



# **APAC Family Office Investment Summit**

**9-10 October 2024**The Ritz Carlton Hotel, Hong Kong









## The Event

The APAC Family Office Investment Summit is an exclusive business event, uniting the region's leading business families and single family offices.

#### Overview

The Summit is a must-attend event for family offices who want to stay ahead of the curve in the ever-changing world of wealth, business and investments.

Over two days, delegates have the opportunity to:

- Forge valuable connections with like-minded family offices, fostering business synergies and co-investment opportunities
- Gain insights from your peers on tackling the challenges that come with family wealth, business, and investments
- Engage with asset managers for potential investment prospects

#### High-level

The Summit maintains a high-level delegation of family business owners, family office principals and their senior management and investment teams representing single family offices from across the Asia-Pacifc region.

#### Exclusive

A minimum 70% of the event delegation consists of family offices, and a maximum 30% of asset managers and intermediaries, ensuring a highly exclusive, family office led dialogue, and an environment that promotes effective relationship-building between participants.







## Wed 9 Oct

08:00 - 09:00

#### Registration & Light Breakfast

09:00 - 09:10

#### **Opening Welcome Remarks**

09:10 - 09:50 | Panel Discussion

## Success Across Generations: A Discussion on Legacy, Transition & Next-Gen Leadership

This discussion will examine strategies for building and preserving legacy, managing complex generational transition, and developing our next-gen leaders. Gain insights into approaches for sustaining business success while adapting to evolving challenges and upholding our core family values.

#### Moderator:

Christian Stewart, Managing Director, Family Legacy Asia (HK) Limited

Panellists:

Jane Leong, Director, Mah Sing Group Berhad Alex Chua, Founder, GB Helios Jack Hon, Director, HCL Capital (SFO) Sophie Khau, Managing Director, Mastery Holdings & L'Excellence Diamond

09:50 - 10:30 | Panel Discussion

## Family Office 2.0: Forward-Thinking Ideas for the Future Focused Family Office

This panel will explore how to build a successful family office by leveraging collaboration, enhancing operational efficiency, and balancing family involvement with professional management. We'll also discuss when and how to bring in external providers and managers to ensure long-term growth and adaptability.

#### Moderator:

Angel Chia, Executive Director, Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy

Panellists:

Richard Tao, Chairman, New Heritage Investments (SFO) Janet Hung, Chief Operating Officer, NF Trinity (SFO) Terry Hum, Managing Director, Oakhaven Limited (SFO)

10:30 - 11:10 | Panel Discussion

## Building Resilient Portfolios: Adapting to Global Economic and Political Shifts

This discussion explores how global macroeconomic and geopolitical events are reshaping the investment landscape, pushing investors to adapt their strategies across asset classes and vehicles. Family offices, in particular, are seeking independent advice to optimize portfolio allocation and performance in this volatile environment. Additionally, investors are adopting new approaches to identify emerging market opportunities, using innovative strategies to stay ahead of trends and navigate risks. By focusing on diversification, alternative investments, and expert guidance, family offices aim to remain resilient and capitalize on future growth opportunities amidst shifting global dynamics.

#### Moderator:

**Shiraz Poonevala**, Director of Investments, **GP Group** (SFO) Panellists:

Joe Qiao, Chief Investment Officer, Globaltec Capital (SFO) Alex Yang, Sales Director of Manager Selection & Equity Research Solutions, Asia, Morningstar Investment Management Asia

**Jeffrey Siu**, Chief Operating Officer, **ATFX Shannon Chow**, Managing Director, Head of Greater China Client Solutions, **Hamilton Lane** 

11:10 - 11:30

Networking Break / One-To-One Meetings

11:30 - 12:30

#### **Roundtable Discussions**

Table 1: The Case For Australian Real Estate Private Credit Tom Cranfield, Director, Investment & Risk, Zagga
Table 2: Decarbonization and Asia growth - Unlocking Opportunities in One of the Most Transformative Opportunities of Our Time
Melvyn Yeo, Managing Director, Energy Ignition Ventures
Table 3: Capturing Alpha in Pre-IPO and IPO Opportunities
Nelson Wu, Head of Asset Management, Management Director,

Simon Naish, Country Head of Australia, ATFX

12:30 - 14:00

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#### **Networking Lunch**

14:00 - 14:20 | Keynote Presentation

ETFs Becoming Part of the Capital Markets Fabric
Christian Obrist, Head of iShares Distribution, Asia ex-Japan,
BlackRock

14:20 - 15:00 | Panel Discussion

#### Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens

This panel examines the tech sector from a venture capital perspective, focusing on how technological advancements are transforming industries and their implications for investors. Discussions will cover the ethics in AI development, spotlight industries on the cusp of technological upheaval, and analyse and compare the tech ecosystems of the EU, US, and Asia.

