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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS & UPDATES

26 June 2025

Global Annual Conference 2025 at the QEII Centre, London



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** was proud to participate once again in the **BCC Global Annual Conference 2025: Where's the Growth?**. The **BHCC's involvement** in this key event underscores its continued commitment to promoting sustainable growth and reinforcing trade relations between the **UK and Greece**.

The conference brought together an exceptional line-up of speakers — including the **Prime Minister, Keir Starmer**; the **Leader of the Opposition, Kemi Badenoch**; and the **Governor of the Bank of England, Andrew Bailey**, amongst many others — all sharing compelling visions for driving UK economic growth.

BCC's Chair, Sarah Howard MBE, talked about the power of the Chamber network - "From grassroots to government" - and the insights shared by delegates.

One golden thread has run through all the conversations: "Growth in the UK will only be achieved if we embrace innovation, invest in people, and empower local leadership".

During the conference, the **Prime Minister, Keir Starmer**, officially **unveiled the UK Trade Strategy**, outlining the government's vision to boost international trade, support British businesses, and position the UK as a leading global trading nation. The strategy incorporates several important components, including:

- UK Trade Strategy timeline
- Key points in the UK Trade Strategy
- Policy Actions
- What BCC recommendations were included?

The **BCC** plays a leading role in shaping the UK's economic future, and the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** is an active partner in this mission, strengthening **UK–Greece business relations** and fostering sustainable growth on both sides.

26 June 2025

UK Trade Strategy

Strategy document setting out the government's plans to maximise trade opportunities now and in the future.

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Following the launch of the **UK Trade Strategy by the Prime Minister at the BCC's Global Annual Conference**, key information was published and may be found as an [in-depth explainer on the BCC website](#).

25 June 2025

Annual Global Chamber Connect and BCC Reception at the Palace of Westminster (June 25, London)



The **BHCC** was proudly present at the **2025 Annual Global Chamber Connect event on June 25 in London** — a key event that convened senior leaders from across the **British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) network** to exchange insights and explore strategies for growth.

In the lead-up to **BCC's Global Annual Conference 2025: Where's the Growth?**, the day featured a dynamic mix of workshops, panel discussions, and keynote insights.

These sessions focused on some of the most pressing issues businesses are currently facing — including **global trade opportunities, AI and digitalization, green innovation, and sustainability** — with an emphasis on actionable strategies for growth in these critical areas.

The **Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Alastair King**, representing the **City of London Corporation**, delivered a compelling address on the Chamber leadership's national and international influence in fostering growth and resilience in a volatile global economy.

During the evening reception at **the Palace of Westminster**, attendees had the opportunity to listen to:

- **British Chambers of Commerce President, Baroness Martha Lane Fox CBE**, who spoke about the power of technology and innovation
- **Minister for Employment, Alison McGovern MP**, who said the key to growth was unlocking talent in our young people
- **Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Richard Fuller CBE MP**, who believes in the power of the markets and in business
- **BP's SVP Europe and Head of Country UK, Louise Kingham CBE**, who shared how BP is investing in UK

13 June 2025

BCC: Shevaun Haviland, Director General Awarded CBE

Shevaun Haviland, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

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09-11 June 2025

London Tech Week (Olympia, London)



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** participated in **London Tech Week**, with a Greek delegation of start-ups and venture capital funds in collaboration with the **British Embassy in Athens**.

BHCC continues to play a vital role in fostering closer ties between the **Greek and UK Tech ecosystems**, actively promoting collaboration and innovation across borders.

In a surprise appearance, **UK Prime Minister, Keir Starmer**, delivered the opening speech at **London Tech Week**, offering an inspiring vision for the future.

Inspiring speeches on the future of AI were delivered by industry leaders including **Jensen Huang**, CEO of NVIDIA; **Tanuja Randery**, Vice President and Managing Director for Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Amazon Web Services; **Emeka Emembolu**, Executive Vice President of Technology at BP; and **Cindy Hoots**, Chief Digital Officer & CIO of AstraZeneca.

