

Moscow Court Extends U.S. Investor Calvey's House Arrest

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Michael Calvey **Kirill Zykov / Moskva News Agency**

Update: Moscow's Basmanny district court has ruled to extend Calvey's house arrest through July 14, the state-run TASS news agency [reported](#) on Friday.

A Moscow court has ruled to move detained U.S. investor Michael Calvey from pre-trial detention to house arrest, Russian media [reported](#) Thursday.

In February, Russia [detained](#) Calvey, the founder of the Baring Vostok private equity group, on suspicion of fraud along with three other partners in the fund. Calvey denies the allegations, saying the case is being used against him in a business dispute over the Russian bank Vostochny in which he is a shareholder.

The Basmanny district court in Moscow granted a [request](#) from Russia's Investigative Committee to release Calvey on Thursday. He was released directly from the courtroom and will remain on house arrest until Saturday.

The Investigative Committee has asked the district court to extend his house arrest until July 14, the court said in a statement.

“Over the past two months, circumstances have changed,” a prosecutor was [quoted](#) as saying in court by the RBC business outlet.

"The investigation has determined that Calvey has stable social ties in Moscow," he added.

The judge extended the investigation into Baring Vostok until August 13, RBC reported.

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Speaking in court, Calvey said he would remain in Russia until the end of the trial.

“For me, escaping from Russia in connection with a criminal case is equivalent to admitting my guilt,” RBC quoted him as saying.

Calvey's detention has rattled some foreign investors in Russia who are worried about the business climate, and has stoked talk of a possible U.S. boycott of Russia's International Economic Forum in June which is attended by President Vladimir Putin.

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