

*Northern Light conferences are intended for corporate executives who need to understand politics and for experts who need to understand business. It deals with Europe, transatlantic relations, Russia and the impact of technology on business and society. Its perspective is distinctly Nordic i.e. pragmatic, solutions-oriented and forward-looking. The discussions are daring, intellectually stimulating and relaxed.*

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## The Northern Light summit 2017 was held in Helsinki June 29th – July 1st under the theme “The New World Disorder”.

- **140 participants.** Participants included: **Joe Kaeser**, President & CEO, Siemens, **Johannes Teysen**, Chairman & CEO, E.ON SE, **Rajeev Suri**, CEO, Nokia, **Henrik Ehrnrooth**, CEO, KONE, **Alexey Mordashov**, Chairman, Severstal, **Anatoly Chubais**, CEO, RUSNANO, **Robert K. Steel**, CEO, Perella Weinberg Partners **Trina Gordon**, CEO, Boyden, **Carl Bildt**, Co-Chair, European Council on Foreign Relations, **Mervyn King**, Former Governor, Bank of England, **Caroline Spelman**, Member of the UK Parliament
- **On the agenda:** The Future of Europe, Trans-Atlantic relations, China-EU-US–triangle, Russia’s relations with the West, Artificial Intelligence and Technological Revolution.
  - In world politics, we have moved “from House of Cards to the Game of Thrones”.
  - Inspirational revolutionary leaders are shaking domestic politics.
  - A chaotic Brexit is more likely than an orderly Brexit.
  - Macron is a game changer.
  - EU is optimistic.
  - Technological and scientific progress is keeping globalisation alive.
  - It is time for business leaders to re-connect with people and with politicians. “The time of the Davos man and woman is over.”

### Comments from our guests:

“In terms of program content, quality of speakers / participants and outstanding organisation, probably the most impressive, all-round conference I have attended in several decades on the circuit.”

“Beautifully arranged and executed!” “ Really exceptionally excellent stay!”

“A really excellent conference – an open and tough debate rather than a bland pedalling of conventional truths. Well done. Thank you!”

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