



Committees Newsletter

April – June 2017

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, 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...

Recommendations for the Policy Address:

Do not hesitate to forward by Friday, 28 April to committees@fccihk.com any topic or recommendation you would like to raise to the Hong Kong government.

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.

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:

- ✦ Apr. 20, 2017 **In search for yield: receivables as an investable asset Class**
- ✦ May 16, 2017 **FinTech in Hong Kong**

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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,

Pitch Clinic:

This new service targets tech start-ups that are met before they go and pitch potential investors. Start-up interested can contact committees@fccihk.com.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 21, 2017 **'Pitch Clinic': Key2cell**
- ✦ Apr. 21, 2017 **'Pitch Clinic': Coolhobo**
- ✦ Apr. 25, 2017 **BAG meeting: The Artist**
- ✦ Jun. 02, 2017 **BAG meeting: Yoo Sourcing**
- ✦ Jun. 23, 2017 **BAG meeting: Impala**

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:

- ✦ Apr. 24, 2017 **The Procurement function**
- ✦ May 15, 2017 **CFO Presentation - Kering**
- ✦ Jun. 12, 2017 **Future of Shared Services: Operational solutions, tips, benchmark**

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 meetings:

- ✦ Jun. 05, 2017 **'Made in China 2025': the industrial and digital revolution**

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 meeting:

- ✦ May 15, 2017 **CSR methodology at A.S. Watson**

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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 meetings:

✦ May 17, 2017 **Block chain and its applications**

Past event:

✦ Jun. 08, 2017 **Urberization of your business: Opportunities and Threats**

Editorial Committee

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

HongKongEcho Summer Issue:

PEARL RIVER DELTA: Can Hong Kong ride the wave?

The Pearl River Delta (PRD) is already the world's largest urban area in terms of size and population with more habitants (67 million) than Canada, Argentina or Australia. But what's in it for Hong Kong?

With the 20th anniversary of the Handover taking place this year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the opportunities and challenges presented by the rapid growth of the PRD region.

Recently relabelled to the 'Greater Bay Area', the PRD is becoming more connected than ever with infrastructure projects like the Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macau Bridge.

In this issue we've sought the opinion of entrepreneurs, business leaders and innovators to see if this development is good for Hong Kong after all – can Hong Kong ride the PRD wave?

Foreword written by **Stephen Phillips (InvestHK)** and feature interviews with the likes of **Benjamin Joffe (HAX – the world's largest hardware incubator)** and **Ben Simpendorfer (Silk Road Associates)**.

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:

- ✦ Apr. 25, 2017 **The Craft and Specialty trend and its consequences for the beer customers**
- ✦ May 09, 2017 **The bar trend of Hong Kong**
- ✦ Jun. 06, 2017 **Dining Concepts**

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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:

- ✦ May 11, 2017 **Challenges and Opportunities in the Implementation of Hong Kong's Food Waste Plan**

'Healthcare & Insurance' working group

This new working group launched one year ago, is a restricted one that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jun. 08, 2017 **Opportunities and Challenges of Health Insurance Market**

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.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 19, 2017 **New Ways of Working: HR as a key change agent**

Infrastructure Committee:

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ May 08, 2017 **Recent developments in PPP Markets**

Legal working group:

This new committee 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:

- ✦ Jun. 27, 2017 **Loi Sapin II**

Past event:

- ✦ Apr. 26, 2017 **The Competition Ordinance so far: Much ado about nothing?**

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Logistics and Supply Chain working group:

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 27, 2017 **Digitization in Logistics**
- ✦ Jun. 13, 2017 **2017 industrial and warehouse market 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 meetings:

- ✦ May 11, 2017 **Hong Kong Airport Authority: follow-up actions (Steering)**
- ✦ Jun. 09, 2017 **The Rise of Customer Experience**

Policy and Consultation committee:

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ May. 10, 2017 **Brainstorming on French Chamber recommendations**

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.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 16, 2017 **Building an engaging company culture in SMEs (Steering)**

Sourcing Committee:

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 21, 2017 **FNAC DARTY Asia sourcing or how to adapt Fnac as a new brand in Darty sourcing organisation**
- ✦ Apr. 21, 2017 **Dinner of Sourcing Committee**
- ✦ May 12, 2017 **Mobile app in sourcing**
- ✦ Jun. 02, 2017 **Groupe Atlantic**

Past event:

- ✦ May 09, 2017 **Operating in Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar – What is it really like?**

Women On Board committee:

The WOB Committee of the French Chamber in Hong Kong has conceived a **Mentoring Program for Young Women Professionals** that ended in June (even if some duos will continue the programme) and the 2nd edition will be launched early July. The Committee is also organizing workshops to follow up on **the ‘He for She’ initiative**, while preparing the 2018 event.

Past meetings:

- ✦ May 18, 2017 **Brainstorming- Programme 2017-2018**
- ✦ Jun. 09, 2017 **The modern way of managing your career (Women Advisory Forum)**

Past events:

- ✦ Apr. 27, 2017 **InterWomen Light Breakfast Seminar: Change? Taking Care Of Your Own Career**
- ✦ Jun. 22, 2017 **Empowering diversity: From wishes to practices**

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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:

- ✦ June 20, 2017 **YP Cocktail at Koko, Central**