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## New York - Monday November 3, 2014

17:15 - 18:00	Drinks Reception
18:00 - 18:05	<b>Opening Remarks from the Chair</b> <b>Courtney Fingar</b> , Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, <i>Financial Times Group</i>
18:05 - 18:20	Keynote Government Address: Macedonia as an Investment Location
	<ul> <li>Introducing Macedonia</li> <li>Macedonia's political, economic, financial and business climate</li> <li>Why foreign businesses invest there</li> </ul>
	Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister, Republic of Macedonia
18:20 - 19:15	Dinner: First and Second Courses Served
19:15 - 20:00	Panel Discussion followed by Q&A with guests: Turning Investment Opportunities into Realities Topics to be covered, based on real-life experience, will include:
	<ul> <li>The main opportunities for foreign direct investors in Macedonia</li> <li>Its advantages and disadvantages as a business location</li> </ul>

• The official incentives available - grants, loans, favourable tax arrangements

	<ul> <li>Dealing with the practicalities of setting up business there</li> <li>The difficulties that can be encountered, and how they are overcome</li> <li>The long-term business outlook for Macedonia</li> </ul>
	Frank Brandenberg, Chairman and Director, KEMET Corporation
	Phil Gilbert, Managing Director, <i>P&amp;M Corporate Finance</i> George Perry, automotive industry executive consultant and former CEO, <i>Yazaki North America</i>
	<b>Emmanuel Pouliquen</b> , Principal Industry Specialist for the Transport Equipment and Machinery Sector, International Finance Corporation, <i>World Bank Group</i> <b>Zoran Stavreski</b> , <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance</i> , <i>Republic of Macedonia</i>
	MODERATOR: Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, <i>Financial Times Group</i>
20:00 - 20:10	Summary of Macedonia's Attractions to International Businesses
	Viktor Mizo, Chief Executive Officer, Free Zones Authority, Republic of Macedonia
20:10 - 20:15	Closing Remarks Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, <i>Financial Times Group</i>
20:15 - 20:40	Dessert and Coffee
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