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**June 2011**

## Queen's Birthday Gala Dinner

The Queen's 85th Birthday is fast approaching and we will be celebrating in style. Come and join us at our Annual Gala Dinner on Saturday June 18th



*On the occasion of the 85th Birthday of  
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II  
you are cordially invited to attend a Gala Dinner & Dance at*

*The Conrad Ballroom*



Saturday, June 18th 2011

7:00 to 11:00 pm

in the presence of

Her Majesty's Consul General Kevin McGurgan O.B.E. and Mrs. Victoria McGurgan

Music by *The Miami Blue Band*

Raffle for a Four Day Break in London for Two and hotel stay courtesy of British Airways and Hilton Hotels

Live Auction for two Delta Air Lines roundtrip business class tickets to London

Silent auction prizes include two roundtrip economy tickets to London, courtesy of Delta Air Lines,  
and other terrific experiences

Individual \$125

Table of Ten \$1250

includes Bombay Sapphire Gin & Tonics & pre-dinner cocktails, complimentary wine and Llanllyr source sparkling water

Dress: Evening Attire - Black Tie

CONRAD MIAMI

1395 Brickell Ave, Miami, FL. 33131

Valet Parking \$10

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

Special accommodation rate at the Conrad Hotel is available for Queen's Gala Guests on Fri. 17, Sat. 18, and Sun. 19 June

\$179 p.n. room and breakfast in standard city view room/\$229 p.n. for bay view room

Rooms to be booked direct with hotel reservations office: 305 503 6557 or 6589

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### About Us:

Access to the right connections, markets, influence and intelligence is key to business success. And high-quality access, on both sides of the Atlantic, is at the heart of the business advantage we offer.

We offer our members practical business expansion opportunities by delivering high-caliber networking and marketing opportunities, top-quality business intelligence, regulatory advice, and the opportunity to achieve real business from the personal relationships they develop through their membership.

## Swire Properties unveils plans for Brickell CitiCentre

Longstanding BABC Trustee Member Swire Properties has unveiled plans for a nine-acre mixed use development christened Brickell CitiCentre (BCC). The \$700 million development would span four blocks bordered by Brickell Avenue on the east, SW First Avenue on the west, and between Sixth and Eighth streets. BCC will consist of a total of 4.6 million square feet of retail space, condos, offices, a hotel and restaurants housed in five towers.

It will be developed in phases with the first phase slated to include around 500,000 square feet of retail shops and restaurants, a 290-room four-star hotel, two eight-story office towers and a residential tower with about 270 units. The se-

cond phase will include the development of a majority of the office space and a probable second residential tower. The retail segment of the development will be anchored by one department store plus a mix of luxury and moderate retailers focusing on fashion brands and home furnishings.

Plans for the Brickell CitiCentre include landscaped sidewalks and plazas with public art offerings. Sustainable features in the development include a signature elevated trellis known as a Climate Ribbon. The trellis will provide overhead shading, water collection and solar energy apart from enhancing the pedestrian experience and overall project sustainability.

The development is expected

to create an average of 1700 jobs per year during its four year construction phase and around 3800 permanent jobs upon completion. Swire Properties aims to secure permission from the Miami City Commission by the end of July 2011 and commence construction in late 2011 or early 2012. The project is planned to be completed over a four-year period.

To read more about Swire Properties exciting plans visit:



Swire has its origins in Liverpool, England, a modest import-export company, which first opened its doors for business in the early years of the nineteenth century.

[History of Swire](#)



## Manchester Business School celebrate Grand Opening

Manchester Business School, Miami-Americas Center recently celebrated its Grand Opening Event in the Southeast Financial Center Building, in Downtown Miami. The event was attended by the Dean of the Business School in the UK, Professor Michael Luger and the Chief Global Officer, Mr

Nigel Banister. The guest speaker, Mr Robert Herz (former Chairman of the Federal Accounting Standards Board "FASB") presented an interesting speech on 'Global Challenges and Opportunities'. Many local businesses were represented at the event, along

with educational competitors and currently registered students from the MBA programme.