#### Moderator:

**Dan Bowyer**, Partner, **SuperSeed** Panellists:

Wei Shen, Head of Principal Investment, Junson Capital (SFO) Carman Chan, Managing Partner, Click Ventures (SFO) Johnson Cheng, Founder, Voyager Capital (SFO) Avichay Nissenbaum, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Iool Ventures

15:00 - 15:20 | Keynote Presentation

Navigating India and its Burgeoning Consumer Opportunity Rishika Chandan, Managing Partner, Venturi Partners

15:20 - 15:40 | Keynote Presentation

Navigating Turbulence: "Capital Markets, Alternative Investments, and Geopolitical Events - A Global Vision Thomas Yu, Head of Investment Banking, Managing Director, Eddid Financial

15:40 - 16:00

#### Networking Break / One-To-One Meetings

16:00 - 16:20 | Fireside Chat

SoleFamily: Providing Hope and Creating Smiles in Bali Sarah Chapman, Co-Founder, Yayasan SoleFamily Bali Ian Cray, Strategic Advisor, Yayasan SoleFamily Bali

16:20 - 17:00 | Panel Discussion

#### Philanthropy Redefined: Strategies for Effective Giving

This panel will discuss how to approach philanthropy, from selecting meaningful causes to implementing sustainable giving practices. Discover philanthropy's role in shaping family values and legacy, with practical tips for maximizing impact.

#### Panellists:

Rei Murakami, President, The Murakami Family Foundation Dorothy Chan, Head of Philanthropy Services and Advisory, Asia Pacific, HSBC Global Private Banking Anthony Gao, Head of Philanthropy Services, Asia, Pictet Wealth Management

17:00 - 20:00

#### **Networking Cocktail Reception**

Enjoy cocktails and dinner with a view at Ozone Bar.

## Thu 10 Oct

08:00 - 09:00

#### **Networking Breakfast**

09:00 - 09:30 | Fireside Chat

## A Conversation with Guneet Banga: Creating Sustainable Impact in India

Guneet Banga, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Parinama Group

09:30 - 10:10 | Panel Discussion

## Climate & The Urgency for Investment Action: Harnessing Wealth for a Sustainable Future

This panel discussion will explore the urgency of addressing climate challenges and how family offices can lead the charge in sustainable investments. Discussions will cover emerging climate technologies, renewable energy opportunities, innovations in sustainable agriculture and the integration of ESG principles. The panel will also highlight the importance of collaboration with governments and NGOs to drive impactful policy change and public-private partnerships, ensuring a comprehensive approach to combating the climate challenge.

#### Moderator:

Francesco Stadler, Director of Impact Funds & Ventures, Sustainable Finance Initiative

#### Panellists:

Thomas Knudsen, Director, Rumah Group (SFO)
Pauline Huang, Director, Full Vision Capital (SFO)
Guneet Banga, Executive Director, The Caravel Group
Cynthia Handriani Wijaya, Chief Corporate Officer, Daya
Selaras Group

10:10 - 10:30 | Keynote Presentation

## Forging a Sustainable Asia: Climate DeepTech Backed by Visionary Capital

Tien Nguyen, Founding Partner, Earth Venture Capital

10:30 - 11:00 | Fireside Chat

## Finding the "Pearls": How Family Offices Can Select Winning Funds

Katalin Gallyas, Managing Director, c\*funds

11:00 - 11:40 | Panel Discussion

## Family Offices and Digital Assets: Adapting to the New Financial Landscape

Digital assets are rapidly becoming a significant component of family office portfolios, marking a transformative change in wealth management. This panel will explore the dynamic cryptocurrency markets and the integration of digital assets with traditional finance. We will discuss the implications of this shift for family offices, offering insights into how these innovations are reshaping investment strategies and financial management.

Moderator:

JT Law, Partner, IVC

Panellists:

Hampton Tao, Investment Manager, New Heritage

**Investments Limited (SFO)** 

Sanjey Chandran, Investment Director, CSD Ventures (SFO) Bharti Sharma, Global Distribution & Strategy Lead - Private Wealth, Zerocap

11:40 - 12:00 | Fireside Chat

#### Web 3 Unlocked

12:00 - 12:20

#### Closing Thoughts from the Summit Chair

The Summit Chair looks back on the discussions of the two days sharing his key takeaways.

12:20 - 14:00

#### **Networking Lunch**

Enjoy the closing networking lunch with fellow delegates.



**9th October** 09:50 - 10:30

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Family Office 2.0: Forward-Thinking Ideas for the Future Focused Family Office

### **Richard Tao**

Chairman
New Heritage Investments Limited (SFO)

Richard is Chairman of New Heritage Investments Limited, a member of the New Heritage Group family office based in Hong Kong with cornerstone, venture capital and private equity investments in pharmaceuticals, healthcare, innovation & technology and real estate.

Former Executive Director and Vice Chairman of New Heritage Holdings Ltd. (HKSE Stock Code: 95), a family real estate development and investment business that IPO'd in December 2005 on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Main Board; the family's controlling interest was sold in a General Offer in May 2014.

Being the second generation member of the family business, he has worked with both founder, current and next generation members from a sole-proprietor to family office evolution, now incorporating both profit driven as well as ESG and impact investment philosophies in target companies and funds.

The family office also continues the founder's philanthropic legacy through a family foundation that focuses on elderly and inter-generational causes in Hong Kong.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 09:10 - 09:50

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Success Across Generations: A Discussion on Legacy, Transition & Next-Gen Leadership

## Jane Leong Jheng-Yi

Director of Group Strategy and Operations **Mah Sing Group Berhad** 

Jane is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in strategic planning and operations. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting & Finance from the University of Melbourne and a Masters in Applied Finance from Monash University. Additionally, she completed the Accelerated Development Programme at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. In 2010, she joined her family business, Mah Sing Group Berhad, a leading property developer in Malaysia. Jane is currently the Director of Group Strategy & Operations. She also sits on the Risk and Sustainability Management Committee which oversees the Group's overall sustainability agenda and performance across the board. She is also heavily involved in the strategic adoption and implementation of sustainability initiatives that includes ESG cloud data management, climate assessment and many more. Jane oversees Mah Sing's CSR strategy and implementation through its strategic partner, Mah Sing Foundation. Her career spans key roles in Business Development, Corporate & Investments, Human Resource and philanthropy through the Mah Sing Foundation.



