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INVITATION

The British High Commissioner Mr Matthew Kidd,
The Chief Executive of ICAEW, Mr Michael Izza,
and

The President of the Cyprus – UK Business Association, Mr George Kourris
cordially invite you to attend the

Panel Discussion

“THE DIGITAL ECONOMY” “Climbing the Technology Revolution Curve”

18:00 – Wednesday 12 March 2014
Hilton Park Hotel, Nicosia

The event will be of interest to all concerned with ways of achieving recovery and revival of the economy. The distinguished guest speakers will be offering their perspectives on the role, the challenges and benefits of a Digital Economy. The panel discussion will stimulate dialogue and encourage constructive and vigorous contributions from the participants.

A reception hosted by the organisers will follow the panel discussion

RSVP by 10 March 2014 at the
Cyprus – UK Business Association
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Programme Outline

18:00	Guests Arrive
18:15-18:20	Welcome by Mr George Kourris , the President of the Cyprus – UK Business Association
18.20-18.40	<p>Introductory remarks from the Chairman</p> <p>HE Matthew Kidd , British High Commissioner</p> <p>Short contributions from speakers</p> <p>Mr Peter Stevens, Deputy Director in the European Reform Directorate of the UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)</p> <p>Mr Michael Izza, Chief Executive of ICAEW</p> <p>Dr Mike Lynch OBE, FEng, Founder of Autonomy Corporation and Invoke Capital and Business Ambassador of the UK Government</p>
18:40 -19:15	Open Discussion – Q&A
19:15 - 20:00	Cocktail Reception hosted by the Organisers



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Dr Mike Lynch OBE – Founder, Invoke Capital Business Ambassador for UK



Mike has founded and advised a number of companies ranging from Neurodynamics to Blinkx. Mike is best known for founding Autonomy in 1996, the UK's largest software company, member of the FTSE 100 with a market capitalisation of \$11bn, and was its CEO for fifteen years until it was acquired by Hewlett Packard in 2011. In 2012 Mike started Invoke Capital, a company to invest in fundamental European technologies. During his career, Mike has received many awards and accolades. In January 2013 he was one of 100 people on The Times' New Power List. In 2011 he received the Outstanding Contribution award in the UKIT Industry awards and was named Most Influential Person in UK IT by Computer Weekly. He has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by Management Today magazine and by the CBI. He is an Honorary Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Suffolk.

He is currently a Non-Executive director of the British Library and Cambridge Enterprise. Previous roles include the BBC and Nesta. He is a council member of the Royal Academy of Engineering and of the Foundation for Science and Technology, of which he is also a trustee. He is a member of the advisory board of Tech City's Investment Committee and of the 'Create the Change' board at the Francis Crick Institute. He is an advisor to the Prince's Trust technology group and a founding investor of Bridges Venturing, which is a social investment firm.

Michael Izza, Chief Executive Officer, ICAEW



Michael Izza was appointed chief executive of ICAEW in 2006. Under his leadership, ICAEW has embarked on an ambitious strategy to transform itself into an international professional accountancy body, headquartered in the UK. A key part of his role is to promote the contribution made by the profession as a driver of business and economic confidence and growth across the world.

Michael is a regular media commentator and is responsible for spearheading ICAEW engagement with political and regulatory stakeholders. Between 2008 – 2009 he chaired three Treasury working groups tasked with identifying valuers for state-owned financial services companies.

He was also chair of a taskforce set up by the Leading Group to examine the relative merits of an international financial transactions tax. He is currently on the UK government-convened Small Business Economic Forum and regularly meets ministers and regulators to discuss issues facing the business community. Michael joined ICAEW in 2002 as executive director of finance and operations, becoming chief operating officer in 2004. Prior to that he worked at Spring Group Plc from 1997 to 2001 where he was managing director of several businesses and group finance director. From 1989 to 1996 he worked for Canadian Company John Labatt Ltd., latterly as managing director of the retail arm of the business with responsibility for public houses in the UK.

He qualified as a chartered accountant in 1986 with Coopers & Lybrand after graduating in law from Durham University, where he was also president of the student union. Michael has also acted as a school governor for nine years and as a trustee of a charity.



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Peter Stephens, Deputy Director, UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

Peter Stephens is Deputy Director, Europe in the European Reform Directorate, UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. He is responsible for the UK's interests in the single market, including the UK Single Market Centre, EU competitiveness and economic growth policies, the Digital Single Market and co-ordination for the Competitiveness Council. His previous roles have include trade relations with developing countries, employment regulation and enforcement, and SME venture capital.



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