba and GIUK*, Mr Armin Brestrich, *LBBW*, Cllr Simon Flunder, *GIUK*, Mr Laurence Grubb, *GIUK*, Mr Richard Halhead, *Fuchs Lubricants (UK)*, Mr Uwe Hanneck, *GIUK*, Mr Rhys Jarvis, *GIUK*, Mr John Pickering and Mr Rob Porter, *Miele*, Mr John Radford, *GIUK*, Mr Terry Sargeant, *ThyssenKrupp and Steel Buy*, Dr Thomas Schulz, *Noer*, Mr Richard Skinner, *Voith*, Mr Karsten Smet, *ACI*, Mr Daniel Tweer, *Rösler UK*, Dr Frank Wagner, *Lufthansa*, Mr Phil McClennon and Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, *GIUK*.



Participants during the discussion



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