Wei Shen
Head of Principal Investment
Junson Capital (SFO)

Wei Shen is the Head of Principal Investment Division at Junson Capital, a multi-billion single family office with a global asset allocation. The Principal Investment Division focuses on global technology and life science investments across venture and growth stage. Wei currently manages more than 40 portfolio companies and is in frequent dialogue with top-tier GPs. Prior to Junson Capital, Wei spent his early career as an M&A investment banker and has advised transactions of more than \$20bn in aggregate value. Wei attends the MBA program at University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens



Rei Murakami
President
The Murakami Family Foundation

Rei Murakami Frenzel is the president at the Murakami Family Foundation, and the Venture Partner at Kadan Capital. After working at Mitsubishi Corporation, she joined her family foundation as the President with a focus on gender gap issues in Japan. She, then helped launch the venture capital firm, Kadan Capital. She is also an advisor at Elevandi Japan, Fintech Festival Organizer, founded by Monetary Authority of Singapore, and ASEAN-JAPAN Young Leaders Summit, established by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Japan. She holds BA at Keio University, and MBA at INSEAD.

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Philanthropy Redefined: Strategies for Effective Giving



Henry Hau
CEO
Infinity Family Office (MFO)

Henry Hau, PhD is the Convener & Founding Member of Family Office Foundation (Hong Kong) and CEO of Infinity Family Office. Family Office Foundation (Hong Kong) representing over 70 single family offices in Asia. Henry has over 20 years of finance experience in Family Offices, Investment Banking, Corporate Banking and Private Banking; having worked in a range of financial institutions including the Standard Chartered Bank, DBS, Credit Suisse etc.

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## Sophie Khau Managing Director

Mastery Holdings & L'Excellence Diamond

Sophie is the Managing Partner of Mastery Holdings, a single family office originating from a 3rd generation gems family business, L'Excellence Diamond. Originally established in Paris, with now a presence in Singapore, the family office invests in VC/PE with a particular focus on healthcare, education, energy transition themes, both on funds and direct basis. Sophie started her career in M&A and Private Equity with BNP Paribas Investment Bank and AXA Private Equity in Singapore, she subsequently joined one of the largest private conglomerate in Vietnam, Masan Group, to expand its footprint through external acquisitions. She is passionate about investing and building businesses with transformative positive impact particularly in the fields of energy, healthcare and education. Currently, she oversees her family office's investments in Asia within these sectors and leads strategic value-adding partnerships for organisations in these industries. Sophie holds a Master of Science in Management with a Finance and Entrepreneurship Major from HEC Paris Business School.



Joe Qiao
Chief Investment Officer
Globaltec Capital (SFO)

Mr. Joe Qiao is the Chief Investment Officer at Globaltec Capital, a single-family office in Taiwan overseeing the wealth of a leading semiconductor company founder. He previously held senior positions at Sinovation Ventures, JP Morgan, and Deloitte. In addition, Mr. Qiao serves as an adjunct professor of Finance at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). He holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and is a certified U.S. CPA.

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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Climate & The Urgency for Investment Action: Harnessing Wealth for a Sustainable Future

## Cynthia Handriani Wijaya

Chief Corporate Officer Daya Selaras Group

At 19 years old, Cynthia graduated as valedictorian with a Bachelor's degree in Prof. Accounting from Macquarie University, Sydney. She obtained her executive education in Circular Economy and Sustainability Strategies from Cambridge Business Judge School. She is passionate about circular economy, climate-tech and the zero-waste movement. She immediately joined her family business, Daya Selaras Group (DSG), which has been in the paper and corrugated carton industry for more than 30 years. DSG is a sustainable industrial hub linking the industrial loop from waste paper material to corrugated carton packaging through their network of partners and/or affiliates in the paper recycling, industrial paper, corrugated carton and logistics sectors, hence forming a circular value chain. Cynthia is now Chief Corporate Officer at DSG and is also leading the company's ESG division. In Daya Selaras Group, she initiated various projects and partnerships with the informal waste sector, recycling start-ups, the Indonesian Packaging Recovery Organization and many more. On top of that, she founded Eco Selaras or 'ECO-S' with a vision for it to become a bridging platform to bridge ideas, people and businesses together. ECO-S is a coworking & office space that houses Indonesia's first climate-tech hub, working together with stakeholders across the ASEAN climate-tech industry.



