



4th Annual Conference on Investment Opportunities in Russian and CIS Banking
April 18 and 19, 2007
The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
New York City

The Financial Services Volunteer Corps, the Association of Russia's Regional Banks and the bank rating agency RusRating are delighted to invite you to the fourth annual conference on banking and investment opportunities in Russia and the CIS, to be held at The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

The April 2007 conference will include an expansive overview of new opportunities available not only in Russia, but also in the newly independent states once associated with the Soviet Union, and which are now a hotbed for investors with an interest in diversifying holdings. Conference sessions will explore the current and future landscape of investing within the entire region. The conference will give participants an enhanced understanding of the rewards and challenges of investing in the banking sectors in Russia and the CIS, as well as providing a wonderful opportunity for U.S. and international bankers and investors for visibility and networking among the senior management of Russia's and the CIS' top performing banks.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Why make an investment in the Russian or CIS banking sectors?
- What is the risk-reward equation; Debt versus equity investments?
- IPO potential
- How to make investment in Russia and the CIS more attractive
- Legislative update
- Changes in product offerings in order to attract international investors
- The importance of transparency and good corporate governance
- The need for effective risk management

Presenters and Participants:

The Russian delegation will include **Anatoly Aksakov**, Vice-Chairman, Duma Committee on Financial Markets; **Alexei Savatyugin**, Chief of Finance Department, Russian Ministry of Finance; **Andrey Suchkov**, Senior Vice President of Vneshtorgbank, **Gennady G. Melikyan**, First Deputy Chairman of the Bank of Russia; and **Aleksey Ulyukaev**, First Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank of Russia. Some of the U.S. and international presenters include **David Kramer**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State; **Paul B. Dyck**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe at the U.S. Department of Commerce; **William Donaldson**, former Chairman of the SEC; **Michel Perhirin**, President, MDM Bank; **Lou Naumovski**, SVP and General Manager, Visa International; **Mark Robinson**, President of Citibank Russia; and **Mira Davidovski**, Partner, Salans; **Kurt Geiger**, Financial Institutions, Business Group Director, EBRD; **Edward Nassim**, Vice President of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, IFC.

Other presenters will include senior officials from the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** (OPIC), the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** (Exim Bank), the **U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors**, and a variety of **global financial** and **legal institutions** working in Russia and the CIS

Over **24 Russian and CIS banks** have so far registered to participate. To view the draft agenda [click here](#)

Conference Format:

In addition to the in-depth presentations and panel discussions, we will hold a debate on the topic “**Money Has No Nationality or Borders**”. This past year the debate format has proven to be lively and illuminating.

Social Activities:

A series of evening social events are being organized that will allow conference participants to meet and network in a less formal setting. Planned events include a cocktail reception and a dinner/outing (which will require a separate fee).

Registration:

The registration fee is **\$2,100** per delegate, which includes attendance at all sessions of the two day conference, lunches and coffee breaks, a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria on the first night. A social event on the second night is being organized and will require a separate fee). For the registration form [click here](#)

Sponsorships:

For sponsorship or registration information, please contact Irene Coffman at Financial Services Volunteer Corps, via email at russianbankingconference@fsvc.org, or telephone at 212-771-1408 or Elena Arbuzova via email at elena.arbuzova@rusrating.ru.

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