



### Guest information sheet

We are delighted that you will be attending the ACT Annual Dinner on Wednesday 13 November 2019. To ensure you make the most of your evening please take a few moments to read the following information.

#### Dietary requirements

If you have specific dietary requirements, please inform Chelsea Tossoun ([events@treasurers.org](mailto:events@treasurers.org)) by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**.

#### Arrival

The drinks reception starts at 18:30. Please arrive at the **Great Room** entrance if you have a **BLACK** ticket and the **Ballroom** entrance if you have a **PURPLE** ticket – both entrances are on Park Lane and will be clearly marked. Your ticket does **not** require printing.

On arrival at the venue you will be handed a booklet by a member of ACT staff. To find your table and fellow guests:

- Turn to the back of the booklet for the alphabetical index to identify your table number and lettered drinks reception meeting point.
- A floorplan outlining the location of meeting points is in the centre of the booklet – these meeting points will be clearly marked on the evening.
- If you are unable to find your name in the booklet, please make your way to an information point where ACT staff will assist you.

Dinner will be called at 19:20. Formal proceedings will finish at approximately 22:00. For those wishing to stay longer, there will be two bars available in the Great Room until 02:00. The Red Bar (located in the hotel) will also be open and we encourage guests to make use of this.

#### Charity

The ACT is delighted to be supporting [Hand in Hand](#) as the charity partner of the year for the second consecutive year. Last year we raised £62,000 to help fund the ACT village in Kenya. This year we hope you will be even more generous and enable us to reach our 2019 target of £70,000 to help fund another, larger, village in Kenya.

Hand in Hand specialises in grassroots entrepreneurship in developing countries, helping those living in poverty to launch enterprises, boost their income and find a sustainable way out of poverty for themselves and their families. Their proven 4-step job creation model encompasses a range of business training, where their trainees learn the basics of entrepreneurship and gain financial literacy before training them in credit management and providing access to microloans. They then help connect the entrepreneurs with larger markets to develop their businesses even further.

To date, their business training and microloans have helped to start over 2.7 million businesses and create over 4.2 million new jobs for some of the world's poorest communities, improving the lives of over 15 million people - mainly children - as a result. Recently, [Hand in Hand](#) returned to one of their projects in Kenya nine months after it concluded and found 80 percent of enterprises were still operational – and expecting to grow. (Identical to the new business survival rate in the US, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

The latest tablet technology will be used to run a silent charity auction with exciting prizes. Charity volunteers will be on-hand throughout to answer any questions and run a raffle with the chance to win a 3-night break in a 5\* Hotel in Florence – tickets are £50 and prizes will be announced at the dinner. 90% of the money raised will go to Hand and Hand and 10% will go to the ACT Educational Trust to provide bursaries for students from developing countries.

Preview and bid in the charity auction [here](#).

### **Dinner Sponsor**

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### **Drinks Reception Sponsor**

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### **Guest speaker**

We're delighted to announce this year's after dinner speaker as **Sir Chris Hoy MBE**. An eleven-time World Champion and winner of six Olympic gold medals - a tally that marks him as Britain's greatest Olympian (jointly, alongside his former teammate Jason Kenny).

Starting out in competitive BMX at the age of seven, Chris became Scottish champion and was ranked ninth in the world. As a teenager he also competed as a rower, winning silver in the junior coxless pairs at the British Championships; but he decided to concentrate his efforts on track cycling and by the age of twenty he was part of the national squad. Chris' first Olympic gold came in Athens, winning the 1km time trial in a competition many saw at the best ever in the category. Another three wins at the Beijing Games saw Chris become the first Brit in a century to claim three golds in one summer games, marking him out as a British sporting hero. In London, however, he was promoted to sporting legend winning both his competitions and providing some of the most emotive images of the games. He retired from competition with an incredible six golds and a total of seven Olympic medals.

Chris is enjoying a second sporting career in motorsport, successfully racing in the GT and Le Man Series, including the famous 24-Hour race. He is a key part of the BBC's team covering cycling events, including the Olympics and the Tour de France. He also has his own range of bikes with Evans Cycles, is a Unicef ambassador, and won the BBC Sports Personality Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **Accommodation**

Exclusive rates for bedrooms and suites are also available for guests attending this event. There are two ways rooms can be reserved at Grosvenor House:

1. Online – please visit [www.londongrosvenorhouse.co.uk](http://www.londongrosvenorhouse.co.uk), input the date, select 'Corporate/promotional code' under the Special Rates dropdown box and in this window, input code: EG4.
2. On the phone - call the Central Reservation on 0800 221 222 and quote cluster code EG4.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 13 November.