Investing in Eurasia's Next Chapter

14 January 2027, Vienna

08.00-09.00	Registration and Coffee
09.00-09.10	Financial Times Welcome: Financial Times
Setting the Scene	
09.10-09.20	Opening Keynote: **Türkiye**
09.20-10.00	Panel I: **The Next Frontier for Global Capital** How is the region repositioning itself amid shifting geopolitical and economic dynamics? Examining macroeconomic resilience, investment trends, demographic advantages, and the policy priorities shaping the region's appeal to international investors. - **Grégory Lecomte - Head of Unit in the OECD Global Relations and Co-operation Directorate, OECD**
10.00-10.45	Panel II: **Debt Capital Markets: Eurasia's Bond Opportunity** As international investor interest in the region's debt markets grows, how can governments and businesses capitalise on the momentum? Exploring sovereign and corporate bond issuance, investor appetite, credit ratings, and the continued development of debt markets. - **Odilbek Isakov - Managing Director and Co-Founder, Finasia Capital & CEO and Co-Founder, Infrasia Capital [Moderator]** - **Martin Blum - Head of Desk Strategy and Capital Markets Development Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI)**
10.45-11.15	Coffee
11.15-11.40	Fireside chat: **New Pools of Capital: The Growing Role of Sukuk** As Eurasian issuers look to diversify their funding sources and attract new pools of international capital, what role can sukuk play? Exploring investor appetite, the potential to deepen financial links with the Middle East, and what is needed to support greater issuance across the region.
Country Focus Sessions	
11.40-11.50	Special Focus Keynote: **Introduction to Uzbekistan**
11.50-12.10	Interview: **Franklin Templeton** Speaker: **Marius Dan - CEO, Central Asia, Templeton Global Investments, Franklin Templeton**

12.10-12.45	Panel III: **Unlocking Investment: Privatisation, PPPs, and Strategic Sectors** Uzbekistan is demonstrating how privatisation, IPOs and public-private partnerships can unlock international investment. What lessons can other countries draw from its experience, and where are the next opportunities across infrastructure, industry and state-owned enterprises? - **Harald Kröger - Head of Group Structured Finance and Investment Banking, Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI)**
12.45-14.00	Lunch
14.00-14.10	Special Focus Keynote: **Introduction to Azerbaijan**
14.10-14.45	Panel IV: **Creating Value Beyond Extraction: Powering the Next Economy** Azerbaijan's economy has long been built on oil & gas, but sustaining long-term growth will require a broader investment model. How can investment in downstream industries, energy infrastructure, renewables and industrial value chains help create greater value from the country's energy strengths while supporting economic diversification?
14.45-14.55	Special Focus Keynote: **Introduction to Kazakhstan**
14.55-15.30	Panel V: **The Future of Finance: Building a Modern Ecosystem** Kazakhstan is leading the region in digital banking, fintech, and capital market development. How can governments, regulators, and financial institutions work together to deepen local capital markets, strengthen regulatory frameworks, expand retail investor participation and support the next generation of financial innovation? Speakers: - **Sanzhar Zhamalov - Country Manager, Mastercard**
15.30-16.00	Coffee
16.00-16.10	Special Focus Keynote: **Introduction to Armenia** Speaker: **H.E. Martin Galstyan - Governor of the Central Bank of Armenia**
16.10-16.45	Panel VI: **Innovating for Growth: Scaling the Tech Opportunity** Armenia is emerging as a regional centre for technology, entrepreneurship and innovation. How can investment in AI, startups, digital infrastructure and talent help position the country as a leading innovation hub connecting Eurasia, the Middle East, and Europe? - **Khoren Nasibyan - Managing Partner, GRATA International**
Cross-Regional Closer	
16.45-17.15	Panel VII: **The Eurasian Bridge: Building the Next Strategic Trade Route** How will the Middle Corridor, TRIPP, border infrastructure, ports, rail, and logistics investment reshape trade between Eurasia, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe? What investment is still needed to realise its full potential?
17.15-18.30	Networking drinks
18.30	Close of the inaugural Eurasia Investment Summit