

Danube Institute Presents

Conversations: An Evening With Robert Agostinelli

The well-known financier, Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Founding Member of the Friends of Israel Initiative **Robert Agostinelli** will discuss current issues with **Zsolt Németh**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and **Péter Ákos Bod**, former Governor of the Hungarian National Bank.

The discussion will be moderated by **John O'Sullivan**, President of the Danube Institute.

Date: **September 21, 2017**

Time: **Registration: 5:00 p.m.; Program 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Location: **Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade**, 1016 Budapest, Bérc u. 13-15.

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Please join us, as part of a select audience, Thursday evening, September 21st, for the first in a series of Conversations, where the **Danube Institute** will bring together leading figures in different areas of expertise for a conversation with leading Hungarians.

On this occasion our guest is renown financier **Robert Agostinelli**, Co-Founder of the London based investment firm, Rhône Group, where he is Managing Director and Co-Founder.

He will be joined by distinguished **Zsolt Németh**, former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and current Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament. Also joining the discussion will be **Péter Ákos Bod**, former Governor of the Hungarian National Bank and current Director of Institute of Economics and Chairman of Economic Policy

Department at Corvinus University of Budapest, and Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Moderated by DI President, **John O'Sullivan**, the conversation will be wide ranging covering

- **the economic climate in Europe,**
- **their views on the foreign policy and economic impact of Brexit,**
- **the effects of terrorism for business,**
- **the revival of the Silk Road by China,**
- **the role of philanthropy in politics and other pressing topics of the day.**

Mr. Agostinelli co-founded Rhône in 1996 and has been actively engaged in all aspects of the Firm's strategy and development since inception, while maintaining and extending the Firm's broad base of relationships with private families, key corporate decision makers, institutional investors and senior sovereign government officials. He is actively engaged in the sourcing and monitoring of investments across all industries and leads the Firm's investor relations activities.

Prior to co-founding Rhône he was a Senior Managing Director in the banking group of Lazard Frères with responsibility for international banking business. Before joining Lazard, Mr. Agostinelli spent five years with Goldman Sachs, where he founded its international mergers and acquisitions business in London. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Mr. Agostinelli worked for Lord Rothschild in London. Mr. Agostinelli received a B.A. from St. John Fisher College, an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Agostinelli is currently a member of the Board of Directors of GardaWorld, Magnesita, Global Knowledge and Unieuro. He is active in numerous philanthropic activities including as Chairman of National Review Institute and as board member of The National Review and the Reagan Ranch Board of Governors.

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