The conference also featured a compelling panel discussion titled **"Why the UK is the Ultimate Launchpad to Expand Your Business,"** moderated by **Baroness Poppy Gustafsson CBE, Minister for Investment (UK Government)**. Panelists shared strategic insights into the UK's role as a global tech and innovation hub. Furthermore, **Peter Kyle, MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, UK**, outlined the government's vision for shaping the digital landscape. His message was one of optimism, but also a call for bold risk-taking to achieve meaningful results. He spoke of ambitions for a future that is "bright, bold, and risky."

London Tech Week is a global gathering of tech leaders shaping not only the future of AI but also how we innovate and collaborate in this new era. The participation of leading tech companies—including Microsoft, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud, and NVIDIA—underscores the UK's role as a hub for AI innovation.

One of the most inspiring moments of the day was hearing from **Sir Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web**. In his talk on "Agentic Wallets: The Key to Reclaiming a Web That Works for Everyone," he explored the internet's current shortcomings and emphasized why restoring user control over personal data is critical for rebuilding trust and sparking innovation.

David Schwimmer, CEO of the London Stock Exchange Group, discussed the UK's strengths as a global capital market and how AI and data are fueling global economic growth.

Find out more at: [London Tech Week 2025 | The ultimate tech experience](#)

ADDITIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Το ΕΚΠΑ στην πρωτοπορία: συμφωνία με το Πανεπιστήμιο του Exeter για ευρωπαϊκό διπλό πτυχίο στην Ιατρική



Το Εθνικό και Καποδιστριακό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών (ΕΚΠΑ) και το Πανεπιστήμιο του Exeter του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου προχωρούν, με την υπογραφή Προκαταρκτικής Συμφωνίας, στην ίδρυση του πρώτου στην Ελλάδα Κοινού (Dual) Προπτυχιακού Προγράμματος Σπουδών στην Ιατρική. Πρόκειται για ένα πολύ σημαντικό βήμα διεθνοποίησης της ανώτατης εκπαίδευσης της χώρας, καθώς θα λειτουργήσει το πρώτο κοινό εξαετές Προπτυχιακό Πρόγραμμα Σπουδών που θα οδηγήει στην απονομή του διπλού Πτυχίου Ιατρικής.

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Titan: Κατασκευάζει νέα μονάδα στη Μεγάλη Βρετανία



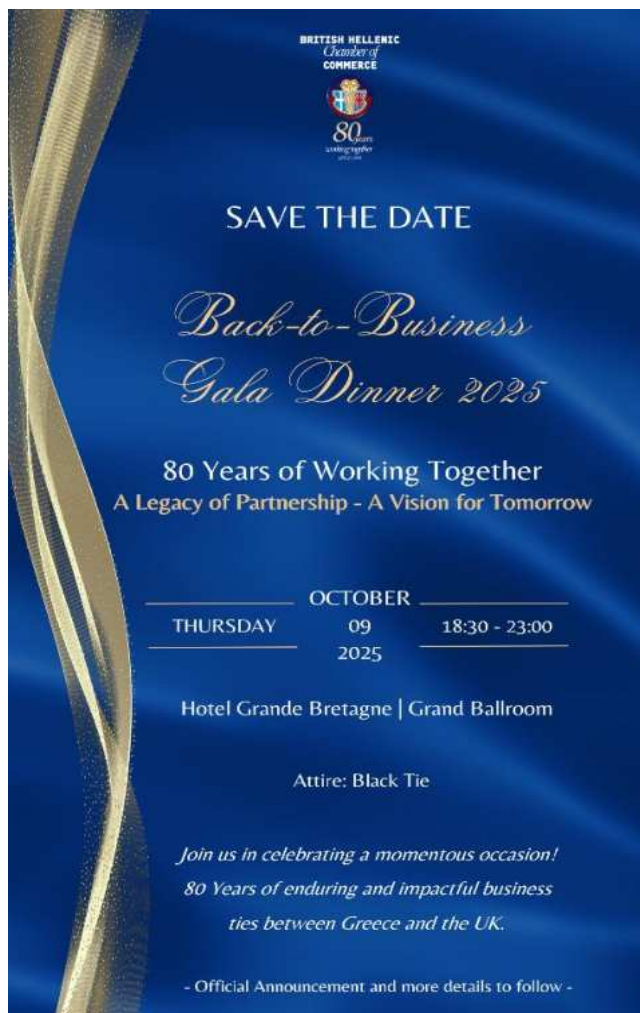
Η νέα μονάδα αναμένεται να τεθεί σε λειτουργία έως το πρώτο τρίμηνο του 2027. Η μακροχρόνια αυτή συμφωνία για την εξαγωγή και επεξεργασία της τέφρας από τις περιοχές αποθήκευσης υποστηρίζει τη δέσμευση του Ομίλου PEEL για την αποκατάσταση της περιοχής σε βάθος χρόνου, μέσα από στοχευμένες περιβαλλοντικές και αναπλαστικές παρεμβάσεις.