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## Shiraz Poonevala

Director of Investments **GP Group** (SFO)

Shiraz joined the G.P. Group in 2008 to establish and run its Single Family Office. The G.P. Group is a Thailand based conglomerate with diverse business activities covering several geographies (www.premjee.com). The Group has majority stakes in four publicly listed companies and has either founded or invested in many closely held private companies. Shiraz is the Head of the Family Office and is also directly responsible for monitoring and overseeing all existing and new investment activities. Shiraz has a total of over 25 years of investment and corporate banking experience in leading financial service organizations. In his last position, he was the Investment Banking Head of Seamico Securities Plc. and focused on Equity Capital Market and M&A transactions in Thailand. Prior to joining Seamico in 2005, Shiraz was a Director of Paragon Partners, a pre-eminent boutique investment bank. At Paragon, he focused mainly on cross border corporate finance transactions as well as restructuring Thai companies. He was with HSBC in Thailand during the peak of the Asian financial crisis with a focus on restructuring and remedying distressed debt within the corporate bank. Shiraz also worked with Credit Lyonnais in India as the Deputy Head of Corporate Banking at which time he was responsible for driving business development. He has vast experience in direct investment and private equity, structured finance, corporate banking, debt restructuring and providing corporate advisory services. His first job was with HSBC in India at which time he set up for the bank what was one of India's first country-wide Cash Management system. Shiraz is a qualified Chartered Accountant with a Masters degree in Finance and Accounting. Shiraz is also a Director on the Board of several publicly listed and private companies. He is a regular speaker at many leading events on Investments, Finance and Family Offices.



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## Janet Hung Chief Operating Officer

NF Trinity (SFO)

Janet Hung is the Chief Operating Officer at NF Trinity. She manages and handles the daily business operations of the company, working closely with department heads to support the day-to-day activities.

Prior to joining NF Trinity, she spent 15 years in PAG where her last position was the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, focusing on Credit and Markets strategy of the firm. PAG is a leading Pan-Asia focused alternative investment company. She has extensive experience on developing financial strategies for investment portfolios and funds, as well as designing and structuring of investment funds.

Before joining PAG, Janet commenced her professional career at Ernst & Young, where she focused on the audit of investment funds for four years. She also worked at JP Morgan's Asia Equities Financial Control team before.

Janet graduated with first-class honor in BSc Management from London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a fellow member of ACCA.



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## **Terry Hum**

Managing Director

Oakhaven Limited (SFO)

Terry Hum is the Managing Director at Oakhaven. He works closely with the Founder and he manages the SFO's investments in listed and private markets. He is also a Director at Global Mineral Recovery, Inc. a start up in the US working on recovering / recycling bauxite residue a toxic waste product created in the aluminum smelting process.

Before his current position in Oakhaven, Terry worked in Hong Kong, Canada and Macau. He was the Chief Financial Officer of the Founder's aluminum beverage can manufacturing group in China. His CFO experience over the years included global and regional organizations that were involved in manufacturing, hospitality, gaming and financial services.

He started his career at KPMG and Ernst & Young and is a member of the CICPA and ACCA.



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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Climate & The Urgency for Investment Action: Harnessing Wealth for a Sustainable Future

#### **Thomas Knudsen**

Director **Rumah Group** (SFO)

Thomas comes from a seasoned global corporate career where he spent three decades in the logistics and shipping sectors before becoming a Principal of Rumah Group. Today, he steers the family's ESG and impact investment activities, and is a strong advocate for deploying purposeful capital across the sustainable investing spectrum. Beyond the family's investment holdings, Thomas was previously Group CEO of leading transport and logistics provider, Toll Group, before being appointed Non-Executive Chairman in 2022. He is currently an Advisor to private equity firms A.P. Moller Capital and EQT, as well as climate venture capital funds Audacy Ventures and Nine Realms.

Born in Denmark, Thomas is a naturalised Singaporean and has lived in the nation-state for more than 15 years. Prior to that, he held leadership roles in the Middle East, North America, Europe and Asia with his most recent roles prior to Toll Group being Asia Pacific CEO at Damco, and Asia Pacific Regional CEO for Maersk Line.

With a passion for marine environments and ocean adventure, Thomas has been a long-term advocate for sustainable ocean practices. He is a Director of Rumah Foundation, where he is active in shaping Rumah's ocean-climate philanthropy, as well as Co-founder of Coastal Natives, which aims to increase ocean awareness and inspire new ocean lovers. He also serves as a Board Director of =DREAMS Singapore, a first-of-its-kind weekday residential model that provides after-school education and holistic support to empower and inspire children.

In his spare time, Thomas is a certified scuba diving instructor with more than two thousand dives under his belt. He holds an Executive Master of Management degree in Supply Chain from IE Business School, Madrid, Spain, and has completed various courses at institutes such as Harvard Business School and INSEAD.



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## **Pauline Huang**

Director
Full Vision Capital (SFO)

Pauline Huang is the Director at Full Vision Capital, the family office of Dr. Peter Lee who is the Chair of Henderson Land Group and Hong Kong and China Gas Company. Full Vision Capital is Asia's largest green incubator which has successfully grown a portfolio worth US\$6.2bn from zero. Pauline invests in decarbonization solutions and incubates renewable ventures, including EcoCeres, one of the world's leading Sustainable Aviation Fuels producers. Pauline is a CFA charterholder, a Certified Public Accountant, and an Executive MBA candidate at Chicago Booth School of Business.



## Francesco Stadler

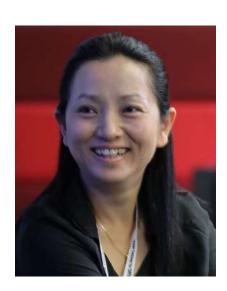
Director of Impact Funds & Ventures Sustainable Finance Initiative

Francesco Stadler is a sustainable finance professional with over eight years of experience in impact investing in Europe and Asia Pacific. He is the Director of Impact Funds & Ventures at the Sustainable Finance Initiative in Hong Kong, where he focuses primarily on early-stage investments. Prior to that, he was with a Swiss impact asset manager where he gained experience in solutions across the microfinance, sustainable agriculture and energy sectors. Francesco is a certified ESG Analyst and sustainability professional.

