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TRANSATLANTIC CONFERENCE 2025

**Focus on the Future:
Navigating the Demands of Tomorrow's World**

Venue:
Foundation for the Carolinas

April 30-May 2
Charlotte, North Carolina



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Each year, the British American Business Network (BABN) brings together members of the 20 chapters throughout the US, UK and Canada for a 3-day conference. The purpose is to convene high-level business discussions with senior executives and decision-makers, thought-leaders and government representatives actively involved in bilateral trade, investment and business flows between the UK and US.

The conference is by invitation only and open to members and partners of the BAB Network and offers a series of roundtables, plenary sessions and networking receptions for upwards of 200 guests.

The conference has been hosted previously by BABN chapters in Cleveland, OH; New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA; Chicago, IL; London, UK; and Birmingham, UK.

The conference is complimentary if you are a current member of one of the affiliate BABC chapters of the British American Business Network (BABN). If you are not a current member, or your membership has lapsed, you can sign up on the registration page for Individual Membership, all benefits will be valid for 12-months for future events and programs.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1 | Wednesday April 30 | 12:00pm – 5:00pm | **Location:** Moore & Van Allen
100 N. Tryon Street, Suite 4700
Charlotte, NC

BAGOL – British American Group of Lawyers

This session is aimed not only to provide valuable and important guidance to Lawyers who advise businesses on international trade and commerce matters, but also to Business Executives and Managers and other Advising Professionals, including Accountants and other Consultants who are engaged with or wish to learn more about UK/US business interests. Lunch will be provided.

12:00 – 12:30pm	Guest Registration and Lunch
12:30 – 12:45pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
12:45 – 1:15 pm	Session 1: UK/US Policy Introduction and Update
1:15 – 1:55 pm	Session 2: The M&A Crystal Ball
1:55 – 2:05 pm	Refreshment Break
2:05 – 2:45 pm	Session 3: Navigating Transatlantic Business Expectations in a Changing Immigration Landscape
2:45 – 3:25 pm	Session 4: AI & IP
3:25 – 3:35 pm	Refreshment Break
3:35 – 4:15 pm	Session 5: AI and Data Law Developments: A Transatlantic View of Key Changes to Note and Look to the Future
4:15 – 4:55 pm	Session 6: Look to the Future: What should be keeping CEO's up at night?
4:55 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks

Day 2 | Thursday May 1 | 8:00am – 4:30pm | **Location:** Foundation for the Carolinas
220 N. Tryon Street, 4th Floor
Charlotte, NC

BABN Transatlantic Conference

Focus on the Future: Navigation the Demands of Tomorrow's World

High-level business discussions with senior executives and decision-makers, thought-leaders and government representatives from the UK and US actively involved in bilateral trade, investment and business flows between the UK and US. Speakers, panelists, VIP's and special guests, to be announced.

Agenda subject to change.

8:00 – 8:45am	Guest Registration Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:00 am	Panel Session 1: The Crucial Alliance: Why the relationship between the US and UK is so important, not just for each other but for the world.
10:00 – 10:45 am	Panel Session 2: The US / UK Trade and Investment Partnership: What does that mean for business?
10:45 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Panel Session 3: Burning the Red Tape: How Deregulation Shapes the Future of International Trade
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Panel Session 4: What's the Score? The Business of Sports as an Economic Driver; from capital investment and advanced technologies, to attracting inward investment, creating jobs, positive health, wellbeing and winning!
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Panel Session 5: The Sustainability Challenge: What to expect in the coming years and how businesses are responding.
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Coffee Break
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Panel Session 6: SME Dialogue with USTR / US Commerce Department / US SBA / UK DBT Small Fish in a Large Pond! How are SME's managing bilateral expansion with wins?
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Closing Remarks

Day 2 | Thursday May 1 | 6:30 – 10:00 pm | **Location:** Grand Bohemian Hotel
201 W. Trade Street
Charlotte, NC

His Majesty's British Consul General Awards Dinner

Honoring UK and US Business Success in the Carolinas

Since 1997 BABC Carolinas has hosted this prestigious awards dinner to recognize outstanding contributions in support of bilateral trade and investment between the US and UK by companies with a presence in the Carolinas. Two recipients are selected each year for their FDI contributions in the US and UK markets respectively. Based on merit, such as; capital investment, high quality job creation, innovation, leadership and sustained growth benchmarks.

This black-tie optional event is attended by some of the region's top executives, government officials and VIP's. Cocktail reception is followed by dinner, VIP keynote address and concludes with the award presentations. 2025 recipients, to be announced.

Past award recipients include: Alfred McAlpine, Bovis, Marsh USA, Compass Group, Royal Sun Alliance, Barloworld Distribution, Quintiles Transnational, Gas Fired Products, Goodrich Corporation, Glaxo Smith Kline, Sunbelt Rentals, Shaw Power Group, Turkington Industries, SPX Corporation, Unigel, Beardow Adams, 3D Systems, BAE Systems, SAS Institute, GKN, Wells Fargo, Snyder’s Lance, Dunlop Aircraft Tyres, Almac Group, Haas F1 Team, Form Technologies, B&W Fiberglass, Bakkavor USA, Womble Bond Dickinson US.

Day 3 | Friday May 2 | 9:00am – 2:00pm | Location: BDO
615 S. College Street, Suite 1200
Charlotte, NC

BABN – Internal Workshop

A workshop for BABC Chapter Executive Directors and Board Members ONLY.

9:00 am	Coffee and Networking
	Chapter Meetings
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch
	Chapter Meetings
2:00 pm	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

BABN TRANSATLANTIC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Attending the BABN Transatlantic Conference is a Membership Benefit and complimentary for all active members in good standing, attending from any of the 20 affiliated chapters of the BABC Network.

Please check your membership status before registering. If you are not a current member or your membership has lapsed, you can renew on the registration page then register to attend the conference at no additional charge. Alternatively, you can sign up for the non-member conference rate, based on availability.

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