Source: www.businessnews.gr

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UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

09 October 2025 | Celebratory Back-to-Business Gala Dinner | Grande Bretagne



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** is honoured to announce its prestigious **Gala Dinner** commemorating **80 years of excellence and partnership** — a momentous occasion that pays tribute to the Chamber's enduring legacy in fostering business, trade, and economic ties between Greece and the United Kingdom.

This year's **Back-to-Business Gala Dinner** will take place in the **Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Grande Bretagne** on **Thursday, 9 October 2025** and it will be attended by approximately **280 distinguished guests: His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, Members of the Greek Government, BHCC Members, Entrepreneurs and high-ranking executives** from the Greek and British business community, **Event Sponsors, Members of similar Institutional Bodies & Bilateral Chambers** and **Press**.

This remarkable **80th Anniversary** event is not only a celebration of the past but also a forward-looking tribute to the partnerships and possibilities that lie ahead. As we honour our rich history, we invite our guests to share in the vision for a future defined by collaboration, innovation, and growth.

Official Announcement will follow shortly.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact the BHCC Team, tel. +30 210 7210361

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

09 July 2025 | Summer Drinks | Garden of the British Ambassador's Residence



On **Wednesday, July 9, 2025**, the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** held its successful **Summer Drinks Event** in the beautiful setting of the **British Ambassador's Residence Garden in Athens**.

The evening was honored by the presence of **Andrew Wells, Political Counsellor**, and **Evita Sourì, Commercial Director Greece at the UK Department for Business and Trade**, both representing the **British Embassy in Athens**.

Anna Kalliani and Kenny Evangelou, Presidents of the BHCC, extended a warm welcome to all attendees.

In her brief remarks, Anna Kalliani thanked the British Embassy in Athens for its close and ongoing collaboration and highlighted recent developments concerning the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), of which the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce is an active member. She emphasized the UK Government's recent strategic recognition of the BCC and its bilateral chambers as key policy-shaping partners — a development that significantly strengthens the role of the BHCC. She also referred to the BCC's investment in emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, with particular focus on the upcoming global member-connectivity platform, which is set to deliver greater value to BCC member organizations, including BHCC.



The event was attended by members of the **BHCC Board of Directors, representatives of the British Embassy in Athens, Chamber members, institutional stakeholders, and senior executives from the business and diplomatic communities**. It offered a valuable opportunity for constructive networking and exchange of ideas in a warm and relaxed summer atmosphere. A subtle live music performance added a refined vibrancy, perfectly complementing the setting.

This initiative, also, reaffirmed the lasting importance of strong ties between the Greek and UK business communities, while also setting the stage for future collaborations.

Photo Gallery

18 June 2025 | 2025 Annual Ordinary General Assembly



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** successfully convened its **Annual Ordinary General Assembly** on **June 18th, 2025**.

During the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the **Board of Directors' Report for the year 2024** was presented and approved, along with the release of both the BHCC Board of Directors and the Independent Auditors (PwC), from any liability in regard to the financial year 2024.

Following the conclusion of the General Assembly, a networking cocktail was hosted at the Chamber Offices, providing an opportunity for Members to connect and engage in a more informal setting.

The BHCC extends its sincere appreciation to the Members for their continued active participation in the General Assembly proceedings.

