



# Committees Newsletter

October - December 2016

## The newsletter of the French Chamber committees:

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### **Do not hesitate to spread the word regarding the support offered by the BAG:**

A new format has been launched whereby BAG members commit to meet the candidates twice, after preparatory meetings if needed, so that meeting time be totally used to the benefit of the candidate, his project and the advisors.

Start-ups offering disruptive services/products will be offered a special package (open to members only).

Projects to be sent to [committees@fccihk.com](mailto:committees@fccihk.com), and then forwarded to the BAG.

Specific offer for SMEs with over 3 years of experience, as well.

Please contact us and forward the information to your contacts.

**Watches** are created on a regular basis for most committees: do not hesitate to check your committee webpage for more information on news, events, or indexes...

### **Gentle reminder:**

To ease committee meetings organization, it would be really appreciated that:

- ✦ Members **reply to meetings notices** either by registering to the meeting, or replying that they cannot make it,
- ✦ **Attend the said meetings when they have registered.**  
Meetings imply practical organization and invitation to speakers, and it is important that we know how many guests we shall welcome.

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## Committees' activities

### Banking and Finance - FinTech group

**This group focuses on the impact of new technologies for banks.**

It gathers unit managers to help them have a vision of the technology impact, and proposes a holistic approach by sharing presentations from both the banking industry and other large companies that face the same revolution.

#### Past meetings:

- ✦ Nov. 08, 2016      **'Evolution of regulation in Hong Kong re. new technologies**
- ✦ Jan. 10, 2017      **Collaboration and Innovation**

#### Next meeting:

- ✦ Mar. 21, 2017      **(TBC)**

## Business Advisors group

The aim of the Business Advisors group (BAG) is to bring network / contacts, advise and coach start-ups or companies going for new developments.

### Actions:

- † BAG modus operandi: Main idea is to bring help – the approach is altruist,
- † Clear difference and separation between the BAG action (counseling) linked to the Chamber, and the financial relations linked with members intuitu personae that are totally separated from the Chamber scope of actions,

### Future Actions:

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### Past meetings:

- † Nov. 25, 2016 **Kello**
- † Jan. 20, 2016 **Weesper**  
**Elearn2grow**

## Chief Financial Officer Roundtable

This committee provides an opportunity for regional CFOs to exchange freely on common topics and get access to information that is most relevant to their daily functions. This roundtable is closed to non-CFOs.

### Past meetings:

- † Nov. 29, 2016 **Presentation by Systra Asia Pacific**
- † Jan. 23, 2017 **'HKEX IPO market and reason to consider listing in Hong Kong -Strategy on FICC and future role of HK as an International fixed income centre'**

### Next meeting:

- † Mar. 06, 2017 **Presentation by Pernod Ricard**

## China Committee

The 2016-17 programme proposes activities on the following topics: China economics and politics, business confidence, Chinese management, digital in China, labour relations, the green economy, the 'one belt one road' initiative, as well as networking cocktails.

### Past meeting:

- Dec. 05, 2016 **'China foreign investment law'**

### Past event:

- Oct. 05, 2016 **'China politics explained'**

### Next meeting:

- Mar. 27, 2017 **(TBC)**

### Next event:

- Feb. 21, 2017 **Cocktail with Hong Kong General Chamber**

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## Corporate sustainability working group

This new working group focuses on corporate sustainability, not philanthropy. Members want to concentrate on business, measure the impact of sustainability on business, get concrete ideas, and are interested in hearing from practitioners. It may also launch lobbying actions.

Past meetings:

- † Oct. 11, 2016 **Play the Circular Economy game!**
- † Nov. 14, 2016 **'Sustainable consumption in Hong Kong'**
- † Jan. 16, 2017 **CSR methodology at Vivarte**

Next meeting:

- † Mar. 20, 2017 **Presentation by Veolia**

## Digital Innovation committee

This Committee mission is to share market best practices and latest insights on Digital and Innovation, educate on e-transformation process for established corporations and on lifecycle for technology start-ups.

Past meeting:

- † Nov. 30, 2016 **'Artificial intelligence'**

Past event:

- † Nov. 16, 2016 **'B2B digital marketing & e-commerce'**

Next meeting:

- † Jan. 25, 2017 **'Data science and Open Data: 'How to use data to do business'**

Next event:

- † Feb. 23, 2017 **IOT - 'How you build, how you develop, how you sell, how to innovate'.**

## Editorial Committee

**Next topic: Real Estate**

The editorial committee helps the Chamber to prepare its quarterly magazine, **HongKongEcho**.

