

Strategies, the consulting and training and information business which he cofounded 27 years earlier. James started his career with the founders of the LNG business and with his colleagues has supported cutting edge projects, leading companies and governments in building the gas and LNG business all around the world over a 30 year period.

He is now divides his working time between being a non-executive director and supporting various industry bodies not least of which is the New Silk Road Forum where he is chairman of the energy committee.

### **New Silk Road Forum**

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New Silk Road Forum (NSR Forum) is a non-profit, self-funded organisation which seeks to promote the development of links between governments, international financial institutions, corporates and professionals of various disciplines within the countries of the New Silk Road.

NSR Forum acts to fulfil its objectives by:

- Establishing Sector Working Groups to provide an environment for dialogue, produce reports and findings on areas which are of relevance and importance to the "New Silk Road".
- Hosting Sector focused events with input from leading experts in each sector.
- Acting as a medium for participants to meet/discuss and understand the opportunities of the "New Silk Road".

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Law and Governance**

The Forum is extending an invitation to organisations with interests in the New Silk Road Countries to participate in the working group panel. Participants are being invited from leading international law firms, city institutions, multi-national organisations, academia and Chambers of Commerce.

The Working Group is chaired by Richard Gubbins (Partner) of Ashurst LLP  
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Further information regarding the forum can be found at [NSRforum.com](http://NSRforum.com)

### **IPFA**

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**Infrastructure along the New Silk Road:  
Opportunities and Challenges**

25th June 2013



## Infrastructure along the New Silk Road: Opportunities and Challenges

Tuesday 25th June 2013, hosted by Ashurst LLP

In association with International Project Finance Association (ipfa)

### Agenda

12:00	<b>Registration</b>
12:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction:</b> Charlie Geffen, Senior Partner, Ashurst LLP, Abradat Kamalpour, CEO & Founder of the New Silk Road Forum; Partner, Ashurst LLP
12:40	<b>Address:</b> The Aktau Declaration - A New Approach to Infrastructure in Kazakhstan Lord Waverley, Chairman, New Silk Road Forum
12:50	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United Kingdom, HE Otabek Akbarov. The Uzbek perspective on infrastructure.
13:10	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Opportunities and Challenges in infrastructure on the New Silk Road Chaired by: - Nicholas Moy, Chairman, Gryphon Emerging Markets and Greenpark Capital - David Wadham, Partner, ETI, Ashurst LLP - Greg Vojack, Member of the President of Kazakhstan's Foreign Investor Counsel, Co-Chairman of the Universe Ecology Charity Trust, Senior Partner, VSB Partners - Walid Sarieddine, Assistant General Manager & Head of Islamic Finance, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation - James Ball, President & Director, Gas Strategies
13:50	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
14:00	<b>Closing Remarks from Host:</b> Abradat Kamalpour, Ashurst LLP
14:05	<b>Closing Remarks from IPFA:</b> David Borthwick, Practice Head, Structured Finance Practice & Project Risk Practice, Marsh Ltd & IPFA UK Branch Council Member
14:10	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

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### Panellist Biographies

#### Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United Kingdom, Kingdom of Norway and Ireland,

##### HE Mr Otabek Akbarov

#### AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE COURT OF SAINT JAMES'S, THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, IRELAND

<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tashkent State University, Faculty of Oriental Studies (1993)</li> <li>Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael (1994)</li> <li>Geneva Centre for Security Policy – New Issues in Security Course (2005)</li> </ul>
<b>Professional experience</b>	
1993 – 1994	Senior Inspector, Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan
1994 – 1995	Third Secretary, Department of European Countries, MFA
1995 – 1998	Second Secretary, Embassy of Uzbekistan in Belgium, Brussels
1998 – 2000	First Secretary, Acting Head of Unit, Department of European Countries, MFA
2000 – 2004	First Secretary, Embassy of Uzbekistan in France, Paris
2004 – 2007	Head of Unit, Deputy Director, Director, Department of cooperation with countries of Europe, MFA
Since October 2007	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Court of Saint James's
Since May 2010	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Kingdom of Norway with residence in London

Since May 2013	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Ireland with residence in London
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#### Lord Waverley - New Silk Road Forum, Chairman

Lord Waverley's interest is international affairs through first-hand engagement. An independent member of the House of Lords, he entered Parliament in 1993 and was elected to remain as a hereditary Peer in 1999. He contributes regularly to Parliamentary proceedings on a wide range of topics, covering drugs, terrorism, conflict and development, and has travelled widely from Afghanistan to Colombia, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Guinea and Eurasia.

He chairs the six All-Party Parliamentary Groups for Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, in addition to heading the regional Central Asian Group - a position held since the foundation of the Groups. His prime objective is to put into place working-relationship mechanisms between the Parliaments in order to address a missing link to the bilateral relationships and to bring greater understanding of the strategic importance of Eurasia. He is co-Chair of the British Mongolia Parliamentary Group and vice Chair of the British Afghanistan All-Party Parliamentary Group. He is the creator of Parliament Revealed, a web based project which explains the workings of the Parliament in the United Kingdom, and is the convenor of Eurasia Dispatch, an initiative to bring greater exposure and understanding of Eurasia.

