

Celebrating 40 years of German industry represented in the UK

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GIUK Chairman Atenstaedt and Ambassador Ammon

On 29 October, German Industry UK (GIUK), the representative body for 250 German companies trading and manufacturing in the UK, celebrated its 40th anniversary at the Royal Overseas League Club in Central London. Chairman and Chief Executive Dr Bernd Atenstaedt and GIUK's members were joined at this celebration by Lord Dykes of Harrow Weald, Vice-President of the British-German Association, and by the former Director General of the Federation of German Industries Dr Werner Schnappauf.

In his keynote address transmitted via videolink, the Chief of the German Federal Chancellery, Minister Peter Altmaier, acknowledged the strong German-British relationship founded on shared values and a commonality of interests. He stressed that in the EU, Germany and Britain stood for a liberal, business friendly environment. Praising British pragmatism, he underlined that Britain remains an indispensable partner in Europe and in an ever-more interdependent world.

Ambassador Ammon, patron of GIUK and co-host of the celebratory dinner, commended the work of the organisation and pointed out that German companies had created 400.000 jobs in the UK, contributing substantially to the strength of the British economy. He warned against underestimating the risks and consequences of Britain leaving the EU for both sides. He advised looking at the success stories of German-British cooperation such as Lewis Hamilton's third Formula One World Championship title: won on a Mercedes that was built in Britain.



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