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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens

#### **Carman Chan**

Founder & Managing Partner Click Ventures (SFO)

As one of the top 5 Women to watch in Asia Tech (Nikkei Asian Review), Carman Chan is a veteran in the technology industry with decades of experience as an entrepreneur with multiple exits, a tech columnist and a globally recognized venture capitalist as well as investing in other emerging managers as an LP actively.

Carman began her entrepreneurship journey when she was at university. In order to pursue her passion for the newly emerging Internet, she passed up a fully sponsored Ph.D. from Imperial College to become a serial Internet entrepreneur. Carman's first company, English Street was acquired by HKET(0423.HK), a Hong Kong listed newspaper group. Her second company was merged with Hiiir in Taiwan and later acquired by FarEasTone (4904.TW).

Carman is also a best-selling book author for several accelerated learning books. Spending eight years as a tech columnist for IT magazines, she wrote about internet business models and internet marketing strategy.

After several successful exits Carman started Click Ventures, her angel fund. With a focus on providing seed to series A investment to technology startups, Click Ventures is differentiated by offering mentorship from entrepreneurs with over twenty years of first-hand experience.

Click Ventures has grown into a leading venture capital fund, and named as one of the **Most Consistently Top Performing Venture Capital Fund** by Preqin in 2021, 2019 and 2018 respectively with all three funds in the top quartile!

Since 2019 Click Ventures has transformed into a Single Family Office and in 2022, Click Ventures' new Impact Initiative was selected by World Economic Forum as one of the 17 Top Innovative Funds globally.

Click has close to 50 investments including Spotify.com, Docusign, Palantir.com, Memebox.com and Youappi.com. Due to her deep experience, Carman is frequently invited to speak or serve as a panel member for prestigious events around the world.

Carman has been active in investing in emerging VC managers and have started to focus on this in 2021. Carman has invested in ten emerging VC funds so far including Sogal Ventures, Spartan Ventures, Shima Capital and more.



**10th October** 11:00 - 11:40

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Family Offices and Digital Assets: Adapting to the New Financial Landscape

## **Hampton Tao**

Investment Manager

New Heritage Investments Limited (SFO)

Hampton serves as Investment Manager at New Heritage Investments Limited and Programme Manager at C.F. & Nancy Tao Family Foundation. He is responsible for managing a multi-strategy digital asset portfolio. He is also passionate about harnessing technology for social impact and actively backing crypto-native, impact-oriented founders at the earliest stages of their journey. Previously, he served as an Associate at Creative Ventures, a deep tech venture capital firm and grew a Hong Kong e-commerce startup that eventually exited to the largest TV network in Hong Kong. Hampton holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering from the University of Cambridge and graduated from St. Paul's Co-educational College.



**9th October** 14:20 - 15:00

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens

## **Johnson Cheng**

Founder Voyager Capital (SFO)

Johnson Cheng is the founder of Voyager Capital (HK), the venture investment arm of his family. He has invested in companies such as Sonatus, AutoX, FiscalNote, and Full Truck Alliance. Voyager Capital (HK) also provides advisory services to firms seeking to expand their presence overseas. He is the Founder and CEO of Voyager Education, which offers carefully designed learning experiences in space science, Al, Python, and sustainability. Prior to that, he turned around an MRO B2B e-commerce platform, a portfolio company of Tencent, and formed a strategic partnership with JD. He also served Fortune 500 companies as a consultant at Deloitte Consulting, New York. He is an advisor to Cornell Emerging Markets Institute, Board Member and Regional Chair (HK) of the Family Business Network (FBN Asia), and member of Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO). He received his B.S. and MBA from Cornell University.



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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Philanthropy Redefined: Strategies for Effective Giving

## **Dorothy Chan**

Head of Philanthropy Services and Advisory, Asia Pacific **HSBC Global Private Banking** 

Dorothy Chan is Head of Philanthropy Services and Advisory, Asia Pacific, at HSBC Global Private Banking. She has over 20 years of experience working with leaders in the private, public and non-profit sectors to create solutions that catalyses sustainable development. Prior to joining HSBC, Dorothy led various functions at the MTR Corporation, CLP Holdings, and The Clinton Foundation. She started her career as a country and economic analyst with The Economist Intelligence Unit and the Asia Business Council. In recognition for her work in integrating environmental and social consideration into managerial practices, Dorothy was selected as a First Mover Fellow by The Aspen Institute in 2013. She is currently a member of the International Advisory Council of The Fletcher School at Tufts University, and a board member of the Vision 2047 Foundation. Dorothy holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University, where she was a Carl J. Gilbert Scholar. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 09:10 - 09:50

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Success Across Generations: A Discussion on Family Legacy, Transition & Next-Gen Leadership

### **Alex Chua**

## Founder **GB Helios**

Alex Chua is the Chief Executive Officer of GB Helios, one of the core businesses of Goldbell Group, Singapore's market leader in commercial vehicle distribution and leasing.

