

ConFEAS 2024 International Conference Took Place in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Samarkand, 2024: The Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges, alongside with its members Uzbek Commodity Exchange and Republican Stock Exchange “Toshkent” hosted the international capital markets conference **ConFEAS 2024**, in Uzbekistan, on April 19, 2024.

At its fourth edition, FEAS annual flagship event, ConFEAS, headed to the beautiful city Samarkand: featuring over 40 speakers and covering six topics of capital markets, as well as offering a unique cultural program, and much more.

ConFEAS 2024 brought together around 200 participants from Exchanges, CSDs, Banks, Regulatory Bodies, Investment Companies, and IFIs under one roof to discuss the latest trends, issues, and opportunities in modern capital markets.

The opening remarks were made by Farrukh Karabaev, Deputy Chairman of Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Vyacheslav Pak, First Deputy Director of National Agency for Perspective Projects of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Ziyoviddin Badriddinov, Chairman of the Board of Uzbek Commodity Exchange; Radu Hanga, FEAS Chairman, Chairman of the Board of Governors at Bucharest Stock Exchange; Konstantin Saroyan, FEAS Secretary General.

The conference featured six engaging panel discussions, each focusing on a distinct aspect of the capital market landscape: “The architecture of financial markets’ infrastructures”, “Capital Markets development trends and challenges”, “Beyond Capital Markets: Instruments, Technology and Synergy”, “Financial Intermediation: Challenges and Business Opportunities”, “Pre- and Post-trade Infrastructures: Driver or Anchor”, “ESG and IR: Concerning Points”.

Konstantin Saroyan, FEAS Secretary General, stated: "It is indeed a great honor and pleasure to welcome you all at the fourth edition of ConFEAS 2024, taking place in the beautiful city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Today, we have the privilege of hosting approximately 40 influential speakers from the financial market industry under one roof to engage in insightful discussions regarding the issues and promising

opportunities within our industry. This event presents a remarkable opportunity for all participants to expand their knowledge base and establish valuable connections through networking."

He added: "I'd like to extend my congratulations to the Uzbek Commodity Exchange and the Republican Stock Exchange of "Toshkent" on their remarkable 30-year anniversary. Three decades of dedicated efforts have significantly contributed to the development of the capital and commodities markets in Uzbekistan. Wishing continued prosperity and success in the years to come.

I express my gratitude to all our esteemed participants, the members of FEAS, and, again, our host exchanges, Uzbek Commodity Exchange and Republican Stock Exchange "Toshkent" whose dedication and support have been instrumental in making this conference a reality. Also, I extend sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, National Agency of Perspective Projects of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for their support towards the success of the conference."

Ziyoviddin Badriddinov, Chairman of Board of the Uzbek Commodity Exchange, stated: "It is very symbolic that ConFEAS 2024 is taking place in the historical city of Samarkand, which for many centuries has been a crossroads of world trade and a key hub of the Great Silk Road.

This prestigious international exchange forum is an effective platform for discussing trending topics of the development of exchange trading and sharing experiences among leading experts.

The conference opens up new horizons for the development of inter-exchange cooperation and inspires us with new ideas and initiatives in the development of the exchange trading industry in Uzbekistan."

George Paresishvili, Chairman of the Republican Stock Exchange "Toshkent", stated: "The 30th anniversary of the Republican Stock Exchange "Toshkent" is quite a milestone in the life of our exchange and Uzbek capital market participants. We have survived difficult times, overcame many challenges and proved that the stock exchange provides a lot of public good to the country and its fast developing securities market.

We are a proud member of FEAS and look forward to our continuous participation in its activities."

The conference was organized by the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges, hosted by FEAS two prominent members Uzbek Commodity Exchange and Republican Stock Exchange "Toshkent" and supported by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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About FEAS: The Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) was established on 16 May 1995 with 12 founding members. The purpose of the Federation is to contribute to the cooperation, development, support and promotion of capital markets in the Euro-Asian Region (i.e. Europe, Asia and the Mediterranean Basin).

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