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Welcome

BABC LA President, Dan Rutstein

Musical Entertainment

D. Scott Eads

Christmas Luncheon

Parker Rolls & Chive Butter • Winter Market Salad

Roasted Turkey & Potatoes with Gravy

Cranberry Sauce • Cherry Chestnut Stuffing

Inaugural President's Award Presentation

ROSS KING MBE

Christmas Pudding & Custard, Bagpipe Processional

Grand Raffle Prize Draw

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows • Friday, December 6, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM DAN RUTSTEIN, PRESIDENT BABC LA



Welcome all, to the Diamond Anniversary of the famous BABC LA Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Such is the importance of this event, that the BABC LA President's terms are measured in them - we do 'two Christmas lunches' and then move on.

So this is my second and final lunch as President, and my sixth in a row as a guest - probably many fewer than many of you.

As I said last year, at a time when so much going on in the two countries this organization represents, I'm pleased that we can all just come together, forget about the drama and polarization in the real world and focus instead on having a good time.

If the holidays are about anything, they are about being with friends and family - which is how I regard this community - and enjoying ourselves. And in the fabulous setting of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, with gin and pudding and pipes and crackers and good friends, that is easy to do.

Those of you who were with us last year will remember that we had firefighters as our guests of honour. Arguably, we could have invited them back again this year, given what LA endured in October and November.

But instead, we have decided to institute a new tradition - the President's Award. Perhaps even more than a traditional after-dinner speaker, this festive event lends itself perfectly toward recognizing someone important in the US-UK relationship, and bringing them to the stage for a few timely remarks.

And I'm delighted that the first recipient is Ross King MBE. Many of you know him and have seen his work. Thus you will understand exactly why, not long after the Queen honoured him, we in his adopted hometown should honour him too.

So we will toast him today, remind ourselves of how lucky we are - and then continue the fine British tradition of an over-indulgent lunch.

Thank you for coming, and on behalf of our distinguished Board, I wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. We look forward to bringing you a fantastic program of events in 2020 - there will certainly be plenty to talk about in both countries.

Dan Rutstein

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Born in Scotland and based in LA, four time Emmy and multi Award winning Ross King MBE is one of Britain's most vibrant and versatile performers. His stage debut was at 5, his first radio broadcast at 15 and his television debut at 17. In 2018, he received an MBE from Her Majesty The Queen for services to Broadcasting, the Arts and Charity.

Writing with Shari Low, under the name Shari King, Ross has co-authored two best selling novels, *Taking Hollywood* and *Breaking Hollywood*, published by Macmillan. He has also written for many TV comedy shows, stage plays and films.

Ross can be seen daily in the UK and Europe as US Correspondent on ITV's top rated morning shows *Good Morning Britain*

and *Lorraine*. He has covered the Oscars, Tonys, Emmys, Golden Globes and the Grammys. In addition to all things Hollywood and show business, he reports on harder news in the US, from terrorist attacks to mass shootings, and from wildfires to hurricanes, and has interviewed nearly every major Hollywood star, as well as US President Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

For US network television, Ross was a world judge on CBS primetime network show *The World's Best*, and has hosted *The Hollywood Christmas Parade* and *The Critics Choice Movie Awards Red Carpet*. Other primetime TV specials include *Will and Grace* and *CSI*. He has performed live in Las Vegas and at the world famous Laugh Factory on Sunset Boulevard, and appeared in many plays and musicals in London's West End, including *The Rocky Horror Show* and *Summer Holiday*. He can also be seen in many movies, including *The Day After Tomorrow* and *Half Past Dead*.

For six years, Ross was the Entertainment Anchor on Los Angeles' KTLA/The CW Channel 5's Prime News, winning four news Emmys and a Golden Mic Award along the way. His multi Sony Award winning radio career began as Britain's youngest daytime host on Scotland's Radio Clyde, followed by London's Capital Radio, Talk Radio and BBC Radio 5. He has hosted *American Weekly Top 40*, alongside legendary DJ Rick Dees, and is also the voice of American Express (but sadly can't pay off your balance!).

