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 **BRITISH CHAMBER**
OF BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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DIT Thank you Receptions • Chamber Events Round-up • New Member Welcome



Message from Board Adviser, Leon Ayo

Dear Reader

The current socio-economic winds and context can certainly be described as turbulent. And the navigation of turbulent winds requires boldness, steady hands, experience and teamwork. As such we feel the Chamber has an increasingly important role to play in the success of your organisation.

Brexit brings both uncertainty and opportunity. With our partners at DIT we are motivated to ensure that our members are well placed to seize the opportunities for Southern Africa and beyond resulting from the current Brexit negotiations and the potential future changes to trade agreements and trade relationships.

This quarter has seen the Chamber partner on and deliver a number of high profile events. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, a digital transformation is underway. The result will be an agile, modern Chamber, that responds effectively to the needs of our members through powerful communication and dynamic interaction. I urge you to feed your views into this process through the membership survey circulated in recent weeks – or indeed directly to me [via email](#).

We are excited to welcome a number of new members and to deliver an invigorated events programme. We look forward to engaging with you in the coming weeks.

L P Ayo



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Emma Wade-Smith OBE
Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Africa

DIT hosts two evening receptions to thank business for their support

Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Africa, Emma Wade-Smith OBE, welcomed guests on two occasions to the stunning gardens of her Johannesburg residence. The events celebrated all that the Dept for International Trade has achieved over the past year: its teams in 21 countries have helped UK companies land deals worth billions of pounds. Even more so it was an opportunity to express DIT's appreciation for the support and engagement of many Chamber member companies and other prominent SA and UK businesses.

In Emma's words:

"This year's two annual business evenings provided a wonderful opportunity to re-emphasise the strong bond that the UK Government has with the British Chamber of Business in South Africa. The spectacular black tie dinner also demonstrated why we so value the partnership we have with Virgin Atlantic. Having a close and strong relationship between the UK Government representatives in-country and the local business Chamber is the cornerstone that enables us to maximise the impact and profile of UK business activity."

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Did you join us for one of our Q1 Events?

Here's what Chamber members have been up to in the last quarter: *(click for details and pictures):*

- [Feb Partner Event \(CPT\): Eve of Opening of Parliament reception](#)
- [Feb Business Briefing \(JHB\): Factors likely to impact the global and South African economy \(David Gracey\)](#)
- [Feb Member Breakfast \(JHB\): Collaboration with the Spanish Chamber](#)

- [Feb Member Breakfast \(CPT\) at the Insitute for Justice and Reconciliation](#)
- [Mar Member breakfast \(JHB\): Zimbabwe](#)
- [Mar GTR networking reception \(CPT\)](#)
- [Mar Partner Event \(JHB\): DIT-hosted black tie reception](#)
- [Mar DIT-hosted Members' Cocktail Reception \(JHB\)](#)

Check out our upcoming events [here](#)



Special thanks to Investec

Ernesto Ciccone of member [Jacklin Enterprises](#) walked away from our February Business Briefing the winner of a weekend away at Clifftop Safari Hideaway in the Waterberg Mountains. While on a game drive he snapped this gorgeous zebra - appropriately enough since the event and prize sponsor was none other than [Investec](#).



Let's hear from Ernesto himself....

"We just got back from 2 glorious nights at Clifftop thanks to the Chamber and Investec in particular.

Thank you Investec - it was AWESOME!!!"



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Aubrey Goldman
(Individual Member)

MANY THANKS *to...*

- Sponsors in the last quarter: **Virgin Atlantic, Investec, Bowmans, Diageo, InvestNI** and **Jaguar Land Rover**
- Partners **DIT** and the **British High Commission** for several successful collaborations
- **HSBC** for hosting a Johannesburg breakfast event
- **The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation** for hosting a Cape Town breakfast event
- **The Spanish Chamber** for a successful event collaboration



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**MINISTER
PRAVIN
GORDHAN**

Tuesday 16 April 2019 

SAVE THE DATE: JOHANNESBURG
It's a pre-election double bill: Minister for Public Enterprises, Pravin Gordhan, and political commentators the Paternoster Group. Hosted by ENSafrica.



**MEET THE
NEIGHBOURS**

Thursday 6 June 2019 

SAVE THE DATE: CAPE TOWN
We're getting together with our German and French Chamber counterparts for a speed networking extravaganza, hosted by ENSafrica. Don't miss it!



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MEMBER-TO-MEMBER OFFER

Virgin Atlantic values its relationships with all British accounts in South Africa, and is offering a 15% discount to fellow Chamber members. [Contact Cecilia](#) for the discount code. *Ts&Cs apply.*



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Visited the **Members Only Area** recently?
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**MEMBERS'
SURVEY**

Calling all members! Remember the Chamber survey you received? YOU can influence the future direction of the Chamber by completing it **today**. What are you waiting for?!



