

## Roundtable “Kazakhstan Investment Opportunities”

On March 18, 2019, the roundtable titled “Kazakhstan Investment Opportunities” has been organized by PR SQUARED Worldwide Eurasia Bridge at the SBF Seminar Room.

The event attended by around 50 guests and participants. Mr. Rainer Michael Preiss, Executive Director, Client Investments, Taurus Family Office, delivered the presentation about Overall Macroeconomic Situation in Kazakhstan, Ms. Yelena Zemtsova, CEO of PR SQUARED Worldwide Eurasia Bridge – on AIFC and Related Opportunities; and Mr. Aziz Janbakiev, Sales Business Development manager, Truelog Pte Ltd - about Transit and Trade Potential of Kazakhstan.



It was highlighted that Kazakhstan holds 28<sup>th</sup> place in “Doing Business Index”, its GDP growth rate in 2018 amounted to 4,1%, official foreign reserves reached USD 88.6 billion with USD 4.9 billion net foreign investment in Kazakhstan in 2018.

Due to its location in the center of the land trade “bridge” between Europe and Asia, Kazakhstan has access to the largest sales markets - the EEU, Russia, China, Central Asia - is the central part of the continent, the “key hub” of international trade routes. More than 500 million people live in a radius of 2,000 km. Kazakhstan has access to the market of the countries of Central Asia is 40 million people and to the market of countries bordering the Caspian Sea - 235 million potential consumers and to the market of Western China. Kazakhstan's participation in the EAEU opens a common market with a capacity of more than 180 million consumers.

The roundtable attendees were briefed about AIFC, including Preferential Tax Regime as AIFC participants are exempted corporate tax income received from providing the financial and ancillary services as well as from capital gains for 50 years (until 1-Jan-2065). Their employees are similarly exempted from individual income tax.



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responsive to the needs of global business markets.

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In addition, the transit potential of Kazakhstan was discussed in details. For instance, the goods delivery from Chinese port Lianyungang to Western Europe requires 14 days meanwhile by sea-routes it needs 45 days. Kazakhstan and its Khorgos Gateway key

roles were elaborated at the event.

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