

Global Strategy Group
10-11 December 2004, Windsor, UK

Agenda

FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER	
12:00- 14:15	<p>Session one Working lunch <i>What will change in 2005?</i></p> <p>A tour de table for participants each to discuss one positive and one worrying development to watch for in 2005.</p>
14:30-16:00	<p>Session two <i>Coping with Bush II</i></p> <p>What should we expect from the second Bush administration on the domestic front? In foreign policy?</p> <p>How will the rest of the world cope with the second Bush administration?</p>
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-17:45	<p>Session three <i>Will Europe snap in 2005?</i></p> <p>Europe faces a number of pressing issues which raise questions about the sustainability of the European project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the decline of the US dollar will continue (or, at least, not be reversed), putting tremendous pressure on European exports, the only "semi-engine of growth" in the EU; ▪ referendums are upcoming on ratification of the European Constitution; ▪ discussion is being reopened on the Growth & Stability Pact; ▪ no new reform is on the agenda in Germany.
16:30-17:45	<i>Will Europe snap in 2005? continued</i>
19:00-21:30	Dinner
19:00-19:30	Dinner and session four <i>Living with a resurgent Russia</i>
19:30-21:30	<p>What is going to be Russia's future role in international relations in light of such recent events as the Yukos affair and Russian involvement in the Ukrainian elections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Russia has begun leveraging its energy and commodities assets in a realpolitik fashion. What does this mean for Russia's business reliability in business and economic affairs? ▪ Is Russia going to be a factor of strategic stability in the future?



SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER	
08:30-10:00	Session five <i>Can a shift occur in the Middle East?</i> The Iraq War was meant to force a process of reform in the Middle East. But does this now appear likely? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Can the US achieve stability in Iraq?▪ Has Arafat's death indeed opened an avenue to relaunching negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis?▪ Where does the evolution of Saudi Arabia and Egypt fit?
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	Session six <i>China and India rising: What effects on the region and beyond?</i> China has established itself as a growth engine of the global economy. India has not seen China's explosive GDP growth, but it may be moving towards a tipping point. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What is the political and economic trajectory of these two countries over the next five-six years?▪ What key changes in the region and the global system will China and India's rise create?
11:30-12:30	Session seven <i>What are the implications for the global business picture 2005?</i> After an opening evaluation, corporate participants pose follow-up questions to the Group, drawing as they wish on the contents of the discussions (including the opening session) and focusing on implications for their corporations.
12:30-13:30	Session eight <i>Concluding points over lunch</i>