# 15th Annual General Meeting



18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 London, England







## Welcome

It brings me great pleasure to invite you to the Parker Randall International AGM for 2018. The event is to be held between 18th and 19th October 2018 in London, United Kingdom. After previous year's success and positive feedback we decided to return to the Hilton London Tower Bridge.

In the global economy, the uncertainty surrounding Britain's future withdrawal from the EU is causing the most concern. This uncertainty is likely to continue until the exact nature of the deal to be agreed between Britain and the EU is laid out. What is clear, though, is that our members will need to continue to navigate the choppy waters ahead, and strengthening the bonds in our network will allow us to chart a course with confidence

As communication is key to the network's continued growth and success, the AGM brings all our members together to review the previous 12 months work and discuss our plans, priorities and actions for the year ahead. There is also the opportunity to direct questions to the president and other board members.

This invitation provides all the information you will need to know regarding the AGM. Please complete the form at the back confirming attendance and whether you require accommodation at the venue. If you require any additional information or visa requirements please do not hesitate to contact us.

May I take this opportunity to welcome you to the AGM and I look forward to seeing you in London.

Yours Sincerely,

Jason Parker - President



# AGM 2018 agenda

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE PRESENT ON BOTH DAYS

## Conference agenda

#### **THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER**

10.00 Registration10.00 - 17.30 Guest programme

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

19.00 Welcome cocktail

#### FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER

09.00 – 17.30 Conference

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

19.30 Dinner

#### **DRESS CODE**

Thursday Business suit

Cocktail Smart casual

or business suit

Friday Business suit

inner Smart Casual

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## Thursday's agenda

09.30 - 09.50	Introduction and Welcome by the host Parker Randall UK – Kevin Foster
09.50 – 10.40	IFAC – Forum of Firms – Brian Smith
10.40 – 11.20	Practice management  – Philip Shohet
11.20 – 12.00	ICEW – Future of the Profession
12.00 – 12.30	Global Witness - Bribery – Barnaby Pace
12.30 – 13.00	PRI and social media campaign and Marketing – Nani Ker
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.40	2018 Quality control review results
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Discussion group
19.00 –	Welcome Cocktail at Hilton Hotel.

### Friday's agenda

09.30 – 10.00	Introduction and welcome – PRI President and host
10.00 – 10.30	New members' presentations
10.30 – 11.00	Speech
10.40 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00	Discussion groups
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Discussion groups
15.00 – 15.40	Regional updates
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	Discussion groups
17.00 – 17.30	Conference close – PRI President

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## The destination

London is the world's leading financial centre for international business and commerce and is one of the "command centres" for the global economy.

According to Brookings Institution, London has the fifth largest city economy in the world, after Tokyo, New York City, Los Angeles and Seoul with an estimated GVA of £309.3 billion (\$546.4 billion) in 2012, and a per capita GVA of £37,232 (\$65,768). By way of comparison, London's economy is roughly the same size as that of Sweden or Iran.

The United Kingdom has the fifth-largest national economy (and second largest in Europe) measured by nominal GDP and ninth largest in the world (and third largest in Europe) measured by purchasing power parity (PPP). The UK economy comprises (in descending order of size) the economies of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In 2013 the UK was the fourth-largest exporter in the world and the fourth largest importer, and had the second largest stock of inward foreign direct investment and the second-largest stock of outward foreign direct investment. The UK is one of the world's most globalised economies.

With an estimated 8,615,246 residents in 2015, London is the most populous region, urban zone and metropolitan area in the United Kingdom. London generates approximately 22 per cent of the UK's GDP. 841,000 private sector businesses were based in London at the start of 2013, more than in any other region or country in the UK. 18 per cent are in the professional, scientific and technical activities sector while 15 per cent are in the construction sector. Many of these are small and medium-sized enterprises.

Government involvement in the British economy is primarily exercised by HM Treasury, headed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Since 1979 management of the UK economy has followed a broadly laissez-faire approach. The Bank of England is the UK's central bank and its Monetary Policy Committee is responsible for setting interest rates.



## Useful information

#### TIME ZONE

United Kingdom time zone is GMT

#### **VISA**

You may need a visa to come to UK. Please call the British Embassy in your country.

#### **TIPPING**

Cafes and restaurants in the UK include a service charge in your bill. The tips are assessed for taxation purposes. However, a small extra tip is appreciated to show you were satisfied with the service. But there is no obligation.

#### **TELEPHONE**

To call UK the international dialling code is 0044, followed by the number (without the first 0). The telephone number for Police and Ambulance is 999

#### **CURRENCY**

The national currency is the British Pound.

#### **ELECTRICS**

Electrical items in the UK operate in 240 Volts. You will need to use a 3 pin adapter.

#### **BANKS/CREDIT CARDS**

Banks are normally open from 9.00am to 17.00pm during weekdays. Major credit cards and traveller's checks are accepted; however you may need to carry some cash with you. You can exchange money on arrival at airports.

