



PARKER RUSSELL INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL FORUM

**30 & 31 OCTOBER 2025
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**



Welcome

Dear Esteemed Members,

On behalf of Parker Russell International, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to you for the upcoming Global Forum for Members, taking place on 30th and 31st October 2025. We are thrilled to have you, and your team join us for this exclusive event, which brings together members from our global network of firms.

This year's forum promises to be a unique opportunity for our members to engage in meaningful discussions on the current landscape of our industry, share insights on best practices, client referral opportunities, mergers and acquisitions, the next five years' vision for our firms, and explore innovative solutions to the challenges we face. As always, we look forward to an event filled with valuable exchanges that will benefit both your firm and the wider Parker Russell International network.

Our sessions this year will focus on key themes such as global regulatory changes, advancements in audit technology, strategic growth opportunities, and the emerging challenges of 2025 in the accounting industry. These challenges include the increased emphasis on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) reporting, the rise of artificial intelligence and automation in accounting, global tax reforms, and the continuing evolution of cybersecurity risks within the financial sector. We encourage you to take full advantage of the expert-led panels, interactive discussion panels, and peer-to-peer networking opportunities.

As we move into 2025, these pressing issues will significantly shape the future of our industry, and we are excited to discuss strategies that will allow your firm to not only keep up with these changes but also to lead in adopting new practices and technologies. The forum will provide a platform for us to explore these challenges in depth and work towards innovative solutions together.

This event presents a unique chance to connect with fellow member firms, strengthen our global network, and explore new ways of collaborating across borders. We are confident that the insights gained from this forum will help you and your firm stay ahead of emerging trends and continue to provide the highest level of service to your clients.

Welcome

Visa Applications

For those requiring a visa to attend the forum in the UK, we strongly encourage you to make your application to the UK Embassy well in advance to ensure you receive your visa on time. We want to ensure that all our members can attend the forum without any travel-related issues. Please be sure to contact Poppy Booth on pbooth@parkerrussell.co.uk, should you require a formal invitation letter to aid in the visa application process.

Additional details, including accommodation preferential rates, agenda and any pre-event materials, will be provided as we approach the event.

We look forward to an engaging and productive event, and I am confident you will find it both enjoyable and beneficial. Please confirm your attendance, by completing the electronic confirmation form at the end of this invitation, and return to **Poppy Booth, Business Development Executive**, at pbooth@parkerrussell.co.uk.

Once again, welcome to the Parker Russell International Global Forum. We look forward to seeing you in October!



Warm regards,

Joy Griffiths

Communications & PR Director

GLOBAL FORUM 2025 Agenda

Conference Agenda

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 17:30 Conference

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

09:30 – 17:30 Conference

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

8pm - Dinner

DRESS CODE

Thursday Business Suit

Friday Business Suit

Dinner Smart casual or business suit

*Agenda is subject to change.

Thursday's Agenda

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Introduction & Welcome

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation

10:30 – 11:00 Presentation

11:00 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 12:00 Presentation

12:00 – 12:30 Presentation

12:30 – 13:00 Presentation

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 Presentation

14:30 – 15:00 Presentation

15:00 – 15:30 Presentation

15:30 – 15:50 Break

15:50 – 16:20 Presentation

16:20 – 17:30 Presentation

Friday's Agenda

09:30 – 10:00 Introduction & Welcome

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation

10:30 – 11:00 Presentation

11:00 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 11:40 Presentation

11:40 – 12:00 Presentation

12:00 – 12:30 Presentation

12:30 – 13:00 Presentation

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 Presentation

14:30 – 16:00 Discussion Panel

16:00 – 16:20 Break

16:20 – 17:10 Awards Ceremony

17:10 – 17:30 Conference Closing Speech

20:00 - Dinner

The destination



As of March 2025, London continues to be a leading global financial centre, serving as a pivotal hub for international business and commerce. The city's financial district hosts numerous multinational corporations, banks, and professional services firms, reinforcing its status as a 'command centre' for the global economy.

Economic Performance

According to the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecasts from the March 2024 United Kingdom budget, the UK's economy was projected to grow by 0.8% in 2024 and 1.9% in 2025. Inflation was expected to fall below the Bank of England's 2% target by mid-2024, reaching 1.5% in 2025. Public debt, excluding Bank of England debt, was anticipated to be 91.7% of GDP in 2024, rising to 92.8% in 2025.

However, recent developments have led to adjustments in these projections. The British Chambers of Commerce revised its economic growth forecast for the UK, predicting a GDP rise of 0.9% in 2025, down from the earlier 1.3%. Inflation is now expected to exceed the Bank of England's 2% target until the end of 2027, influenced by increased business costs from the recent autumn budget.

Trade and Investment

The UK remains a significant player in global trade, being one of the world's most globalised economies. In 2022, the UK became the world's fourth-largest exporter, behind only China, the US, and Germany. The country's stock of inward and outward foreign direct investment continues to be substantial, reflecting its attractiveness to international investors.

The destination

Population and Business Demographics

As of 2025, London's population is estimated to be approximately 9 million residents, making it the most populous region, urban zone, and metropolitan area in the United Kingdom. The city generates approximately 22% of the UK's GDP. A significant number of private sector businesses are based in London, with a notable presence of small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly in the professional, scientific, technical, and construction sectors.



Government and Economic Policy

Economic policy in the UK is primarily managed by HM Treasury, headed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Department for Business and Trade. The Bank of England serves as the UK's central bank, with its Monetary Policy Committee responsible for setting interest rates. In recent years, the UK government has implemented various fiscal measures to support economic growth, including tax incentives for businesses and investments in key sectors such as artificial intelligence and green energy.

In summary, London maintains its prominent position as a global financial centre, and the UK continues to play a vital role in the international economy. While economic forecasts have been adjusted in light of recent challenges, the country's commitment to fostering a dynamic and resilient economy remains steadfast.



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.

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 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 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 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.

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.



Confirmation

To: Joy Griffiths (jgriffiths@parkerrussell.co.uk)

From:

Email:

Re: Global Forum: 30th – 31st October 2025 – London

YES NO

I will attend the Global Forum (30 – 31 October 2025)

I will attend the dinner on Friday 31st October

My partner will accompany me to the dinner

Diet requirements for myself and/or my partner:

I require accommodation at Hilton London Tower Bridge on the following nights:

Wednesday 29th October

Thursday 30th October

Friday 31st October

Saturday 1st November

Additional requirements or comments:

Please complete and return to Poppy Booth (pbooth@parkerrussell.co.uk)

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