

Candidates' Profiles

The General Committee 2020 – 2021

Alex Newbigging – Director, Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited and CEO, Jardine International Motors



Alex was appointed Director of Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited in October 2017, having been with the Jardine Matheson Group since 1995. He has held a number of executive positions, including chief executive of The Jardine Engineering Corporation in 2008 and group managing director of Jardine Cycle & Carriage between 2012 and 2019. He is currently chief executive officer of Jardine International Motors and a director of Zhongsheng.

Alex graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Master of Arts Degree in Mental Philosophy. He has completed the General Management Programme at Harvard Business School and the Stanford Executive Programme at Stanford Graduate School of Business, as well as INSEAD's AVIRA programme.

Alex is married with two children.

Anne Kerr – Global Head Cities & Managing Director of Greater China, Mott MacDonald



In support of her role as Managing Director Greater China, Anne continues to lead Mott MacDonald's Global Strategic Initiative for Cities providing expertise in visioning, master-planning and delivery of developments at local, national and cross boundary.

Anne has been involved in developing roadmaps, development strategies as well as detailed plans for (and delivery of) integrated developments (both new and redevelopment/regeneration) for communities, land-use and transportation, innovative technologies, and resource management in more than 30 countries.

Anne advises governments, developments and agencies on policy matters and strategies to deliver integrated solutions for the built environment – always putting people first. She has provided advisory services to a number of eco-city and smart city developments, mixed use communities, transit-oriented developments and entertainment districts and for various other master-planning developments around the world, and provides inputs to Regional goals in support of sustainable development goals and particularly SDG 11.

Anne is a Vice Chair of the Chamber.

**Anthony Davies – Chief Executive, Barclays Bank Plc, Hong Kong Branch
Senior Relationship Management, Asia Pacific**



Anthony is Chief Executive, Barclays Bank Plc, Hong Kong Branch. In addition, he covers Senior Relationship Management in Asia Pacific and is a member of the Asia Pacific Executive Forum. He is also a member of the Global Client Executive Committee.

Anthony is responsible for all aspects of business management for Barclays' franchise in Hong Kong and also develops and manages relationships with key clients across Asia Pacific. His remit covers corporations, asset managers, hedge funds, insurance companies, and sovereign wealth funds.

Anthony joined Barclays in 2010 as Head of Equities Generalist Distribution, Asia ex-Japan and has over 30 years of experience in Asian financial markets, with the majority of this time spent covering financial institutions.

Prior to joining Barclays, Anthony spent 12 years at Merrill Lynch Asia Pacific, most recently as Head of Equity Distribution for Asia Pacific. Anthony also held client facing positions in London and Jakarta with Merrill Lynch. Previously, he was at Barings Securities for seven years, where he ran the office in Jakarta before taking on a Sales Management role in Hong Kong.

Anthony graduated with a Bachelor of Administration degree in Economics and Politics from The University of York in the United Kingdom.

Catherine Li – CEO, Asia Pacific, Atkins (a member of the SNC-Lavalin Group)



Catherine is the CEO for Asia Pacific at Atkins, a member of the SNC-Lavalin Group, one of the world's most respected design, engineering and project management consultancies.

Catherine has vast industry experience and close relationships with key stakeholder groups in China and the UK. She has clear understanding of business in Asia and the UK and is a keen advocate for the role of infrastructure as a catalyst for economic growth. Catherine has a strong interest in the role of technology both as a disruptor and enabler to the future of infrastructure and the built environment.

Catherine is Board Member of the China-Britain Business Council (CBBC). She is currently a member of the General Committee of the Chamber and Vice Chair of its International Infrastructure Forum (IIF). Catherine is delighted to expand her involvement in the

Chamber and continue to make meaningful contributions to the British business community in Hong Kong, and trade and investment between British and Chinese businesses in China, UK and third countries.

David Haigh – Managing Partner Asia-Pacific Business Development, Ernst & Young



David has lived and worked in Hong Kong since 2011 and in Asia since 2008 having previously being based in Singapore. He is married with two children, both studying in Hong Kong.

David leads business development at EY across Asia-Pacific as well as being the lead Asia-Pacific partner for one of the firms’ largest global clients. Previously he ran the consulting business in North Asia.

David was responsible for EY’s admission to the Chamber as a Sterling member and is passionate around ensuring that EY contributes positively to the Chamber’s agenda across multiple fronts.

David sees strong alignment between EY’s strategy in Hong Kong and Asia-Pacific and the Chamber’s broader aims to serve its membership.

James Turner – Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, Prudential plc



James joined Prudential in November 2010 as the Director of Group-wide Internal Audit and was appointed Director of Group Finance in September 2015. James joined the Board as an Executive Director and Group Chief Risk Officer in March 2018. Prior to the demerger of M&G Plc, he led the negotiations with Hong Kong Insurance Authority on the revised capital framework for the Group and in July 2019 assumed responsibility for Group Compliance, becoming the Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, relocating to Hong Kong in August 2019.