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29 May 2025 | Business Luncheon with Yannis Stournaras, Governor of the Bank of Greece



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** successfully hosted an **exclusive Business Luncheon** on **Thursday, 29 May 2025**, at the prestigious **Athens Club**, with Keynote Speaker **Mr Yannis Stournaras, Governor of the Bank of Greece**. The event was attended by prominent entrepreneurs and senior executives from companies operating in Greece and the United Kingdom -members of the BHCC.

During the event, **Mr Yannis Stournaras** delivered a speech offering valuable insights to the guests, alongside addresses by **Mr Matthew Lodge, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic**, and **Ms Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**.

Mr Stournaras' speech was followed by a short discussion during which the event's participants had the opportunity to raise their questions to the Governor of the Bank of Greece.

Photo Gallery



Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within June and July 2025:

- BOUTARI WINERIES S.A. | <http://www.boutari.gr/>
- GOLDEN HOME REAL ESTATE S.A. | <https://goldenhome.gr/>
- KARATZAS & PARTNERS LAW FIRM | <https://karatza-partners.gr/>
- STAVROULA PAPAGEORGAKI ACG

ATHENS MEDICAL CENTRE | EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO THE BHCC

Interview with Dr. Vassili G. Apostolopoulos, CEO of Athens Medical Group



Athens Medical Group: Four Decades of Leading Healthcare Innovation

Discover how Athens Medical Group is redefining healthcare in Greece and beyond. In this inspiring interview, CEO Dr. Vassili G. Apostolopoulos shares insights on groundbreaking investments, pioneering oncology care, and the Group's mission to lead in medical innovation, education, and sustainability. A powerful testament to 40 years of growth and a bold blueprint for the future.

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BYRON COLLEGE | ARTICLE

Article by Rory Gallagher, Headteacher

Culture Day 2025: A Celebration of Community, Culture and Global Learning



Byron College's annual Culture Day brought together more than 1,000 students, parents, staff and guests in a vibrant celebration of global heritage. From Brazilian drumming and South African cuisine to students joyfully drawing their families into a whole-school Syrtaki finale, the event showcased the cultural intelligence that defines truly future-ready international education.

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INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES (ICAEW) | PRESS RELEASE

Introducing the Next Generation ACA: Shaping the Future of the Profession



Chartered accountancy body ICAEW has unveiled exciting changes to its world-leading ACA qualification that will ensure it remains the best-in-class business, finance and accountancy qualification for the next generation of students. It represents the biggest change in the qualification in 30 years, and follows extensive consultation with training employers, members, students and partners in learning around the world.

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Article by Gordon Robertson



NorthStandard: Three decades of growth in Greece

NorthStandard is one of the world's leading providers of marine insurance and a leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG) whose 12 members provide liability cover for around 85% of ocean-going tonnage worldwide. Next year, the group celebrates 30 years of business activities based in Greece, which has become the club's largest single national market.

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10 July 2025

Οικονομικές εξελίξεις στο Η.Β.: Συμφωνία ΗΒ-ΗΠΑ, Σήμανση Βορείου Ιρλανδίας, Φωτοβολταϊκό πάρκο METLEN

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03 July 2025

Στοιχεία διμερούς εμπορίου Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου - Ελλάδας κατά την περίοδο Ιανουαρίου-Απριλίου 2025

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30 June 2025

Συνάντηση με εκπροσώπους της Βρετανικής Κοινοπραξίας Φρέσκων Προϊόντων (Fresh Produce Consortium-FPC) - Ευκαιρίες συνεργασίας

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ΕΡΕΥΝΑ ΑΓΟΡΑΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΚΛΑΔΟ ΤΟΥ ΕΛΑΙΟΛΑΔΟΥ ΣΤΟ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΟ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟ

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Record £14.5 billion of export financing supports 70,000 jobs

UK economy and workers have benefited from the export credit agency's highest level of business ever.

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Huge boost for UK industry as Government powers ahead with cuts to electricity costs

The Government has announced a huge boost to UK industry as it powers ahead with its plan to cut electricity costs.

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15 July 2025

Improved trade rules to boost business and growth across the UK

New changes to how the UK Internal Market Act works to benefit businesses across the four nations.

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13 July 2025

Backing British Industry: Government launches £2.5bn DRIVE35 programme to power UK auto investment and jobs

UK auto firms will benefit from a £2.5 billion commitment over the next decade that will support thousands of jobs and help ensure the UK remains at the forefront of zero-emission vehicle development.