He led Goldbell's first foray into the financial services sector in 2015, diversifying beyond mobility with the launch of GB Helios. This move marked a significant milestone as it signified a new chapter for the company and represented a significant step towards broadening its business portfolio. Regarded as an "SME lending to an SME", GB Helios has become one of Singapore's fastest-growing non-bank financial services companies. The company is also recognised as a Participating Financial Institution under the Enterprise Financing Scheme administered by Enterprise

Recognising a market gap as GB Helios expanded, Alex is innovating beyond traditional banking to assist businesses, especially SMEs who are struggling with funding shortages due to information asymmetry, collateral constraints, and high transaction costs. Under his leadership, GB Helios launched several subsidiary companies to strengthen its ecosystem:

- Polaris a strategic capital solution offering venture debt tailored to accelerate growth
  for digitally-native companies and startups. Unlike traditional equity funding, which
  involves issuing shares, venture debt allows startups to secure capital while
  preserving ownership.
- Pilon in the Philippines and **KRONOS** in Singapore digital supply chain financing platforms enabling suppliers and their corporate buyers to digitise factoring processes, facilitating seamless online financing for suppliers.
- AutoMate a free-to-use online platform designed to enhance operational efficiency for automative dealers.
- NXT a technology leasing solution supporting companies in sustainable asset management, contributing to a zero-waste circular economy amidst global efforts for net zero emissions.

Alex's career highlights include:

- The Enterprise Award, Singapore Business Awards by The Business Times Singapore, 2023
- Tatler Asia's 500 Most Influential Singapore, 2022
- EY Family Business of the Year, Singapore, 2021
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 of the Financial Services category.
- Board member of Food from the Heart, 2015 to 2023

In his personal capacity, he is an avid Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt practitioner, foodie and traveller. His individual achievements include:

- Gold medal (Purple Belt Gl category), 2018 Tokyo International Open IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship
- Gold medal (Purple Belt Gl category), 2018 Master International IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship, Tokyo
- Bronze medal at the 2018 IBJJF Worlds Masters Championship, Las Vegas

Notably, he owns and manages AC Concepts, an esteemed restaurant consulting company that manages a popular chain of Spanish and Italian restaurants in Singapore, featuring renowned establishments such as Barrio, Cenzo, Chicco and Kulto.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 10:30 - 11:10

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Building Resilient Portfolios: Adapting to Global Economic and Political Shifts

#### **Shannon Chow**

Managing Director, Head of Greater China Client Solutions **Hamilton Lane** 

Shannon is a Managing Director in Hamilton Lane's Client Solutions Group, based in the firm's Hong Kong office, where she is responsible for private equity business development and client relations in the Greater China Region. In this capacity, she works closely with clients such as sovereign wealth funds, insurance company, pension funds, private wealth platform and investment teams in portfolio construction and business opportunities.

Shannon has over 20 years in the financial industry. Prior to joining Hamilton Lane in 2017, Shannon was a Vice President in BMO Global Asset Management where she was responsible for the distribution of investment products. Previously, she was a Vice President, Lead Relationship Manager in Northern Trust for institutional clients. Shannon also worked in HSBC and Invesco Asset Management where she was a Business Development Manager for alternative funds services and Relationship Manager for institutional pension clients respectively in the Asia Pacific region.

Shannon received a bachelor's degree from The University of Hong Kong. She obtained a qualification of Certified Financial Planner and is a member of the Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong. She is studying Kellogg-HKUST EMBA program and also a mentor for MBA Mentorship Program of The University of Hong Kong.



**10<sup>th</sup> October** 10:10 - 10:30

#### **Keynote Presentation:**

Forging a Sustainable Asia: Climate DeepTech Backed by Visionary Capital

## **Tien Nguyen**

Founding Partner **Earth Venture Capital** 

Tien Nguyen is the founding partner at Earth Venture Capital, a pioneering climate-tech VC firm with investments spanning 10 countries. He is an expert at the Rockefeller Foundation Asia, focusing on AI and climate action. Tien serves on the steering committee of Impact Investing Readiness Vietnam by IIX and Global Affairs Canada and is a WE Funder at the International Finance Corporation (a member of the World Bank Group). As a fellow of the Irish Government, Tien actively contributes to promoting Irish business, investment, and culture in Southeast Asia under the "Team Ireland" initiative. His expertise in climate tech innovation and investment extends globally, where he was a mentor at Google for Startups and the Clean Tech Forum.



**9th October** 09:50 - 10:30

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Family Office 2.0: Forward-Thinking Ideas for the Future Focused Family Office

# Angel Chia Executive Director Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy

Angel Chia is the Executive Director of the Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy, a pioneering institute dedicated to invigorating a vibrant ecosystem for family offices worldwide. The Academy aims to foster collaboration, networking, knowledge sharing and talent development amongst family office principals, next-generation wealth owners and private wealth management professionals, with a view to strengthening Hong Kong as a leading global family office hub. Prior to joining the Academy, Angel was the Chair of the Family Office Association Hong Kong, an industry association for professional Family Offices. Angel has accumulated 20+ years of experience in the financial industry, ranging from equity sales & trading to asset & wealth management in Taipei, New York, Hong Kong and Singapore, with Solomon Smith Barney, ABN Amro and BNP Paribas. Angel spent the last decade as a serial entrepreneur. She set up the Singapore subsidiary for Shenwan Hongyuan, and later managed the Chinese firm's offshore asset management business in Hong Kong and Singapore. She then set up SingAlliance (Hong Kong) as CEO for the Singaporean External-Asset-Manager and was Chief Strategy Officer of Fountainhead Partners. Angel also founded NexGenerator, a family office accelerator that mentors Family Next-Gens to be well-informed principals of their own Family Office structures. Angel holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Institute of Global Asset Management, National Sun-Yat-Sen University in Taiwan.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 10:30 - 11:10

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Building Resilient Portfolios: Adapting to Global Economic and Political Shifts

## **Alex Yang**

Sales Director of Manager Selection & Equity Research Solutions, Asia **Morningstar Investment Management Asia** 

Alex Yang is currently Sales Director of Manager Selection & Equity Research Solutions at Morningstar Investment Management Asia, responsible for the business development of its Equity Research and Manager Research and Selection offerings across Asia.

