

Advancing transatlantic cooperation

by **Peter Feldmann**, Lord Mayor of the City of Frankfurt am Main



Germany and the USA are connected through a long and historically matured friendship. An occasional difference of opinion can be overcome by bonds both varied and resilient, and beyond political, cultural and military aspects, it is our two nations' strong economic ties that characterize the relationship.

The success of our bi-lateral relations is strongly supported at a local level as well, with over one hundred town-twinning agreements between German and American municipalities promoting understanding and transatlantic cooperation. Indeed, the cities of Frankfurt am Main and Philadelphia will soon be signing an agreement to become official partners. The numerous similarities between the two cities offer the promise of a vigorous exchange of ideas and activities.

I'm very pleased that the Global Success Club has chosen Frankfurt am Main as its venue for the Strategic Investment Summit: USA. Not only is Frankfurt – with its central location and excellent accessibility – the ideal place to gather top-level decision makers, it is also the most international city in Germany, with a large and dynamic American business community. Vice versa, the USA also offers numerous attractive investment opportunities for German companies.

I should like to thank all those people whose efforts and commitment help to strengthen German-American cooperation. I wish everyone an enjoyable conference, with many new insights and a successful exchange of ideas and experiences.

Welcome to Frankfurt am Main, it is great to have you here!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Feldmann". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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