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Are honored to host the luncheon:

## **“Business in Russia: Factors and Influences on the Russian Economy”**

*With:*

**Ed Verona** was appointed President and CEO of the U.S.-Russia Business Council in 2008. Prior to this, he was Vice President of ExxonMobil Russia, Inc. Mr. Verona began his career in 1980 at Ingersoll-Rand and then joined the Shell Oil Company in 1987. In 1989, he was appointed to the U.S. Foreign Service and in 1996 became the Executive Director for the Moscow-based Petroleum Advisory Forum. In 1998 he became the Country Manager for Texaco in Russia and Kazakhstan, while also serving as Chairman of the Kazakhstan Petroleum Association. After being assigned as International Government Relations Advisor in DC, he became the Vice President for Government and Public Affairs for ChevronTexaco’s upstream operations in Latin America. He later served as Chief Representative in Moscow of the Canadian Barrick Gold Corporation. Mr. Verona received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Arizona and a Masters of International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

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**12:30-2:00 p.m.**

**US Russia Business Council**

**Conference Room, Concourse Level**

**1110 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 350**

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