Prior to joining Prudential, James was the Deputy Head of Compliance for Barclays. Prior to Barclays, James led internal audit teams in UBS in both the UK and Switzerland.

James joined the General Committee of the Chamber in December 2019 and if elected will continue to support the Chamber on all aspects relating to financial services.

Jeremy Sheldon FRICS, GPS, HKIS – Head of Markets, Asia Pacific, JLL



Jeremy is the Head of Markets, Asia Pacific for JLL. He sits on JLL's APAC board. He is presently the Chairman of the Chamber's Real Estate Committee and a Vice Chair of the Chamber.

Jeremy has lived overseas for 30 years. He has been in the property industry for over 35 years. In this time he has been based in Europe, the US and most significantly 27 years in Hong Kong. He brings both a local, regional and global perspective to the challenges faced by real estate operators, whether occupiers, developers or owners, especially as APAC becomes an increasingly competitive "region".

Jeremy believes that his experience in real estate, business transformation and his increased focus on Proptech / digitization will benefit the Chamber and its members as we move forward. He will continue to focus on the concerns/ issues that affect the Chamber members, especially as they relate to the Hong Kong property market but also across the broader Hong Kong business environment and into the Greater Bay Area, where he is facilitating conversations through his active participation in the various professional international and local real estate bodies such as the RICS, HKIS and increasingly government relations through the daily course of Chamber and JLL business.

Jeremy is proud to be a member of the General Committee and will commit the time he has to improving the position of the Chamber and its members in the Hong Kong business community.

Paul McSheaffrey – Head of Banking & Capital Markets, KPMG



Paul is KPMG's Head of Banking & Capital Markets for Hong Kong and has worked with a variety of clients in Hong Kong and across Asia advising them on a range of matters. Paul's clients comprise institutions in retail/commercial banking, private wealth management and investment banking with a particular focus on international groups' operations in Asia. Paul regularly engages with regulators, principally the HKMA, sharing views on industry and client matters. Paul has a particular interest on advising firms on their governance, risk and control processes with a recent focus on advising on conduct and culture.

Paul was elected to the General Committee in 2019 and has served as Treasurer since he joined the General Committee. He was previously a member of the Financial Markets Committee for over five years. Paul is passionate about the promotion and continuing development of Hong Kong as the international financial centre for Asia and contributes to this, for example working with the Private Wealth Management Association on a 2018 whitepaper on developing Hong Kong as an offshore wealth management hub. He has seen

firsthand the ability of Chambers and industry associations to reach, and influence, policy makers and regulators on what actions are needed.

Paul has been living and working in Hong Kong for early 16 years. He is married with two children at school in Hong Kong. Paul is active in mini-rugby in Hong Kong and is the Treasurer of the Hong Kong Football Club youth rugby section and is the team manager for the under-10s as well as being a referee!

Peter Burnett – Managing Director, Corporate & Institutional Banking and Corporate Finance, Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered Bank



Peter is a senior Managing Director of Standard Chartered Bank Corporate & Institutional Banking and Corporate Finance. He joined the bank in 2013 and has been the Regional Head, Corporate Finance, Greater China & North Asia.

Peter has been Chairman of the Chamber since his election in June 2018.

Peter is a Graduate of the University of Oxford (MA) and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. He started his career as a Trainee Chartered Accountant in the City of London with Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) and moved into banking one year after qualifying.

His career in banking started with UBS Corporate Finance where he specialised in capital markets, M&A and financial advisory and later joined the Equity Capital Markets (“ECM”) team.

In 1995 Peter moved to Hong Kong as Head of ECM in Asia. In 2000 he was appointed Head of Investment Banking, Asia at UBS. In 2006 Peter moved to become the Chief Executive of UBS Middle East & North Africa, based in Dubai and London, returning to Hong Kong as the Chairman of UBS Capital Markets, Asia in 2010.

Peter has a long association with Asia having first worked in the region in 1994 and settled in Hong Kong in 1996.

Peter is a member of the Hong Kong Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales; a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Aircraft Leasing and Aviation Finance Association; a past chairman of the “One Belt, One Road” Committee for the Hong Kong Association of Banks, and a member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Belt & Road Advisory Committee.

Peter, who is a Hong Kong Permanent Resident, is married with three daughters all of whom were born in Hong Kong. He was born in Kolkota, India.

