The Financial Services Group of Livery Companies supports the Lord Mayor in his overseas visits, his meetings in the City with overseas delegations, in his role of promoting “the City” brand of UK financial and other business services and in promoting the creating of wealth, giving time and supporting people.

Overseas visits planned for 2014 - 2015 include India, Ireland, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Burma, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Azerbaijan, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Ghana, Mozambique, and South Africa. To check the exact dates of visits, which are planned well in advance, go to [http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk) and follow the links to the “Lord Mayor’s role” and overseas visits programme.

The broad aims of these visits include:

- To promote the UK financial, professional, maritime and associated business services industries and the international expertise of the City of London;

- To support bilateral commercial and political relations;

- To demonstrate the importance of the City of London to the Financial Sector as a leading global financial centre, a provider of liquidity and a model of best practice;

- To promote London as a centre of excellence for business, education, training and professional qualifications; and

- To promote current areas of business interest.

If a Liveryman or a partner or senior executive of his or her firm, wishes to participate in an overseas visit, he or she should contact, Peter Sissons, Head of International Affairs in the Economic Development Office, at least 12 weeks before the visit ([peter.sissons@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:peter.sissons@cityoflondon.gov.uk)). Please note that the proposed participant will be required to provide his or her name, email address and telephone number, as well as the reason for the interest in the country to be visited, the main objectives for his or her involvement and the key outcomes he or she would like to see delivered.

For more information on the Group, including the principal areas of expertise and activities of each Livery Company member, please consult the Group’s brochure which can be found on the website - [www.liveryfsg.org.uk](http://www.liveryfsg.org.uk)

As the Group identifies itself as Livery professionals supporting the work of the City it can, in addition to its principal objectives, act as a gateway for those wishing to establish businesses in the City or who require professional and financial services in their country of operation.

You can also contact the Secretary of the Group with your enquiry [michaelpchitty@outlook.com](mailto:michaelpchitty@outlook.com).

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The Financial Services Group of Livery Companies (“the Group”) was formalised in 2006 and is comprised of twelve modern Livery Companies, as shown above, in the historical order of precedence of Livery Companies.

The Financial Services Group’s principal objectives are:

- to be a network for access to expertise, experience and issues, and to provide briefings for the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs for overseas and inbound visits;
- to inform prospective Lord Mayors and Sheriffs on matters relating to our respective professional disciplines; and
- to represent the views of the Financial Services sector to the Lord Mayor.

The Group represents some of the leading professional and financial services that contribute to the City’s international reputation. The Group has principally two audiences, the Civic City and Livery members. With the Civic City the Group seeks to be proactive with those who develop, make and administer policy so that they receive informed opinion. The Group looks to engage with issues that benefit from applying the membership’s collective cross-discipline knowledge rather than those more appropriately addressed by the Companies individually.

To find out more about the principal areas of expertise offered by each Group member in various professional and financial services matters you are invited initially to contact any Livery Company Representative (see above) who will involve other Representatives as required.