You can follow Ross on Twitter and Instagram at @TheRossKing, and subscribe to his podcast, *Ross King's Hollywood* on any podcast app.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT D. SCOTT EADS

Scott Eads is a BroadwayWorld Los Angeles Award Nominee as Best Male Cabaret Artist for his 2018 debut show, *Legacy: In The Key Of Bing*. This year, the critically acclaimed singer received a second nomination for *Shake the House*, a salute to the chart-topping Rock 'n' Roll hits of the 1950's and 60's that debuted at Sterling's Upstairs At The Federal in September.

Prior to embarking upon a successful career in psychotherapy, Scott spent several years acting, appearing on television in *As The World Turns*, and in regional and Off-Broadway productions, such as The Drama Department's *Kingdom of Earth* with Peter Sarsgard and Cynthia Nixon.

A renaissance man and multi-genre artist, Scott is passionate about self-improvement, characterized by his drive to conquer new areas of arts and entertainment.

With a nod to Bobby Darin, once deemed "the most striking instance of the renaissance of showmanship," he recently continued his artistic journey with a sold out celebration of 20th century Christmas classics on December 1st at Sterling's Upstairs At The Federal.

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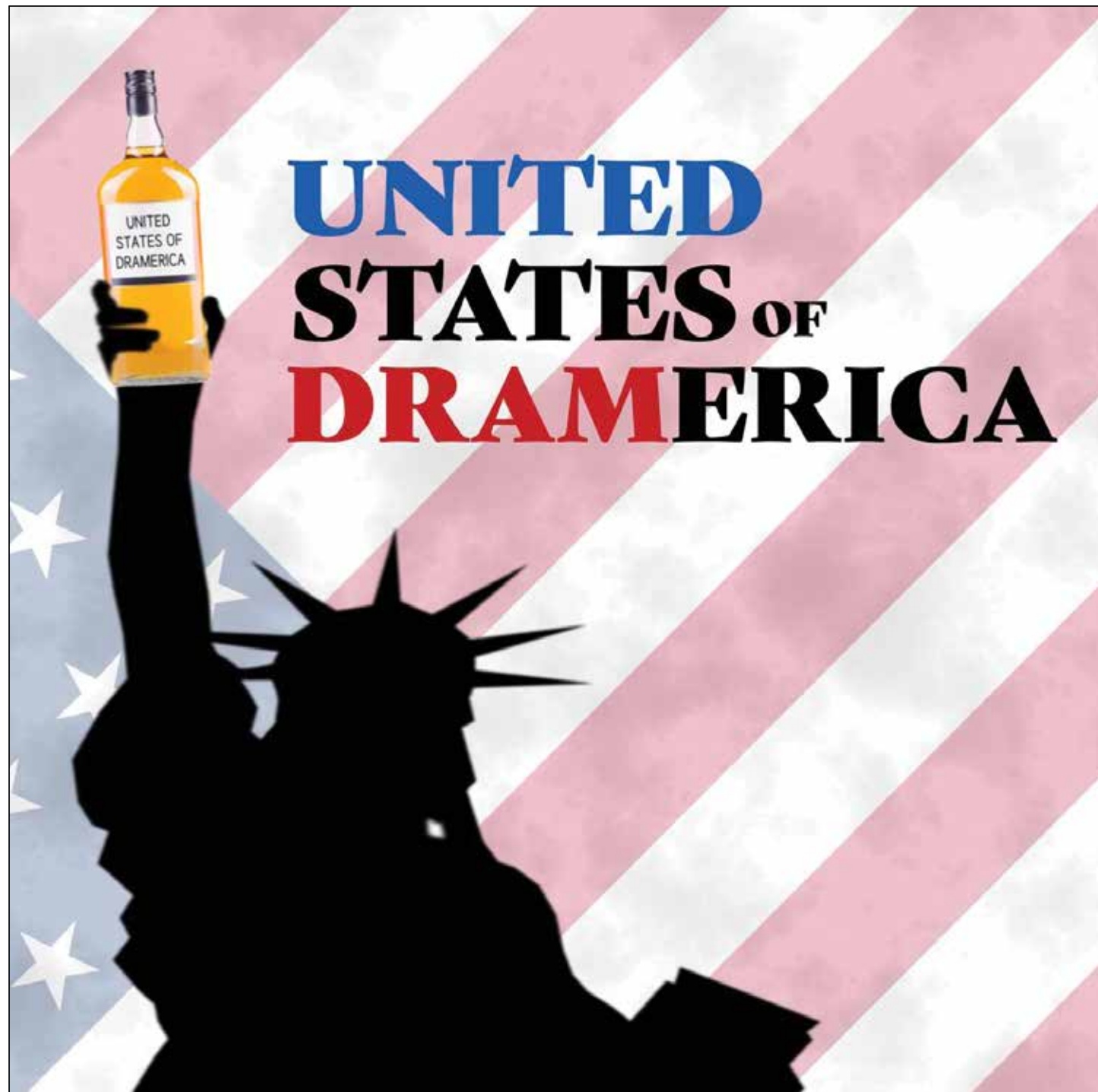


