



# Committees Newsletter

July - September 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:**

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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:

✦ Jul. 04, 2016

**'Innovating toward Retail investors'**

✦ Sep. 13, 2016

**'The future of financial services with blockchain and other things'**

#### Next meeting:

✦ Nov. 08, 2016

**'Evolution of regulation in Hong Kong re. new technologies'**

## 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:

- ✦ Jul. 12, 2016      **2nd meeting with Silex Lab**
- ✦ Jul. 22, 2016      **Wishu**

### Next meetings:

- ✦ Sep. 15, 2016      **Agorize**
- ✦ Sep. 30, 2016      **2B Lunch**

## 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 meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 19, 2016      **'Agile work (no fixed desk, working from home,...)'**

### Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 21, 2016      **TBC**

## 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:

- Sep. 12, 2016      **'Regional headquarters and selection criteria'**

### Next meeting:

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

### Past event:

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

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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:

- ✦ Jul. 04, 2016 'Future luxury'
- ✦ Oct. 11, 2016 'Play the Circular Economy game!'

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 14, 2016 'Sustainable consumption in Hong Kong'

## 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:

- ✦ Sep. 28, 2016 'The digital transformation journey, where and how to start?'

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 30, 2016 'Artificial intelligence'

Next event:

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

## Editorial Committee

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

HongKongEcho Autumn Issue

### THE GATEWAY TO IT ALL: *Perspectives on supply chain and logistics*

As one of Hong Kong's key pillar industries, supply chain and logistics is a topic that concerns us all. Of course, Hong Kong's geographical location has made it a natural hub for air and sea freight, and today it enjoys a robust logistics sector defined by world-class expertise and infrastructure.

The city has a long and largely successful history in these domains and our contributors looked to investigate the ways in which Hong Kong can continue to develop and grow as both an Asian, and global, logistics hub. Similarly, they have outlined some of the challenges that must be faced and how the city can safely map its path through some difficult times.



## 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 meeting:

- ✦ Oct. 04, 2016 **'Overview of global trends in the F&B sectors'**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 08, 2016 **'Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on latest updates on legislation'**

## 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.

Next meeting:

- ✦ Oct. 20, 2016 **'The challenges when working with the Hong Kong administration'**

Next 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:

- ✦ Sep. 29, 2016 **Experience sharing with Matilda International Hospital**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 24, 2016 **Food & Health Bureau on shortage of practitioners**

## 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.

In 2015-16, the Committee will focus on experience sharing and the 2 events organized yearly will cover: 'Employee engagement' and 'HR and digital'.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 28, 2016 **'Human Resources Director: A key position to enhance organizational transformations'**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 04, 2016 **Exchange between peers on a topic raised by members**

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## 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:

† Sep. 02, 2016      **Back to work meeting – exchanges between members**

Next meeting:

† Nov. 24, 2016      **‘Digital Infrastructure’**

## 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 Asian legal network in a cost-efficient way’**

Next meeting:

† Nov. 17, 2016      **‘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 meeting:

† Sep. 20, 2016      **Sea freight update**  
† Oct. 18, 2016      **Experience sharing with Amer Sports**

Next meeting:

† Nov. 15, 2016      **Air      freight**  
**update**

**Sea freight update**

## 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.

Past meeting:

† Sep. 15, 2016      **Brainstorming on committee activities for 2016-17**

Next meeting:

† Nov. 18, 2016      **Update on the Luxury & Retail sector**

Next event:

† Nov. 03, 2016      **‘Retail and New Tech: The on-going conversation with the Customer’**



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## Policy and Consultation committee:

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

The recommendations for the Chief Executive Policy address are being prepared.

## 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 Steering committee past meeting:

† Sep. 30, 2016 'Growth financing'

### SME Steering committee next meeting:

† Nov. 18, 2016 'Human resources'

### SME committee past meeting:

† Oct. 05, 2016 'The Shareholders' Agreement'

### SME committee next meeting:

† Nov. 30, 2016 'Digital Marketing for SMEs'

## 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: why is Sourcing as we know it dying?'

### Past meetings:

† Sep. 09, 2016

'Sourcing industry outlook for 2017'

† Oct. 07, 2016

'Exchange between Members on budget preparation, and practical topics'

### Next meeting:

† Nov. 04, 2016

'CSR methodology at Vivarte'

## 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 meeting:

† Sep. 08, 2016

Brainstorming on programme

### Past event:

† Oct. 11, 2016

Mentoring Cocktail



Next meetings:

- † Nov. 09, 2016
- † Nov. 10, 2016
- † Nov. 16, 2016

**Coaching for Mentors**

**Coaching for Mentees**

Women Advisory Forum session **'Managing change and restructuring in the tougher economy'**

**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 event:

- † Sept. 20, 2016

**YP & VI Cocktail – FAB**

Next event:

- † Oct. 3, 2016

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

- † Nov. 21, 2016

**YP & VI Cocktail**

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