



Court of Common Council

Thursday 12th January 2023

Guildhall

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London

Alderman Nicholas Lyons

Good afternoon, everyone.

I would like to start by wishing all Members a happy, healthy and safe new year. I hope everyone had a good Christmas break.

Just before Christmas, I was delighted to meet with the Ambassador of Vietnam.

There is already a very good relationship between the UK and Vietnam, and I was pleased to talk to the Ambassador about how we can build on this relationship further, through Financial Services, FinTech, Sustainable Finance and Professional Services.

I also met with the Ambassador of Chile, one of the City of London Corporation's key partners in Latin America.

They are one of the leaders in sustainability – launching the world's first sustainability linked bond on the London Stock Exchange, and I discussed with the Ambassador how our sustainable financial services can help them achieve even more in 2023.

I visited New York City to encourage greater partnership between the UK and US's financial and professional services firms, which can help drive investment, growth and prosperity for us both.

I met with leading financial institutions, including the CEOs of Blackrock and JP Morgan, alongside Goldman Sachs, Lord Abbett, Citibank and with the CEO of Bloomberg just before the visit.

I also hosted a British-American Reception focused on the City's Global Investment Futures Campaign, outlining the strength and skill of our investment management sector, which is second only to the United States.

Later today, I will be hosting the Mayor of London for our annual 'London Government Dinner' held at the Mansion House.

I look forward to outlining to our guests how the City of London supports Londoners and outlining how our financial services sector supports Londoners and the wider country.

Later this month, I will be visiting Scotland where I will be meeting with the leaders of the UK's second largest financial services hub, as well as the First Minister, followed by visits to the Republic of Ireland and Australia.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all the very best in 2023.