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Brexit and Beyond – Challenges and Opportunities for Clients and Advisors

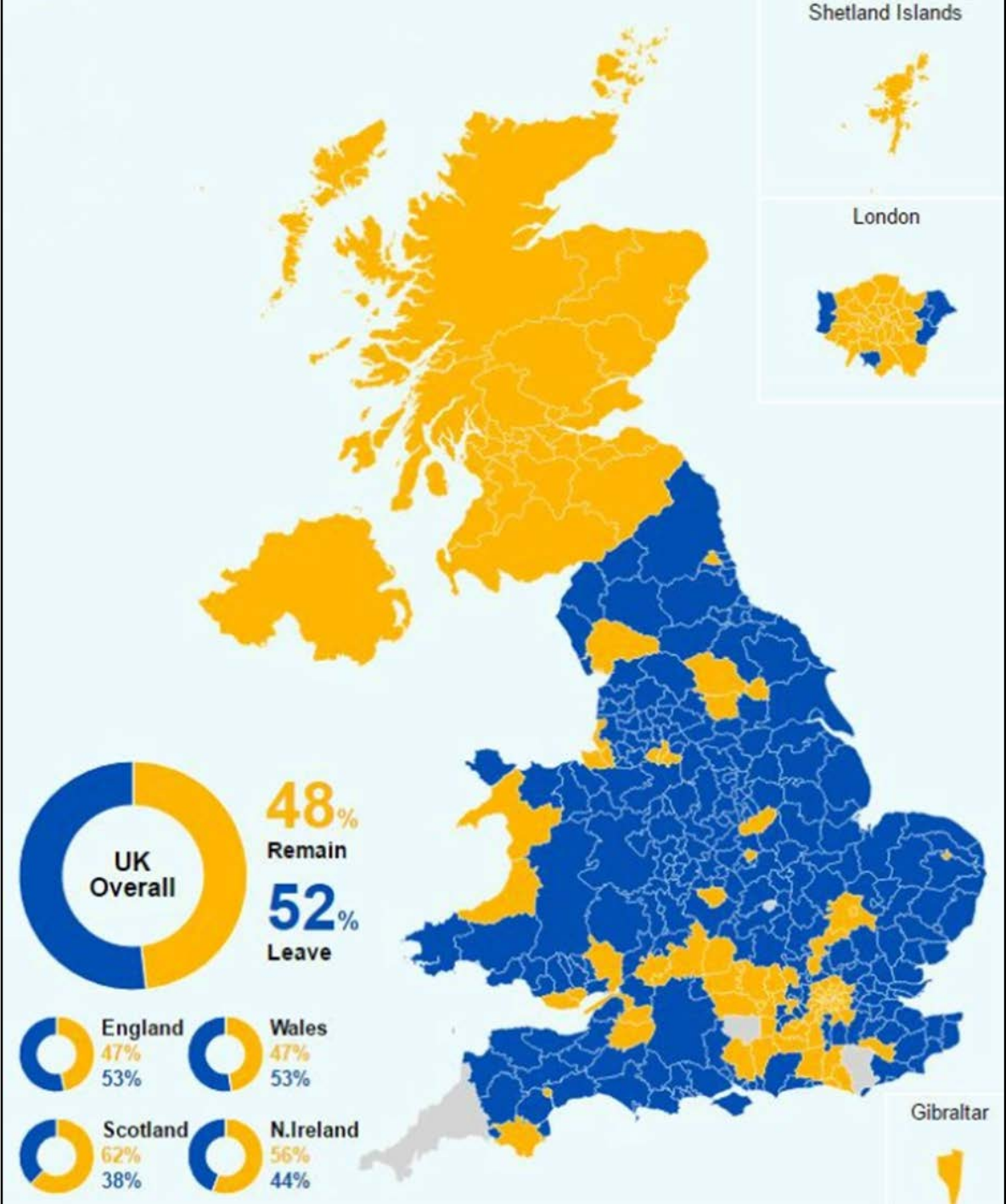
SPEAKER PRESENTATION | 14:10 – 14:30

John Edward

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Brexit and Beyond

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- **Where are we heading?**
- **Challenges**
- **Opportunities**
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The Soft Power 30

- *“As member of G-7, G-20, UN Security Council, European Union, and Commonwealth, Britain has seat at virtually every international table of consequence. No other country rivals UK’s diverse range of memberships in world’s most influential organisations. In this context, a risk exists that the UK’s considerable soft power clout would be significantly diminished should it vote to leave the European Union.” (Portland)*

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- **2017:** France, (UK), Bulgaria, Malta,
Germany, Czech Republic, Luxembourg,
Ireland?
- **2018:** Austria, Cyprus, Italy, Hungary,
Slovenia, Sweden, (USA)
- **2019:** Poland, Estonia, Finland, Belgium,

Does it matter?

- *“Ever closer union among peoples of Europe... to ensure ...*
- *the economic and social progress of their countries*
- *constant improvement of the living and working conditions of their peoples*
- *concerted action to guarantee steady expansion, balanced trade and fair competition*
- *reducing the differences existing between the various regions*
- *the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade”*

JM Barrie, 1922

- *“You come of a race of men the very wind of whose name has swept to the ultimate seas.”*
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