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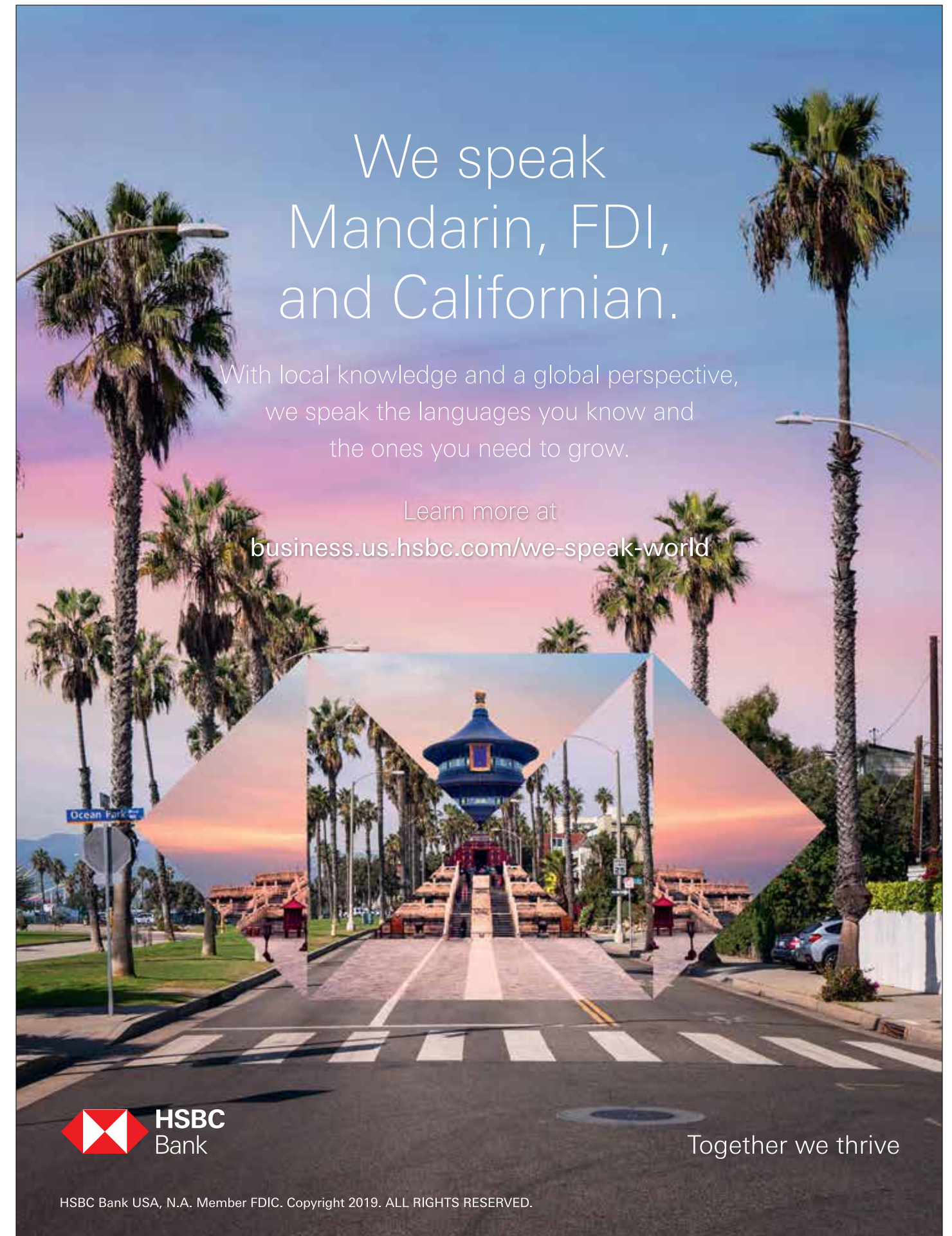
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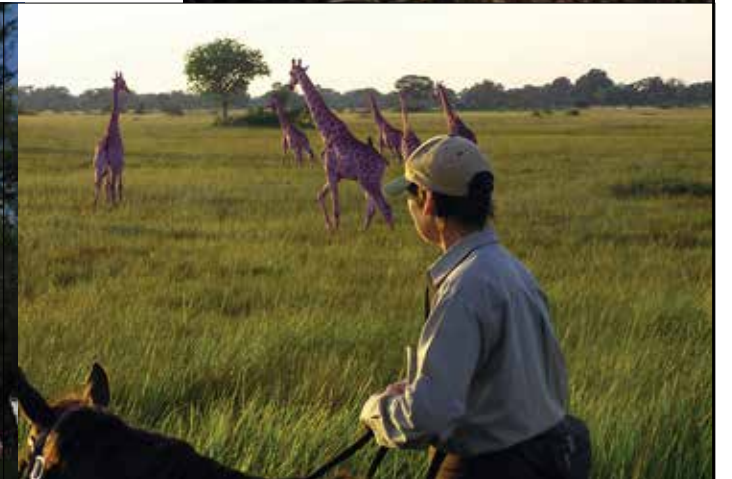


