

## The Global Agenda

November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 · Trinity House, London

**Chaired by:** Zanny Minton Beddoes, *Editor-in-Chief, The Economist*

### Day One: Thursday November 5th

18.15 Drinks reception

19.00 Chair's welcoming remarks

19.10 Dinner (first two courses)

20.15 **Dinner address:** Mark Carney, *Governor, Bank of England*

20.35 Q+A between **Zanny Minton Beddoes** and **Mark Carney**

20.45 Coffee and dessert

21.00 Chair's closing remarks

21.05 Carriages

### Day Two: Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>

09:30 Registration and refreshments

#### 09:45 **The geopolitical backdrop**

There has been an abundance of recent geopolitical shifts, from international sanctions to national elections, rising tensions in the Middle East and a deepening migration crisis. What does all this mean for the global economy? What are the implications of the refugee crisis on Europe? Is there a deepening gulf between east and west? What will the long-term impact of tensions in the Middle East be? Are we stuck in a world of slow economic growth? Is Europe heading towards a Brexit? Is China at a turning point? What is the global impact of China's recent economic slowdown? What will the trickle-down effects be? How is the Africa growth story likely to evolve? What about the impact of the rise of the dollar? Is the world now turning against globalisation in favour of localism?

**Opening comments:** Philip Coggan, *Capital Markets Editor & Buttonwood Columnist, The Economist*

#### 10:45 **The role and responsibility of business**

The idea that companies bear a responsibility that stretches beyond their shareholders is not new but what is businesses' role in improving productivity, boosting economic growth, reducing inequality and facilitating social mobility? What are the ramifications of the Volkswagen scandal? Are we in the midst of an era of underinvestment? Do we value trust enough and how can businesses build trust? Has the behaviour of boards changed? How can firms move from short-termism to long-termism? Do regulators have a role to play in this or is it a function of activist

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investors? What will the implications for businesses be if an agreement on a decarbonised future is reached at COP21?

**Opening comments:** Andrew Palmer, *Business Affairs Editor, The Economist*

11:45 Refreshment break

**12:15 Disruptive innovation and the new economy**

The term “disruptive innovation” is now ubiquitous. Both the digital economy and the sharing economy have had a tremendous impact and will continue to do so, but how is the new economy reshaping the world? Is the digital revolution enough to address the productivity problem? Or is it a risk to society as we know it? How sustainable is it? Is the nature of regulation changing as a result or do regulators need to go further – or are they in danger of overreaching?

**Interviewer:** Andrew Palmer, *Business Affairs Editor, The Economist*

**Interviewee:** Taavet Hinrikus, *Founder, Executive Chairman, TransferWise*

13:15 Lunch and close of meeting