



Committees Newsletter

July – September 2018

The newsletter of the French Chamber committees:

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New Wise City Working Group in 2018/2019:

- ✦ In view of their **common topics of interest** (the Smart City and the relations with the Hong Kong administration), the **Green Business and the Infrastructure Committees** will be **merged to form the Wise City Working Group** in the coming financial year 2018/2019.
- ✦ If you are a member of the Green Business and/or the Infrastructure Committees, you will **automatically be enrolled** in the Wise City Working Group.
- ✦ **If you are interested in the Wise City Working Group, please feel free to join it through our website.**

Watches are created on a regular basis for most committees: check your committee webpage for more information on news, events, indexes, etc.

Business Advisor Group:

Do not hesitate to spread the word regarding the support offered by the BAG: Projects must be sent to committees@fccihk.com before being forwarded to the BAG.

Gentle reminder:

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

- ✦ Members **reply to invitations** either by registering to the meeting, or by accepting/declining the Outlook invitation;
- ✦ **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

Business Advisors Group (BAG) Club

The aim of the Business Advisors Group (BAG) Club is to provide networking, advice and coaching to start-ups or companies undertaking 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,

Past meetings:

- ✦ Aug. 31, 2018 **Tralala Limited for Lalaboom**
- ✦ Sep. 14, 2018 **Brainsfeed Limited**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Oct. 26, 2018 **TBC**

Chief Financial Officer Club

This club 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 committee is closed to non-CFOs.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jul. 10, 2018 **Brainstorming session of 2018/2019 CFO Club Programme**
- ✦ Sep. 24, 2018 **Specificities of the financial management of a non-profit organisation**
 - Presentation by Arnaud Leleux, The French International School of Hong Kong

Next meetings:

- ✦ Nov. 12, 2018 **Digital Finance Transformation & Survey Results**
 - Presentation by Vladimir Le Chatelier, SIA Partners
- ✦ Dec. 10, 2018 **TBC**

China Committee

The China Committee is a forum where members can exchange information and experiences about the rapidly-changing Chinese business environment. Local and foreign guest speakers are often invited to present practical advice or research findings on issues and events relevant to doing business in China.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 03, 2018 **US – China trade war and beyond: Potential consequences for Europe**
 - Presentation by Alicia Garcia-Herrero, NATIXIS

Next meeting:

- ✦ Oct. 22, 2018 **Foreign Investment in China in the time of the Trade War**
 - Presentation by Hans-Gunther Herrmann, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

Next event:

- ✦ Nov. 22, 2018 **Shenzhen, the opportunities, the prospects, the reality: How China's tech firms are outsmarting the West (TBC)**

Corporate Sustainability Committee

The Corporate Sustainability Committee was launched in June 2015. It 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.

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 08, 2018 **'Blue is the New Green' – Sustainability in the shipping sector**
 - Presentation by Ludovic Rozan, CGM Group
- ✦ Dec. 03, 2018 **TBC**

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Digital Innovation Club and Digital Innovation Committee

Digital Innovation Club and Digital Innovation Committee provide a platform to share market best practices and latest market insights on Digital and Innovation, to educate on e-transformation process for established corporations and on lifecycle for technology start-ups.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 13, 2018 **Innovation and digitalisation in TIC industry**
- Presentation by Boris Lalyman, SGS HONG KONG LTD

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 18, 2018 **How to make sense of my data**
- Presentation by Olive Liu, General Manager of Product Planning in TSL Jewellery PRC
- ✦ Dec. 06, 2018 **TBC**

Next events:

- ✦ Oct. 23, 2018 **InterSME Breakfast Seminar - Cyber-Security: Protect your company!**
- Panel discussion by by Dmitri Hubbard, Blue Dragon Asia Ltd., Grégory Manguin, LinkByNet and Daniel Schneersohn, Arxan Technologies Inc.
- ✦ Nov. 15, 2018 **The Chatbox (TBC)**

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Entrepreneur Committee and Small & Medium Enterprises Club

The Entrepreneur Committee and the Small & Medium Enterprises Club remains the key place for entrepreneurs and large SMEs to meet and network respectively.

We believe that diversity creates dynamism and that experience-sharing benefits each and every entrepreneur and SME leader. In that respect, we organize seminars and exchange sessions specifically targeted to members' needs.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 12, 2018 **Business Networking Cocktail**
(for both Entrepreneur Committee & SME Club)

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 10, 2018 **How to do business in Macau and South China when based in Hong Kong**
(for both Entrepreneur Committee & SME Club)
- Panel discussion by Benjamin Cox, The Artist Craft Brewer, Vivian Desmonts, DS Avocats and Gonçalo Neves Lestro, CRA Group
- ✦ Nov. 07, 2018 **The Usage of Social Media** (for Entrepreneur Committee)
- ✦ Dec. 12, 2018 **The Usage of Social Media** (for SME Club)

Next event:

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FinTech Club

This club 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.