Rebecca Sharpe – Group Director Finance, HAECO



Following university, Rebecca's career began in the UK with one of the 'big four' accounting firms, KPMG, where she trained and qualified as a chartered accountant. She spent approximately six years with KPMG, and then decided that she would like to undertake a different type of finance role and joined Rolls-Royce plc (also in the UK). It was during her time with Rolls-Royce that she had the opportunity to come to Hong Kong and take up the senior finance position at HAESL (joint venture between Rolls-Royce and HAECO).

Rebecca spent four years at HAESL and very much enjoyed the role, and her interactions with the Swire Group and life in Hong Kong.

In 2008, Rebecca joined Swire. Since that time, she has held senior finance positions in China, Singapore and latterly in Hong Kong as Group Director Finance for HAECO.

Stephen Kitts – Managing Partner, Eversheds Sutherland



Stephen is the Managing Partner of Eversheds Sutherland in Asia and a corporate M&A lawyer.

Stephen lives in Hong Kong having arrived in November 2012. He quickly recognised the valuable contribution made by the Chamber to business life and is an enthusiastic supporter of its "doing business" ethos.

Eversheds Sutherland is recognised as a progressive global law firm with an ambitious agenda to build its business in Greater China. Stephen believes there is real alignment between the strategic objectives of the Chamber and his firm that resulted in Eversheds Sutherland becoming a Sterling Member in 2013.

Stephen sits on the Financial Markets Committee and has a keen interest in how the Chamber facilitates strategic interactions between stakeholders in Hong Kong and fosters meaningful relationships with businesses in the UK. If elected, Stephen will proactively contribute to the Chamber's activities and work with members to ensure their interests are best served.

Stuart Tait – Group General Manager Regional Head of Commercial Banking Asia Pacific, The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited



Stuart is Group General Manager Regional Head of Commercial Banking Asia Pacific for the HSBC Group, responsible for relationships with large corporate, medium and small business clients in Asia Pacific.

Stuart has 35 years of experience in the HSBC Group holding various positions in Commercial Banking, Trade Finance, Global Banking and Markets, Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Credit Risk and Human Resources, working in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

Stuart first started working in Hong Kong in 1985 and has lived here for about 12 years since then.

Susheela Rivers – Office Managing Partner, DLA Piper



Susheela is the Office Managing Partner of DLA Piper Hong Kong, Co-Chair for the Global Real Estate Sector, and Head of the Real Estate Group and the Hospitality & Leisure Group in Asia Pacific. She is a solicitor of England and Wales and is also admitted in Hong Kong.

With 27 years' experience in real estate investments and developments, hotel, retail and mixed use sectors, Susheela has been instrumental in advising on landmark developments throughout the region including China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau, Malaysia, Korea, India, Vietnam and Indonesia.

With a focus in real estate acquisitions/disposals, financings, developments, leases, hotels and private funding initiatives, Susheela advises international and regional property companies, hotel groups, retailers, private equity real estate funds, investment banks and hospitals on all aspects of real estate transactions from structuring investments, developments, project and investment management, and real estate operations to exit strategies.

In her role as Co-Chair for DLA Piper's Global Real Estate Sector, Susheela is responsible for leading the firm's global real estate strategy. With more than 600 lawyers globally, the real estate group is one of the largest international practices and is consistently top-ranked around the world.

Susheela is also Chair of the Leadership Alliance for Women (LAW), DLA Piper's global gender balance network that aims to support gender balance at all levels by strengthening the influence, leadership and voice of women within DLA Piper and the wider community to effect change.

Susheela has been recognised in the Who's Who of Hospitality Lawyers 2020 and was named Best in Real Estate by the Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law Awards 2019. She is also named as a leading individual in Real Estate by Legal 500 Asia Pacific, which notes that Susheela "is great in distilling complex issues and providing workable solutions". In addition, she is acknowledged as a leading lawyer in Real Estate by The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers and Chambers Asia Pacific. Under Susheela's leadership, DLA Piper's Real Estate practice is ranked Tier 1 for Real Estate in China, Hong Kong and Thailand by Chambers Asia Pacific and Legal 500 Asia Pacific, and Tier 1 for Real Estate Funds in Hong Kong by IFLR1000.

Clients highly commend Susheela, commenting that "she is a very pragmatic lawyer who knows her stuff and handles client relations very well." *Chambers Asia Pacific 2020*

William Lau – Chairman and Managing Director, B.S.C. Group Limited



William is the Chairman of the B.S.C. Group of Companies. The Group is the region's leading interior fitting out contractor, and solution provider for bath, kitchen, lighting, furniture, natural stone, interior and architecture finishing materials, with branches in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Macau.

William has been past Chairman of Howden Asia (Howden is a London listed company), past Chairman of Hochtief Asia (Hochtief is listed on Xetra Germany), past Non-Executive Director of Sands China Limited (HK Listed) and past Chairman of Manhattan Shower UK, Manhattan Bath Hong.

William has more than 40 years of Hong Kong and China experience.