

REGION NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA GALA DINNER, 25 NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE HILTON HOTEL, DÜSSELDORF



Mark Roberts, Dr David Landsman, Mr B. Muthuraman, Sir Roger Bone, Guy Street, Paul Heardman, Susan Speller

With over 200 distinguished BCCG members and guests in attendance, our annual gala dinner featured Mr B. Muthuraman, Vice Chairman of Tata Steel and Chairman of Tata International, as its honoured guest and main speaker. Mr Muthuraman's speech was titled "Manufacturing (and much more) in the United Kingdom from a global investor's perspective".

Tata is a global business with its origins in 19th century India, where it led the creation of many of the country's modern industries. Today, Tata Group comprises over 100 separate companies, including Tata Steel. More than 30 of the Tata companies are publicly quoted. In Europe, Tata's strongest presence is in the UK, where revenue amounts to well over £20bn and it employs over 60,000 people. Tata is widely regarded as the UK's largest manufacturing employer, the largest manufacturing investor in R & D, and the largest investor in the UK automotive sector, Jaguar being amongst its investment recipients. Tata-owned companies make a significant contribution to UK exports.

Mr Muthuraman spoke on the perception of the United Kingdom as a European manufacturing base, and emphasised that Germany has also been a great host to Tata companies

for many years. He also illustrated TATA's very different approach vis-à-vis those of other global-scale manufacturers, noting that TATA contributes a large amount of its annual corporate earnings to social causes in India.

Prior to Mr Muthuraman's introduction as the evening's keynote speaker, Dr David Landsman OBE, Executive Director, Tata Ltd., offered the audience a brief overview of the Tata Group of companies, illustrating the diversity and complexity of its business activities.

The dinner was well prepared by the chefs of our member hotel, the Hilton Düsseldorf, which made the evening one of our main annual highlights in the region and beyond. The discussion round after the dinner was concluded by Mark Roberts of Howden Insurance Brokers, who was our main co-organiser of the event. We are grateful to his and our regional committee's support. We thank our members Jaguar Land Rover Deutschland and Howden Insurance Brokers for their co-sponsoring.

Andreas Meyer-Schwickerath
Managing Director and Member of the Board

REGION BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG „COOL PLACE“ IM KUNSTMUSEUM STUTTGART

Am 10. September 2014 besuchten wir mit interessierten Mitgliedern der BCCG Region Baden-Württemberg die Ausstellung „Cool Place“ der Sammlung Scharpff im Kunstmuseum in Stuttgart. Als Kleingruppe erhielten wir eine exklusive Führung durch die Sammlung, welche die Eheleute Scharpff seit den 1960er-Jahren zusammengetragen haben.

Die Ausstellung enthält über 60 Exponate von 17 Künstlern, darunter Glenn Brown, Philip Guston, Jeff Koons, Daniel Richter, Bridget Riley und Christopher Wool.

Dank einer guten Führungsleitung und fachmännischen Zusatzinformationen konnten wir uns gute Eindrücke vom Wirken der Künstler machen.

Auch für 2015 haben wir uns wieder einige Kunstführungen vorgenommen. Ein Highlight ist sicher die aktuelle Oskar-Schlemmer-Ausstellung in der Staatsgalerie Stuttgart.

Reiner Kunz
Chairman Region Baden-Württemberg