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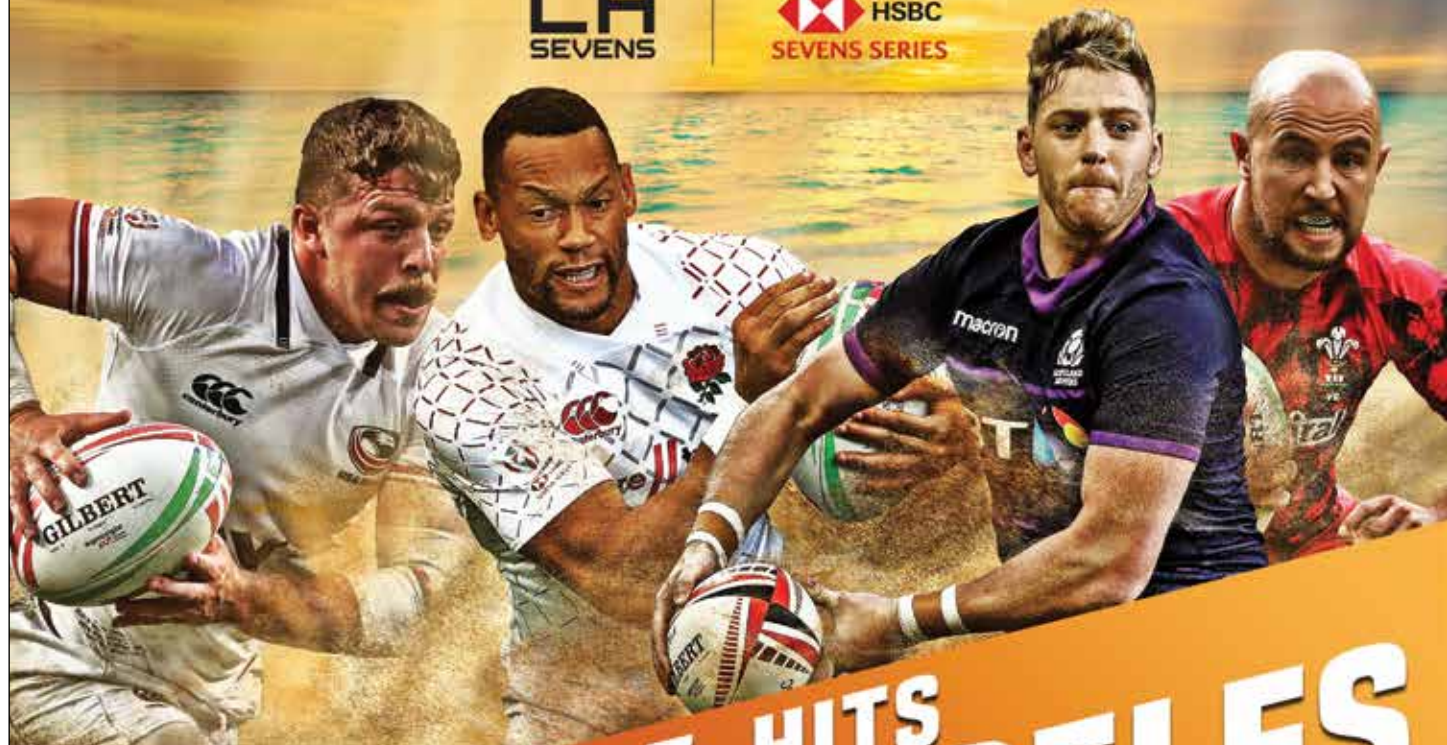