Further details on Manchester Business School go to:

[More Info](#)



## English Tea & Royal Wedding Celebration at the Biltmore

The Biltmore Hotel brought the Royal Wedding to Coral Gables. The historic hotel opened its doors to celebrate Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton on the afternoon of Friday, April 29th. A traditional English afternoon tea, pastries and champagne were offered in the Granada Ballroom, accompanied by a live post nuptial viewing of

England's momentous wedding, and an informal modeling of the Wedding Suite collection at Nordstrom, Coral Gables. The Biltmore was a fitting venue to catch a glimpse of the most televised Royal Wedding in history, and British Consul General Kevin McGurgan gave a celebratory champagne toast to those attending, just before they gazed at the giant screen

showing the magical wedding moments.



[More Royal Wedding Celebrations across](#)

## President Obama's State Visit

President Obama and the First Lady made a 3 day state visit to the UK last month. This is only the third state visit by a US president to the UK in 100 years. It is a rare occurrence, but this hasn't stopped the two countries from collaboration in a wide range of worldly activities like Libya to Afghanistan, counter-terrorism and the Middle East peace process.

The partnership between the countries are obvious and well demonstrated in an article written by both President Obama and Prime Minister

David Cameron for The Times, in which they declare: "Ours is not just a special relationship, it is an essential relationship – for us and for the world." The visit started with a ceremonial welcome in the gardens of Buckingham Palace with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, and a state banquet in the evening. President Obama meet with Prime Minister Cameron at 10 Downing Street, then addressed both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

To read the full article in The

Times and for more news on the President's visit go to:

[More Info](#)



## Fourth European Chambers Business Seminar

Organized by the German American Business Chamber, Italy America Chamber of Commerce, Spain US Chamber of Commerce, French American Chamber of Commerce, and the British American Business Council

### Topic: Growth of Biosciences in Florida

Russel Allen, President and CEO of BioFlorida, will give a snapshot of the "Bio Century", he will provide an overview of the development of the bio and life sciences cluster in Florida and discuss the potential and challenges.

Dr. Claudia Hillinger, Vice President for Institute Development of the Max Planck Florida Institute and President of the Max Planck Florida Foundation, will discuss the rationale behind a German-based research organization building it's first research institute in the US, in Florida, as an example of the development potential within the bioscience cluster and will provide a status report of its progress.

Brickell Bay Office Tower  
1001 Brickell Bay Drive, Suite 2110 - Miami FL 33131

June 8th, 2011  
8:45 a.m. Registration & light breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Seminar followed by Questions & Answers

[Click Here to Register](#)

Our Website Has Been Upgraded

We have a new website courtesy of Trustee Member, Louis LaFontsee.

Please have a look on [www.babcmiami.com](http://www.babcmiami.com) and give us any ideas or feedback to: [babcmiami@gmail.com](mailto:babcmiami@gmail.com)

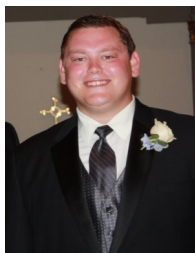
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## New Trustee Member—Hugh Nicholson



I graduated from the University of Richmond in May of 2010, where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Shortly after returning to Washington D.C. after school, I joined BABA Washington. My father, Chris Nicholson, is a long time member of BABC, having served as chairman and president of BABA Washington, as well as Treasurer of BABC. As a dual citizen of the States and the UK, I have a strong passion to stay involved with British culture and commerce. I am an avid supporter of Liverpool FC

and Northampton RFC, as it gives one the excuse to spend some 'quality' time at the local pub, indulging in some proper food and beer.

At the start of the New Year, I began working for the Washington Nationals of Major League Baseball at their Spring training location in Melbourne, FL. I have since relocated to the Ft. Lauderdale/Miami area and am now working as a Strategic Partnership Manager for the Florida Panthers of the National Hockey League and BankAtlantic Center. The BankAtlantic Center lives up to its reputation as the premier sports and entertainment facility in South Florida and one of the elite venues of it's kind in the world, possessing the ranking of 4th busiest arena venue in the country. I support my sponsorship sales team, as well as the organization, by designing customized sponsorship

proposals for local, domestic, and internationally based businesses. Exciting times lay ahead for the Panthers organization as Dale Tallon, Panthers General Manager, has a plethora of picks in next month's draft in addition to the undying support of Cliff Viner, majority owner of the Panthers.

I am genuinely excited to join the board of directors and look to make an immediate impact, specifically in helping to jumpstart the Young Professionals initiative. I strongly believe that it is important to have a strong balance of youth and 'experience'. I look forward to working with both the board and general membership to make sure that we capitalize on all available resources and make sure the BABC Miami is a staple within South Florida's business community.



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**We Would Like to Thank Our Trustee Members:**



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