

# Global ATM SUMMIT and 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM 2019

17-19 June, Geneva, Switzerland



## Practical Information Guide



### Event Venue

#### The Intercontinental Hotel

Chemin du Petit Saconnex 9

1209 Geneva

[www.geneva-intercontinental.com](http://www.geneva-intercontinental.com)



### Transport From Geneva (Cointrin) Airport to The Intercontinental Hotel

Geneva Airport is located about 4km (2.5 miles) from Geneva city centre, near the border between France and Switzerland. The Intercontinental Hotel (the conference hotel) is easily reached by taxi or public transport.

Taxis are available at the ranks immediately outside the arrivals hall. Fares between the airport and conference hotel range from about CHF 30.00 to CHF 45.00 depending on traffic, time of day, amount of luggage and number of passengers. Uber is also available in Geneva.

Delegates can also take Bus 5 from outside the main terminal building directly to the Intercontinental (Direction: Thônex-Vallard, Bus stop: Intercontinental). The journey is about 12 minutes.

Free tickets for public transport can be obtained from the machine in the baggage claim area on arrival. The UNIRESO ticket, offered by Geneva Airport, allows you

to use public transport in Geneva for free for a period of 80 minutes. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased from ticket machines at the bus stop (usually by credit card or cash).



### Accommodation

The CANSO Global ATM Summit and 23rd AGM will take place at the InterContinental Genève.

To book your stay at the [InterContinental Genève](#) please [click here](#).

Ideally located on an oasis of calm in the diplomatic district, InterContinental Geneva offers elegantly designed rooms and suites with breathtaking views on the Geneva Lake and the Mont Blanc. Clever combinations of seasonal and local products await you at Woods restaurant. Sip retro cocktails at Bar Les Nations and experience the ultimate relaxation at their SpabyClarins.

In addition to the InterContinental Genève, the [Crowne Plaza Geneva hotel](#) is available, located approximately 15-20 minutes by car from the InterContinental Genève. To take public transport, we advise walking to Geneva Airport and taking Bus 5 (Direction: Thônex-Vallard) and stopping at 'Intercontinental'. The journey is approximately 20 minutes in total. If you want to book your stay at the Crowne Plaza Geneva hotel please [click here](#).



## Getting around in Geneva

It is very easy to get around Geneva. The simplest option, with relatively few constraints, is to walk or use public transport. Transports Public Genevois (TPG) operates a network of bus routes as well as a tram system. A single trip tickets costs 3 CHF.

### Useful tip:

You can purchase a daily card (Carte Journalière) for unlimited travel on all TPG lines from the machines located at most stops. The tram is a very convenient option for discovering the city without worrying about the validity periods of individual tickets. The price is CHF 18.50.

There is no shortage of taxis in Geneva but they can be expensive. They may be reserved by telephone or hailed in the street. Uber is also available.



## Location

Situated along the banks of Lake Geneva (Lac Léman in French) and at the foot of the Alps, Geneva sparkles as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Home to the European Headquarters of the United Nations, Geneva has a long history of diversity and tolerance, dating back to the Protestant Reformation, and is today known as the 'City of Peace'.

Geneva's most famous monument, **Jet d'Eau**, is one of the world's tallest water fountains and provides a constant landmark for exploring the city. Geneva's **Old Town** offers a glimpse of the past with its Gothic maze of cobblestone streets topped by historic **Saint Peter's Cathedral** and the Town Hall where the League of Nations and the Red Cross were founded. Geneva's more than thirty museums and art galleries capture the rich and vibrant history of the city, including the **International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum** and the **Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMCO)**.

For a unique perspective of the city, enjoy a one or two hour boat cruise around the lake ([www.cgn.ch](http://www.cgn.ch)), take a dip at **Bains des Pâquis**, go paddle boarding, taste the best local fondues and learn how to savour the best creations of Switzerland's most renowned chocolate makers. Enjoy an afternoon hike, a wander along the old city walls, or repose at one of the cafés at **Place du Molard** or **Place de la Fusterie** for some first class people watching or just relax in one of the many parks.

Be sure to check out Geneva's famed **Rue du Rhône** and **Rue de Rive** to admire Swiss watches, and visit fashion, jewellery, and antique shops of the old town.

If you're staying a little longer, Geneva is the perfect base for exploring the surrounding countryside. Whether you enjoy boating, hiking, biking or wine tasting, you'll find these close by. Ride the gondola up Geneva's backyard mountain, the Salève, and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding Alps and city below. Day trips to the nearby towns of Montreux, Chamonix (France) and Lausanne are also popular.



## VISA Information

Some foreign citizens traveling to Switzerland may need a visa. Please [click here](#) for your options, depending on your legal residence. For those citizens who require a visa it is recommended to start the visa process early and to apply for an e-visa where applicable.

If you require a letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact CANSO at [events@canso.org](mailto:events@canso.org)



## Time Zone

The time zone in Switzerland is GMT+1.



## Language

Switzerland has four national languages (Swiss German, French, Italian & Rumantsch). Geneva is within Suisse-Romande, the French speaking part of Switzerland. Geneva is an international city with many international languages and English is widely understood.



## Currency

The Swiss franc is used in Geneva. You will see this noted as CHF or SFR. EUR notes are widely accepted but you will get Swiss Francs back as exchange. Bank notes starts from 10 up to 1000. 1 USD is approximately 1 CHF and 1 EUR is approximately 1,14 CHF.



## Tipping

Tipping is not an obligation in Switzerland. However, many people do add a small tip. It is normal to round up the amount to the nearest five to ten francs.



## Electricity

You may require an adapter to plug your appliances into the power sockets. The adapter required for Switzerland is Type J and sometimes plug C. Plug N will not work. The standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50Hz



## Emergency Contacts

- 117 Police (Emergencies only)
- 118 Fire Brigade
- 144 Medical Emergencies and Ambulances
- 112 International Emergency



## Water

Tap water is perfectly safe to drink everywhere in Switzerland and best in places where you get mountain water.



## Climate

Geneva has a temperate climate. Though winters are rather cold, summers are relatively warm and ideal for discovering the city and its surrounding areas. June is a great time to visit with temperatures ranging 12-23 degrees centigrade.

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