Prior to Morningstar, Mr. Yang worked for several asset management institutions such as Samsung Asset Management and Harvest Global Investments, advising institutional clients on an array of investment solutions including mandates/SMAs, mutual funds and ETFs, and driving investor education initiatives. Previously, Mr. Yang also served several business development roles at Intercontinental Exchange (parent company of NYSE) and S&P Dow Jones Indices, where he was responsible for driving index and ETF-related business in Greater China.

Mr. Yang holds a license for Type 4 regulated activity (advising on securities) issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and a financial advisory license under the FAA issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. He also holds a Master's Degree in Global Communication at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Postgraduate Diploma in Investment Management at the University of Hong Kong.



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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Building Resilient Portfolios: Adapting to Global Economic and Political Shifts

# Jeffrey Siu Chief Operating Officer ATFX

Jeffrey Siu is the Chief Operating Officer at ATFX, where he drives the firm's operational excellence and strategic initiatives. With extensive experience in financial services and trading, Jeffrey oversees the company's day-to-day operations, ensuring seamless integration of technology and human capital to achieve organizational goals. His career is marked by a commitment to enhancing operational efficiency, fostering innovation, and steering teams toward achieving exceptional results. Jeffrey's leadership is instrumental in advancing ATFX's mission to provide cutting-edge trading solutions and unparalleled client service. His deep understanding of market dynamics and operational strategy positions him as a pivotal figure in the company's growth and success.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 15:20 - 15:40

#### **Keynote Presentation:**

Capital Markets, Alternative Investments, and Geopolitical Events - A Global Vision

# Thomas Yu Head of Investment Banking, Managing Director Eddid Financial

Thomas Yu is a Managing Director in Eddid Financial, supervising the Investment Banking business which offers a wide range of financial services to its clients across the region, including fund raising in primary and secondary markets, merger and acquisitions, and other financial advisory services. He plays a pivotal role in the group's development of investment banking businesses in both the HK and US markets. Mr. Yu is a seasoned professional in the investment banking industry and has 20 years of experience in the capital market. Mr. Yu has worked in a number of reputable financial institutions in the region including Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch Asia and China Everbright Securities, and has led in the origination and execution of a number of fund raising and corporate finance advisory transactions across various markets and industry sectors. Mr. Yu is also a licensed sponsor principal under Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.



**10th October** 11:00 - 11:40

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Family Offices and Digital Assets: Adapting to the New Financial Landscape

## Sanjey Chandran

Investment Director CSD Ventures (SFO)

Sanjey Chandran is the Investment Director at CSD Ventures, a forwardlooking family office with a strategic focus on high-growth sectors, including A.I., education, food tech, and blockchain. With a keen eye for emerging trends and a strong track record in identifying and capitalizing on investment opportunities, Sanjey combines his passion for entrepreneurship with extensive industry experience to drive growth and innovation. Sanjey plays a pivotal role in shaping CSD Ventures' investment strategy, providing strategic guidance, funding, and mentorship to startups and emerging companies. His deep expertise in entrepreneurship and exceptional business acumen have helped foster a thriving ecosystem that empowers founders to scale their ventures. Sanjey is renowned for his ability to assemble high-impact teams and leverage his extensive network to connect with transformative companies, positioning CSD Ventures at the forefront of tomorrow's most promising opportunities. He holds a Master's degree in Finance from the Australian Graduate School of Management in Sydney, Australia, and brings a wealth of knowledge and insight that continues to drive value creation across the portfolio.



Rishika Chandan

Managing Partner **Venturi Partners** 

Rishika is the Managing Partners at Venturi Partners. She has 16+ years of investment experience across investing, entrepreneurship & investment banking. She is the xx-founder & CEO of a consumer internet startup in India, which she successfully exited through a strategic sale. Prior to joining Venturi she was at Epiq Capital, a growth stage investment fund in India.

**9th October** 15:00 - 15:20

#### **Keynote Presentation:**

Navigating India and its Burgeoning Consumer Opportunity



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 09:10 - 09:50

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Success Across Generations: A Discussion on Legacy, Transition & Next-Gen Leadership

Jack Hon
Director
HCL Capital (SFO)

Jack Hon founded HCL Capital in 2012, a family office representing a Malaysian family, with investments focusing on alternatives, listed securities and direct deals in healthcare, resources and real estate. Jack has extensive experience in derivatives and structured investments. He is also a second generation member of the family, whose primary business is in palm oil plantation and milling, wood products and property development in Malaysia.