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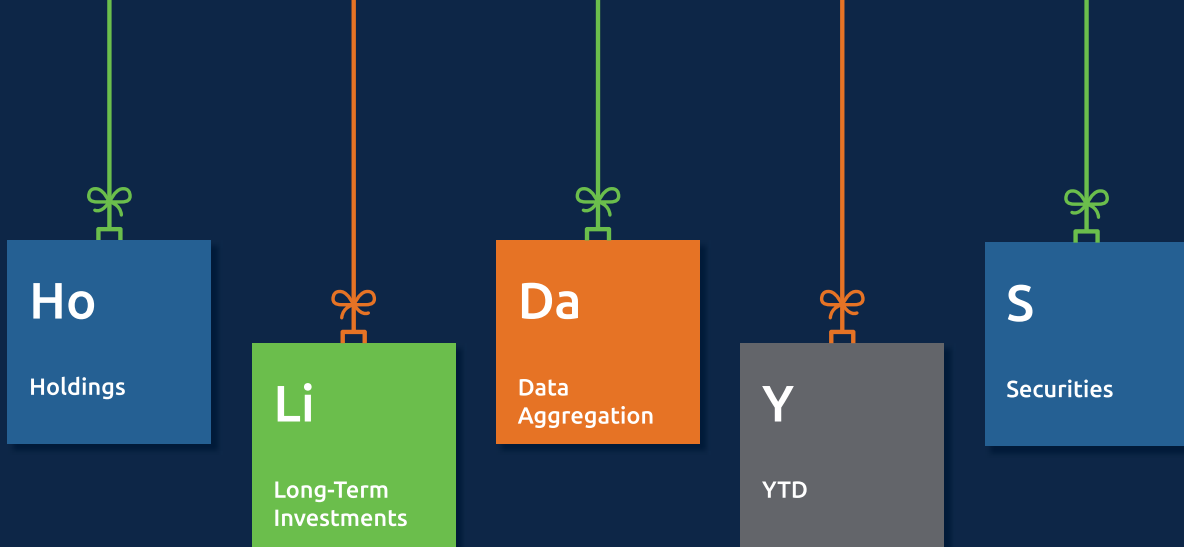
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