

# **Exploring New Frontiers IFSWF Annual Meeting Astana 2017**



In 2017, the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) will be Exploring New Frontiers in Astana, Kazakhstan. At our first annual meeting in Central Asia, hosted by Samruk-Kazyna, we will be asking our members to expand their horizons by looking at new opportunities in an uncertain, low-growth investment environment.

The annual meeting will be held from 5 to 7 September at the St. Regis Hotel, 1 Kabanbay Batyr Avenue, Astana, 010000, Kazakhstan

On day one, we will be addressing new frontiers in risk management and asset allocation, as well as discussing new trends in environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues across asset classes and the effects of technological disruption on the investment environment. Following the annual general meeting on day 2, we will ask members to participate in scenario planning and private equity workshops. The final day will be open to selected participants from the private sector and the media. We will look at the role of

sovereign development funds, opportunities for investing in privatisations and China's "One Belt, One Road" initiative as well as touring the Astana Expo.

# Registration

Registration for members will start at **08:00** on **Tuesday 5 September**. We would like to start at 09:00 promptly so please arrive in plenty of time to collect your accreditation.

### Agenda

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## **Delegate list**

Please see the link at the bottom of the page for the most recent delegate list.

## Travel, accommodation and visas

Kazakhstan has visa-free travel to citizens from 45 major countries shown in the graphic below. Citizens from other countries will need to apply for a visa. If you require assistance with visas, accommodation or travel, please contact <a href="Carissa Henry">Carissa Henry</a> who will be able to arrange for your invitation letter for a visa at the airport.



#### Visa procedure

Upon arriving at Astana or Almaty airport please proceed to a border control. If you require a visa you will be directed to a special Consul at the airport. The Consul will guide you through the process.

Please have following documents in order to acquire a visa upon arrival to the airport:

- 1. Passport
- 2. 3.5cm x 4.5cm colour ID photograph
- 3. **Printed invitation letter** (to be sent by the beginning of August)
- 4. **Completed visa application form** (download below). *Note: Visa applications forms also will be available by request from Consul.*
- 5. US\$60 visa fee (payment is CASH ONLY)

#### Accommodation

The new venue for the meeting is the St. Regis Astana. The St. Regis has 70 rooms booked at a preferential rate for IFSWF members on a first-come-first-served basis. You will need to complete the booking form available below to secure your rooms and send it directly to St. Regis Astana Hotel reservation team for booking.

If you are staying at another hotel please send <u>Carissa Henry</u> your details as Samruk-Kazyna will arrange transport to the venue.

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