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UK Election: Impact on UK-China Relations and Business Prospects

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Join us for a pivotal discussion on "UK Election: Impact on UK-China Relations and Business Prospects", scheduled one week after the UK election. This timely event will feature insights from distinguished speakers who are experts in international relations and business strategy. Discover how the recent election results could reshape the landscape of trade, investment, and diplomatic ties between the UK and China. Come engage with our speakers and fellow attendees in a dialogue that promises to illuminate the pathways and challenges ahead for businesses operating between these two economies.

**Chris Torrens** is the Managing Director of APCO Greater China and a veteran risk and compliance expert with more than three decades of experience providing strategic advice for multinational clients across various sectors. Before joining APCO, Chris worked at Control Risks for more than 20 years. He served as partner in the Greater China and North Asia region where he led the East China geomarket out of Shanghai before moving to Beijing to lead the North China geomarket. Chris has lived in Greater China for nearly 25 years. He holds an MBA from the China-Europe International Business School (CEIBS), and a BA Honours degree in Modern Chinese Studies from Leeds University, and speaks Mandarin. His book, "Doing Business in China," was published by The Economist in 2010. Chris serves as vice-chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in China.

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