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 16, 2018 **Machine Learning (ML) / Natural Language Processing (NLP)**
- Presentation by Irad Kuhnreich, Sherlock Garden Ltd.
- ✦ Nov. 20, 2018 **TBC**

Food and Beverage Club

The goals of the Club are to: exchange views on the market, give/receive advice, and create synergies between members. It focuses on the 'exchange of information' and lobbying towards the Hong Kong government.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 11, 2018 **The Challenges of Selling Italian Wines in Hong Kong**
- Presentation by J.C. Viens, Gourmand & Storyteller

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 09, 2018 **Restaurant 2.0: Digital evolution**
- Presentation by Pierre Stanghellini, HARi crm & data and Jerome Carlier, La Rotisserie
- ✦ Nov. 06, 2018 **Champagne wines in Hong Kong: trends and market**
- Presentation by Claudio de Villemorsalgado, Marriott International Inc.
- ✦ Dec. 04, 2018 **Presentation by Lai Sun Group**

Healthcare and Insurance Club

The Healthcare and Insurance Club was launched in November 2015. It is a restricted group that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 11, 2018 **Medical costs in Hong Kong and best services: How to guide the clients**
- Presentation by Richard Poinson, April International
- ✦ Dec. 06, 2018 **TBC**

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Human Resources Club and Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Club and Human Resources Committee gather gathers professionals from the human resources community.

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 08, 2018 **Digitalization and Impact on Talent in Greater China**
(for HR Club)
- Presentation by Christine Raynaud, Morgan Philips Group
- ✦ Nov. 19, 2018 **The role of HR within the transformation process and the transformation of the HR function** (for HR Club)
- Presentation by Eric Deltour, Mercer

Legal Club

This Club 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:

- ✦ Sep. 19, 2018 **The management of commercial contracts with suppliers, distributors and agents**
- Presentation by Gilles Cardonnel, Howse Williams Bowers

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 29, 2018 **The exchange of information between Hong Kong and France**
- Presentation by Martin Richter, Ernst & Young

Logistics and Supply Chain Club

This club gathers members in charge of Supply chain and from logistics companies.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Sep. 18, 2018 **Greater Bay Area (from a Logistics and Supply Chain Angle)**
- Presentation by Shirley Wong, Anson Bailey and Reza G. Nobar, KPMG

Next meetings:

- ✦ Oct. 22, 2018 **TBC**
- ✦ Nov. 27, 2018 **TBC**

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Luxury Club and Luxury & Retail Committee

Members of the Luxury Club and 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.

Next meeting:

✦ Dec. 13, 2018 **TBC**

Next event:

✦ Nov. 05, 2018 **Luxury Symposium (3rd Edition)**
- Greater Bay Area: a new playground for luxury brands?

Sourcing Club

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

Past meeting:

✦ Sep. 14, 2018 **Human Resources in the Sourcing Industry**
- Presentation by Eric Deltour, Mercer

Next meetings:

✦ Oct. 12, 2018 **A bridge between start up and industry - From conception to realization at good cost**
- Presentation by Kim Pen, Workshop and Weprod

✦ Nov. 09, 2018 **TBC**

✦ Dec. 07, 2018 **TBC**

Wise City Committee

This new committee, the result of the merger of the former Infrastructure and Green Business committees, was launched early July 2018 and focuses on the 'Smart City' concept and the relations with the Hong Kong administration. The committee has decided to follow up on the success of the Wise City programme launched a couple of years ago and endeavours to contribute to ensuring Hong Kong remains Asia's world city.

Past meeting:

✦ Sep. 6, 2018 **Back-to-work Networking Cocktail**

Next meeting:

✦ Oct. 11, 2018 **Hong Kong Contractual Schemes**
- Introduction will be provided by Phillip Georgiou, GPS Legal and Robert Hill, rhConsult Limited

✦ Nov. 08, 2018 **TBC**

✦ Dec. 11, 2018 **TBC**

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WOB, Forward Club and WOB, Forward Committee

The WOB, Forward Club and WOB, Forward Committee aim to help leading businesswomen to excel, by giving to its members the brand value and confidence they need to propel their careers further.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Oct. 02, 2018 **WOB, Forward - Action plan for 2018/19**
(for WOB, Forward Club)

Next meeting:

- ✦ Nov. 21, 2018 **Brainstorming of the WOB, Forward programme**
(for WOB, Forward Club)



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