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UK Steel Strategy

Announcements related to the UK steel industry and the government's development of the steel strategy.

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27 June 2025

UKEF announces enhanced business support to supercharge international trade

UK Export Finance introduces new products that offer enhanced support and security for smaller businesses when trading internationally.

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25 June 2025

Plans for UK to become sustainable finance capital of the world

Energy Secretary Ed Miliband outlines plans to support banks and large companies in developing climate transition plans.

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24 June 2025

Industrial Strategy to provide over £150m to reinforce UK as services superpower

The Industrial Strategy will invest over £150 million in five transformative AI and technology programmes to help UK Professional and Business Services.

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Business leaders welcome the government's modern Industrial Strategy

Business leaders have welcomed the government's modern Industrial Strategy - a 10-year plan to promote growth.

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UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

08 July 2025

New UK support to power green growth at home while tackling climate change abroad

Senior Cabinet ministers meet City of London leaders as Foreign Secretary announces new climate support.

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Solar roadmap: United Kingdom powered by solar

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Upgrading national grid to power AI future to be tackled at AI Energy Council

The Technology and Energy Secretaries will chair the second meeting of the AI Energy Council.

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Tech innovators backed to set up and scale up in Britain through Industrial Strategy

Ambitious Digital and Technologies Sector Plan to help deliver government's modern Industrial Strategy to drive national renewal and our Plan for Change.

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09 June 2025

Prime Minister's remarks at London Tech Week 2025: Monday 9 June

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's remarks at London Tech Week 2025.

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Transformative £86 billion boost to science and tech to turbocharge economy, with regions backed to take cutting-edge research into own hands

Funding package worth more than £22.5 billion a year in 2029 will boost Britain's world-leading status in research and innovation.

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22 July 2025

Government Must Harness Retail Investor Optimism

A major new Retail Investor Sentiment survey, carried out for the BCC shows increased optimism that could be harnessed to grow the UK economy.

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17 July 2025

Rising Real Wages Pile On More Pressure

The ONS data suggests that the jobs market is continuing to loosen as unemployment rises, vacancies fall again, and wage growth slows.

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14 July 2025

Chancellor Must Spark Investment Reform

Ahead of her Mansion House speech the BCC is urging the Chancellor to carry out further reforms to unlock business investment.

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11 July 2025

UK Trade Stabilises After Tariff Hit

UK trade showed signs of stabilising in May as the initial impact of higher US tariffs began to subside.

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Fragile Growth as Business Confidence Struggles

Current GDP figures, showing growth of 0.5% in the three months to May, but a fall of 0.1% in the month, reinforce the view that UK growth remains fragile, lacking sustained drive.

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10 July 2025

BCC Welcome Clarity On Energy Pricing

We believe the government has made the right decision in ruling out zonal pricing.

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Trade Strategy Must Support Smaller Exporters

Fewer than one fifth (18%) of micro-exporters increased export orders in Q2, with 29% reporting a decrease.

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02 July 2025

Fragile Outlook Remains After NI Tax Hike

In the largest survey of business sentiment since April's employer National Insurance rise, the BCC QES for Q2, shows confidence among firms remains weak.

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BCC DIRECTOR GENERAL SHEVAUN HAVILAND: NO MORE TAX ON BUSINESS

If the Government is serious about growth, then it cannot tax business any further, Director General of the BCC, Shevaun Haviland, is set to warn.

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Blueprint for Growth

The BCC's mission is to make the UK the best place to start, grow and invest in business. We spend a lot of time looking at the country's economic performance and considering ways to make it better.

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Industrial Strategy 'An Important Milestone'

Industrial Strategy is an important milestone towards creating a competitive economy that is fit for the future, with thriving businesses in every region of the UK.

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19 June 2025

Infrastructure Strategy Must Become Reality

A 10-year strategy for infrastructure will give businesses and supply chains much needed clarity and certainty to plan.

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17 June 2025

US Trade Tariffs and the Global Economy

US Tariffs Explainer. The latest developments, key duty rates applicable, and policy engagement and advice from the BCC follows.

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