

PRESS RELEASE  
February 28, 2017**BVB AND THE ROTARY CLUB SIGN COLLABORATION AGREEMENT ON PROVIDING FREE FINANCIAL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION**

[Bucharest Stock Exchange \(BVB\)](#) together with the Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova signed a partnership agreement in which virtue the two institutions will contribute to the development of education in areas such as the economy, financial investments and entrepreneurship through training programs destined for, but not limited to, the young people.

"We are very happy to have signed partnership with the Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova, as it furthers our endeavor to improve the financial literacy and to encourage entrepreneurial initiatives in Romania. We encourage other organizations, associations and even companies to follow the footsteps of the Rotary Club and support their members and employees with free financial and capital markets education. Together, we have a greater chance of succeeding", stated Lucian Anghel, BVB President.

The Partnership was signed on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017, by Mircea Solovastru, Governor, Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova, and Ludwik Sobolewski, Bucharest Stock Exchange CEO.

As stated in the collaboration agreement, throughout 2017, Bucharest Stock Exchange will organize a series of educational seminars and gatherings together with the Rotary Club during which it present its activity, projects and programs to the Rotary Club members. This includes organization of 'Fluent in Finance' education seminars throughout the country as well as a pilot educational project '*Invest Quest*', that will be held in Bucharest, between March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Invest Quest project will consist of 5 meetings of estimated 2 hours each, addressing different topics related to entrepreneurial and financial investment education. Speakers in the project include, among others: Cristian Logofatu (Bittnet Systems CFO), Cosmin Malureanu (Ascendia, CEO), Adrian Mitroi (CFA, MBA, University Lecturer), Sergiu Negut (Business Angel) and Dan Rusu (Senior Financial Analyst, Banca Transilvania).

Invest Quest seminars are free of charge and open to all, following the Rotary's motto 'service above self' through which the Rotarians support and offer to the society cultural, social and medical initiatives. The number of seats in each module is limited to 50 participants. Interested parties can already book their spots for the individual modules:

- Module 1: *Money Makes the World Go Round* taking place on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 - [book here](#)
- Module 2: *When entrepreneurship and investments collide* taking place on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 - [book here](#)

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- Module 3: *The world of investments* taking place on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 - [book here](#)
- Module 4: *How do you write success stories on the Bucharest Stock Exchange?* taking place on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 - [book here](#)
- Module 5: *How to sell your idea and how to plan for the future?* taking place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 - [book here](#)

Apart from the educational modules, a virtual trading competition in a demo setting will run between April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> (8 weeks), with an aim of providing the participants an almost real-life trading experience through the BVB's Arena-XT Trading Platform. The person that will attend at least 2 of the seminar modules and manages to obtain the biggest return on a virtual, 20,000 RON portfolio will win a cash prize of 5,000 RON, offered by the Rotary Club.

"The 2016-2017 Rotary International Governorship focuses on education. Ever since the beginning of my mandate, in July 2016, I have encouraged the clubs of Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova to focus on education, regardless of the age group or educational background of the participants in our programs. The partnership with the Bucharest Stock Exchange is in line with our priority to focus on education. Together, we aim to encourage young people, as well as Rotarians with diverse professional backgrounds, to discover a topic perhaps too little known to Romanian society. By implementing this project, we will provide the opportunity for people to extend their knowledge and even become future capital market professionals", stated Mircea Solovastru, Governor, Rotary International District 2241 Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

"The program which we elaborated on was designed for the cooperation within the exquisite network of members of Rotary Club Romania. It is based on the strategic initiatives conducted by BVB towards investors, professional financial intermediaries and entrepreneurs and serves our goal to create clusters of competences, skills and knowledge. We are proud that this new original line of BVB services will be deployed in partnership with one of the most renowned international non-governmental organizations", stated Ludwik Sobolewski, BVB CEO.

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