He is an advisor to the Chairman of KazMunaiGaz and to the Chairman of the CCC Group, is Chairman of the New Silk Road Forum and Honorary Co-Chairman of the Washington DC-based International Tax and Investment Centre (ITIC), Chairman of Global Infrastructure Finance Initiative (a non-profit making bureau of independent professionals in international banking, financial advisors, lawyers, engineering and construction sectors), Patron of the British Uzbek Society and Vice Chairman of the Britain Azerbaijan Business Council (BABC). He has worked in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Lord Waverley is a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI).

Lord Waverley was honoured with a Yoruba Chieftaincy in Nigeria and has received State decorations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Colombia. Born 31st October 1949, John-Desmond, Viscount Waverley is the grandson of Sir John Anderson, who served in Churchill's War Cabinet in a number of capacities during a lifetime of public service.

#### Nicholas Moy, Chairman, Gryphon Emerging Markets and Greenpark Capital

Nicholas Moy is one of the UK's leading experts on the economies of Emerging Market countries. He is Chairman of Gryphon Emerging Markets, an investment banking firm operating in the Middle East/North Africa, Central/Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It has offices or partners in London, Moscow, Warsaw, Kiev, Istanbul, Cairo and Bahrain and its primary focus is on raising capital (in either conventional or Islamic form) for SMEs in the CIS & MENA regions at the pre-IPO stage. He is also Chairman of Greenpark Capital, a global private equity fund management firm with \$2.0 billion AUM operating from offices in London, Tokyo, and Hong Kong, which is currently raising the first global secondaries fund (\$500mn) to be focused exclusively on emerging markets. He is also Chairman of Abacus Emerging Markets, a financial services firm set up to arrange cross-border investments and corporate finance transaction between Australia & New Zealand and selected emerging markets. He is also either Chairman, Director or Advisory Board member of a number of other organisations, including the Arab Private Equity Union, the London Stock Exchange CIS Panel, Cordoba Islamic Financial Group, Dolphin Capital Investors (a property investment company), 7L Capital Partners (the Balkans), REM Capital (South-East Europe), Silk Road Financial Services Group (Central Asia) and Arbah Capital (Saudi Arabia).

Nicholas was previously a co-founder of a UK investment bank called Granville Holdings Plc (later Granville Baird), where he was responsible for operations in Continental Europe and the Middle East, and before that he was with Price Waterhouse Consultants, the British Diplomatic Service and British Army, operating with most of these organisations in Continental Europe, the MENA region and South-East Asia.

Nicholas has an MA in Oriental Languages and Law (including Shariah Law and) International Law) from Cambridge University, an MBA (International Finance major) from the Wharton Business School (University of Pennsylvania) and he is also a graduate of the Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies (Lebanon).

#### David Wadham, Partner, ETI, Ashurst LLP

David Wadham is a partner in Ashurst's energy, transport and infrastructure group. David specialises in the energy sector and has a wide range of corporate and finance experience, with a particular focus on the acquisition, development and project financing of independent water and power projects (IWPPs) and other infrastructure projects. David is also a leading member of the firm's Islamic finance group.

David divides his time between London and the Middle East and has represented sponsors and funders on a number of landmark deals including the Fujairah F2 and Shuweihat S3 IWPPs in Abu Dhabi, the Ras Laffan C IWPP in Qatar and the Muharraq wastewater PPP in Bahrain.

#### Greg Vojack - VSB Partners, Senior Partner, Member of the President of Kazakhstan's Foreign Investor Counsel, Co-Chairman of the Universe Ecology Charity Trust

Greg Vojack a Senior Partner of VSB Partners, Almaty Kazakhstan is lead outside international for Temir Zholly, the national railway of Kazakhstan. He is responsible for legal aspects of building a new Silk Road from China to Europe and Turkey.

#### Walid Sarieddine, Assistant General Manager & Head of Islamic Finance, SMBC

Walid joined SMBC Europe in January 2009. He is part of the Structured Finance Department and has a strong knowledge of the MENA project finance and corporate banking markets with over 9 years of experience in the region. He also has extensive knowledge of the infrastructure and energy sectors as well as a sound understanding of both established and emerging PPP models in terms of structures, framework and evolution.

Walid is also Head of Islamic Finance and has lead a successful effort to enable SMBCE to offer and advise its clients on Sharia-compliant debt products in the MENA as well as Southeast Asia for both project, corporate and trade debt. He also works closely with the Financial Advisory team and co-ordinates many of their activities with financial institutions in the MENA region. He has recently co-lead SMBCE's advisory mandate for the Madina Airport PPP project in Saudi Arabia (closed June 2012).

Prior to joining SMBCE, Walid spent over four years at WestLB AG in London, part of a MENA debt origination team focused on the syndicated bank loan markets. Walid holds a MBA degree from Southern Methodist University, USA.

#### James Ball, President & Director, Gas Strategies

James has a reputation as one of the most experienced advisors in the natural gas business. In June 2013 he retired from Gas