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## VIP Dinner Discussion One/24

with

### Ms Nusrat Ghani MP

Minister of State at the Department for Business and Trade,  
Minister of State for the Investment Security Unit at the Cabinet Office and  
Minister for Industry and Economic Security



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On **Thursday, 8 February 2024**, **Ms Nusrat Ghani MP** 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 in the presence of our **Patron, HE Miguel Berger, German Ambassador**, who welcomed the Minister.

We discussed with her the challenges facing German business in the UK, increased costs, paperwork and delays for their business in the UK post-Brexit, deviations from EU standards, high increase in energy costs, disruption to their supply chains, mainly caused by Brexit, Covid and the situation in the Ukraine and the impact on salaries and wages due to the high inflation rate. We also discussed particular challenges for the main sectors of industry, automotive, engineering, healthcare, transport and financial services. The Minister fully answered all our questions, was generous with her time and very approachable, much appreciated by us all.



Royal Over-Seas Club



Minister Ghani speaking

Some 25 members and guests were present who included, along with the above mentioned, Mr Klaus Allion, *ANT*, Mr Simon Asbury, *HARTING*, Dr Florian Becker, *Noerr*, Mr Heiner Boehmer, *Helaba and GIUK*, Mr Armin Brestrich, *LBBW*, Cllr Simon Flunder, *GIUK*, Mr Richard Halhead, *Fuchs Lubricants*, Mr Uwe Hanneck, *GIUK*, Cllr Rhys Jarvis, *GIUK*, Mr John Pickering, Miele and guest Mr Tim Pickering, Mr Clemens Richter, *CMR Controls*, Mr Richard Skinner, Voith, Mr James Stephens, *DHL*, Mr Sven Thaler, Lufthansa and GIUK and Dr Frank Wagner, *Lufthansa*. Other guests included Mr Benedikt von Imhoff, Bureau Chief North West Europe, Correspondent for the UK & Ireland, German Press Agency dpa, Dr Rieke Arendt, Economic Counsellor, German Embassy and Mr Thomas Gellender, Private Secretary to the Minister of State.

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



The discussion was chaired by Mr Andreas Kindler, Director Finance, Compliance, BMW Plant Oxford (MINI), Swindon, Hams Hall. (centre)



Some participants during the dinner

A very rewarding evening.