#### **POST OFFICE**

Post offices in the UK are normally open weekdays 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Saturday 9.00am to 14.00pm.

Stamps are available at the Newsagents and Souvenir shops.







## The venue and accommodation

Set against the backdrop of one of London's best known historical landmarks, Hilton London Tower Bridge is a modern hotel with a striking exterior.

Ideally located on the doorstep of the city's financial and shopping districts and situated in the stylish 'More London' development, this contemporary London hotel is a 5 minute walk to London Bridge Station for underground and national rail services. Tower Hill Station is a 15 minute walk from this hotel near Tower Bridge. Excellent rail links provide easy access to London's gateway stations and all the major London Airports via the Airport Express network.

With stylish, elegantly-furnished guest rooms and a fully equipped fitness suite, this hotel in London is the perfect base from which to explore many of London's attractions. Dine on tasty British classics at The Larder restaurant, specializing in traditional English puddings, or entertain clients in the fashionable Ruba bar.

This London landmark hotel has won a number of prominent Hilton service awards, including the coveted Brand of Excellence award.

#### AT A GLANCE

Hilton London Tower Bridge

5 More London Place, Tooley Street, London SE1 2BY, United Kingdom Telephone 0044 20 3002 4300

A contemporary and vibrant centrally located hotel, situated seconds from Tower Bridge, one of London's most famous landmarks.



## The venue and accommodation

#### **BUSINESS CENTRE**

Business is easy with our full-service business centre, including wireless internet access, secretarial services, fax and photocopying. Our dedicated staffs are here to help you with any business queries.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Feel at home in this bright and modern room with wireless internet access. Relax in the cool, calm tones infused with natural light from the large opening windows. Watch movies on the 25-inch plasmaTV, work in comfort at the desk or unwind in the easy chair.

#### GETTING TO THE HOTEL

#### Via Heathrow

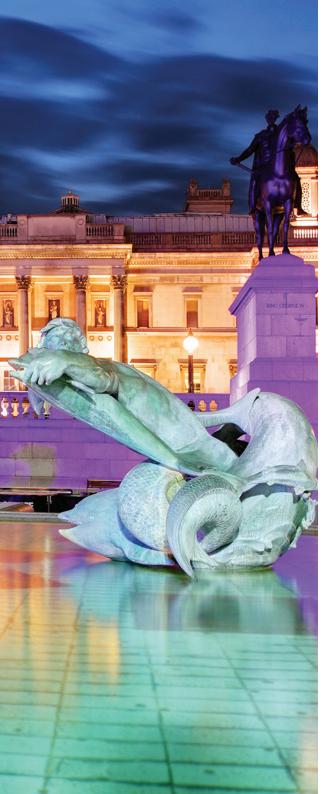
Take the Heathrow Express from the airport into London's Paddington Station. Then take London Underground Hammersmith & City or Bakerloo Line to Baker Street and change onto the Jubilee Line for London Bridge

#### Via Gatwick

Take the Gatwick Express to London Victoria. Then take the London Underground Victoria Line to Green Park and change onto the Jubilee Line for London Bridge.

#### **ROOM RATE**

We have agreed a special room rate with Hilton Hotel for our guests. Please contact Jade Perkins for details.







## Things to do

Given that London is one of the most vibrant cities in the world, no matter what you are interested in, there will be something for you. In fact, you may find the hardest part is deciding what to see and what to miss out.

#### **TO VIEW**

London is home to over 300 museums and galleries, making it the epicentre of culture and collections in the northern hemisphere. From the world's largest Maritime Museum to an art gallery in an old power station, London delves into the history of everything from boats to Botticellis and mosaics to manuscripts.

#### TO BUY

No matter what style of shopping you love, you will find it all in London. From the boutique nature of the West End to the major flagship stores on Oxford Street, London bristles with shopping opportunities. There are also plenty of markets like Portobello Road where you can find a taste of traditional London.

#### TO WATCH

If you love live theatre, you have to see a West End show. Alongside Broadway in New York, this is the destination regarded as being the place to see the best shows and performers. There is a broad variety of live performances to be found in the West End, so whatever you love, there will be something that pleases you.

#### TO TASTE

London is a gastronomic powerhouse with a high concentration of top restaurants owned by world class chefs like Jamie Oliver and Gordon Ramsay. From Caribbean curries to a classic fish and chips, you can find a cuisine to tickle your taste buds in the city that has every culinary corner covered



# Confirmation

• I will attend the AGM (18th – 19th October)	YES NO	I require accommodation at Hilton London Tower Bridge on the following nights:
		Wednesday 17th October
I will attend the dinner on Friday 19th October		Thursday 18th October
My partner will accompany me to the dinner		Friday 19th October
Diet requirements for myself and/or my partner:		Saturday 20th October
		Additional requirements or comments:

Please complete and return to Jade Perkins (jperkins@parkerrandall.com)

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