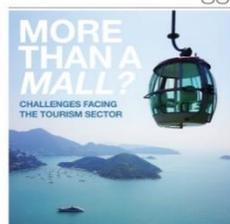
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**MORE THAN A MALL? Challenges facing the tourism sector**

Thirty-two million. That's how many same-day visitor arrivals were recorded in Hong Kong for 2015. It's an incredible number. But with spending, overall arrivals and average length of stay dropping, Hong Kong must look to become more than just a hub for day-trippers and stop-over visitors.

Ultimately, Hong Kong is already one of the most visited cities in Asia. The challenge is not to overhaul what's already there, but to fine tune certain elements. Hong Kong is more than a shopping precinct and a westernised financial adjunct to mainland China. Let's not be afraid to show it.

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## Food & Beverage Committee

### The goals of the committee are to:

- ✦ Exchange views on the market,
- ✦ Give / receive advice,
- ✦ Create synergies between members,

It focuses on 'exchange of information' and lobbying towards the Hong Kong government.

### Past meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 04, 2016 **Presentation by Marie H el ene PREVOT, Associate Director, Gouten Consulting Ltd**
- ✦ Nov. 08, 2016 **'Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on latest updates on legislation'**
- ✦ Dec. 06, 2016 **'The coffee market / industry in Hong Kong'**
- ✦ Jan. 10, 2017 **'Update on real estate'**

### Next meeting:

- ✦ Feb. 07, 2017 **'The Do's and Don'ts of F&B communication in the Year of the Rooster'**

## Green Business committee

The Green Business Committee provides a user friendly forum for sustainable development issues, and addresses matters of specific concern or interest in conservation and environmental matters consistent with sustainable development principles.

### Past meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 20, 2016 **'The challenges when working with the Hong Kong administration'**
- ✦ Jan. 19, 2017 **'Innovation' - showcase of members' latest expertise**

### Past event:

- ✦ Nov. 23, 2016 **Visit to 'T-Park'**

## 'Healthcare & Insurance' working group

This new working group was launched in November 2015. It is a restricted one that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

### Past meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 28, 2016 **'Shortage of health practitioners and solutions'**

### Next meeting:

- ✦ Mar. 30, 2017 **(TBC)**

### Past event:

- ✦ Jan. 24, 2017 **Hong Kong air pollution: Impact for Hong Kong business and attractiveness**

## Human Resources Steering Committee:

The Committee's nature is oriented towards a 'Club' mindset: people sharing the same issues, looking for solutions, with HR leaders at the center of the group plus few representatives of professions interesting for HR.

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In 2015-16, the Committee will focus on experience sharing.

Past meetings:

- † Nov. 04, 2016      **Exchange between peers on a topic raised by members**
- † Dec. 13 , 2016      **'Human Resources organization'**

Next meeting:

- † Feb. 09, 2017      **'Redefinition of the HR function purpose'**

### Infrastructure Committee:

The Committee continues its exchanges with the Hong Kong government, answering consultations and inviting representatives to do presentations during committee meetings.

Past meeting:

- † Nov. 24, 2016      **'Blueprint for Hong Kong as a Smart City'**

Next meeting:

- † Feb. 24, 2017      **'Hong Kong 2030+'**

### Legal working group:

This new working group is a restricted one that gathers only in-house counsels and lawyers from legal firms.

Experience sharing will be encouraged to compare practices, and lawyers will provide presentations to counsels on hot topics such as new laws in Hong Kong and the region.

Past meeting:

- † Oct. 13, 2016      **'Regional roles and offices: How to manage your Asianlegalnetwork in a cost-efficient way'**

Next meeting:

- † Feb. 16, 2017      **CAREER CHANGE: from lawyer to in-house counsel / from in-house counsel to lawyer**

### Logistics and Supply Chain working group:

This new working group gathers members in charge of Supply chain and from logistics companies.

Past meetings:

- † Oct. 18, 2016      **Experience sharing with Amer Sports**
- † Nov. 15, 2016      **'Air freight update'**

Next meeting:

- † Feb. 28 2017      **'TAL Apparel Replenishment Solutions'**

### Luxury and Retail committee:

Members of the Luxury & Retail Committee gain valuable input and up-to-date information from industry insiders as well as enjoying an exclusive platform where they exchange trends and new practices.

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Past meetings:

† Nov. 18, 2016

**'SAR Attractions: Ways to make Hong Kong - Macau great again'**

† Jan. 23, 2017

**'A discussion on the past, present and future of luxury retail in Hong Kong and beyond'**  
(Luxury Steering Committee meeting)

Past event:

† Nov. 03, 2016

**'Retail and New Tech: The on-going conversation with the Customer'**

Next event:

† Mar. 02, 2017

**'Hong Kong's attractiveness: challenges and opportunities'**

## Policy and Consultation committee:

This committee aims at supporting the Chamber to prepare its paper submissions: the Policy and the Budget recommendations.

The French Chamber recommendations to the Hong Kong Government regarding the Policy and the Budget recommendations were prepared and sent on 7 November.

The Committee also brought its support in writing the letter to the Airport Authority within the lobbying action launched by the Luxury Steering group with the support of 3 other Chambers: the Italian, Spanish and Swiss ones.

Committees will receive call for their input in March, so that the committee can prepare the recommendations before the holidays, for sending late August.

## Small and Medium Enterprises committee:

This committee has been split into two categories: medium-size companies (SME Steering committee) and small size companies and start-ups (SME committee).

Both committees continue to organise regular gatherings.

SME committee past meetings:

† Oct. 05, 2016

**'The Shareholders' Agreement'**

† Nov. 30, 2016

**'Digital Marketing for SMEs'**

SME Steering committee past meeting:

† Nov. 18, 2016

**'Human resources'**

† Jan. 13, 2017

**'How to find one's number 2'**

SME committee next meeting:

† Jan. 25, 2017

**'CFO 2.0: Part time or Externalized?'**

SME Steering committee next meeting:

† Feb. 10, 2017

**Digital Marketing for SMEs**

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## Sourcing Committee:

The committee continues to hold its successful monthly meetings, with lots of exchanges between the participants.

The Committee also prepares the 7th edition of Made In Asia that will take place on 16th March 2017. The topic of this edition is **'The end of the middleman: is Sourcing as we know it dying?'**

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### Past meetings:

- † Oct. 07, 2016 **'Exchange between Members on budget preparation, and practical topics'**
- † Nov. 04, 2016 **'CSR methodology at Vivarte'**
- † Dec. 02, 2016 **'Speed to market solutions'**
- † Jan. 06, 2017 **China sourcing and quality organization (sourcing for both abroad & Chinese "customers")**

### Past event:

- † Dec. 02, 2016 **Christmas dinner**

### Next meeting:

- † Feb. 10, 2017 **Product development: from sourcing to branding**

## Women On Board committee:

The WOB Committee of the French Chamber in Hong Kong has conceived a **Mentoring Program for Young Women Professionals** and will accompany the creation of relevant mutually beneficial partnerships between Mentees and Mentors, in order to facilitate the intuitu personae relationship, key for a successful mentoring program. It is also organizing **its large event that will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 around the 'He for She' initiative.**

### Past meetings:

- † Nov. 09, 2016 **Coaching for Mentors**
- † Nov. 10, 2016 **Coaching for Mentees**
- † Nov. 16, 2016 **Women Advisory Forum session - 'Managing change and restructuring in the tougher economy'**
- † Dec. 08, 2016 **Updates on programme**

### Past events:

- † Oct. 11, 2016 **Mentoring Cocktail**
- † Jan. 12, 2017 **Exclusive luncheon - Human Capital and Diversity in the financial services industry**

### Next events:

- † Jan. 26, 2017 **Learning and Development series – 'Stress management'**
- † Mar. 07, 2017 **"He for She" celebration cocktail**

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## Young Professionals and VI committee:

The Young Professionals & VI Committee aims at animating and developing the network of the young professionals and V.I. community in Hong Kong, while helping to integrate them to the broader Hong Kong business community.

These goals are achieved through the organisation of regular networking cocktails, and through round table events and workshops, where young professionals are given the opportunity to meet experienced top managers.

### Past events:

† Oct. 3, 2016

**YP & VI Roundtable: When social medias meet the retail world**

† Nov. 21, 2016

**YP & VI Cocktail**

† Dec. 5, 2016

**YP & VI Roundtable: A Conversation with Bruno Yvon, Managing Director of Moët Hennessy Diageo Hong Kong**

† Jan. 17, 2017

**YP & VI Cocktail**

### Next event:

† Jan. 23, 2017

**YP & VI Roundtable: Entrepreneurship, Digital and the new retail experience with OnTheList**

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