Jack spent 7 years at JPMorgan in London and Hong Kong working in a variety of roles, including securitisation origination in their London Debt Capital Markets, interest rate derivatives structuring and equity derivatives sales. He has also had short stints at Coventry Capital, a boutique life settlements solutions and fund provider, and UBS' Hong Kong equity derivatives unit covering South East Asia institutional investors.



Dan Bowyer
Partner

SuperSeed

Dan has more than 20 years of entrepreneurial experience, having built and exited 2 startups and angel invested in many more. He's most passionate about connecting people, product and process, creating something from nothing. At SuperSeed Dan looks after partnerships and portfolio companies, alongside new and existing investments.

**9th October** 14:20 - 15:00

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 16:00 - 16:20

#### **Fireside Chat:**

SoleFamily: Providing Hope and Creating Smiles in Bali

## Sarah Chapman

Co-Founder Yayasan SoleFamily Bali

Sarah Chapman is a dedicated advocate and co-founder of SoleFamily, originally from Manchester, UK. Sarah has two daughters and two small grandsons. A qualified general and mental health nurse, Sarah served in the National Health Service for 28 years before taking early retirement in 2012 to pursue her passion for humanitarian work in Bali, an island that she fell in love with. After hearing about a young girl suffering from malnutrition in a remote area. What began as a mission to help one child has blossomed into an organisation that has supported over 5,000 underprivileged families throughout Bali. In Bali, Sarah started Solemen's outreach programme, now known as SoleFamily of which she is co-founder. Sarah thrives in the field with her outreach teams, preferring hands-on engagement to office work. Known for her straightforward and down-to-earth personality, she is admired by many for her compassion and dedication. Outside of her vital voluntary work with SoleFamily, Sarah cherishes her limited personal downtime relaxing, enjoying reading, watching movies, and exercising on the beach. With a firm belief that "One person suffering is One person too many," Sarah is committed to expanding SoleFamily's outreach programs to assist more families and communities. She advocates for open conversations around mental health, encouraging others to embrace these issues rather than hide from them. Her ambition is to continue making a meaningful impact, transforming lives and fostering hope in those who need it most.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 11:30 - 12:30

#### **Roundtable Discussion:**

The Case For Australian Real Estate Private Credit

# **Tom Cranfield**Director, Investment & Risk **Zagga**

Tom is an experienced banker and property developer/investor with substantial experience in investment for special situations and real property via both private credit and mainstream capital markets. As Director, Investment & Risk at Zagga, he oversees loan origination and credit underwriting.

Tom's previous roles include Relationship Credit Manager ANZ Corporate Property Group; Associate Director ANZ Singapore; and Associate Director Secured Lending, with work completed for major Australian banks, fund managers, insolvency firms and private developers.



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#### **Panel Discussion:**

Technology & Innovation: A VC Lens

## **Avichay Nissenbaum**

Co-Founder & Managing Partner lool Ventures

Avichay Nissenbaum is a co-founder and Managing Partner at lool ventures, bringing over 20 years of experience in building and leading technology startups. He offers lool founders his lived experience as a founder and CEO of several startups, including Yedda Inc. (acquired by AOL) and SmarTeam Corporation, a leading provider of collaborative Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, acquired by Dassault Systèmes (NASDAQ) in 1999. He also served as VP and Country Manager of AOL Israel. Avichay sits on the boards of several companies, including Beewise, Eleos Health, Lightico, NewMoo, and Unlimited Robotics. In line with lool's commitment to guiding founders to success, his hands-on approach and deep entrepreneurial experience provide invaluable support to early-stage companies, helping them navigate the complexities of the startup journey.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 11:30 - 12:30

#### **Roundtable Discussion:**

Decarbonization and Asia Growth - Unlocking Opportunities in One of the Most Transformative Opportunities of Our Time

## Melvyn Yeo

Managing Director

Energy Ignition Ventures (EIV)

Mr. Melvyn Yeo is the Managing Director of Energy Ignition Ventures (EIV). He also founded TRIREC, a Singapore-based venture capital firm that has been a pioneer and leader in global investments with a decarbonization mandate, driving the climate change agenda since 2015.

Melvyn started his career and spent more than a decade in Goldman Sachs (Asia) managing global multi-asset portfolios and was also a senior member of the equity derivatives team. He then co-founded Thirdrock Group which was the leading Singapore-based multi-family office investment firm which was acquired by UK-based Schroders in 2019.

He was the Deputy Head of Wealth Management (Asia), Chairman of the Asia Investment Committee, Co-Chair of the Private Assets Investment Committee for Schroders Wealth globally. Melvyn was on the boards of the Singapore and Hong Kong entities of the firm's wealth management business during his tenure at Schroders.

He is a Council Member of the Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS) and is the Chairman of the Sustainable Energy StartUp Network. Melvyn is a founding member of the Climate Solutions Committee in the Singapore Venture Capital Association. Melvyn serves on the Strategic Advisory Board of the Accelerate Blue Fund of the University of Michigan that is dedicated to bringing the research and development of technologies within its faculties across disciplines to commercialization.

Melvyn served as a District Councillor for 6 years in the Environment Functional Committee with the South West Community Development Council. He also served as a Technical Advisor to the National Research Foundation Central Gap Fund for 2 years. Melvyn is currently on the board of the Singapore Land Authority.

He was the first investor into Sunseap Group, sat on the board and was also a member of the firm's audit & risk, remunerations, and executive committees. In 2018, Melvyn was selected and has been a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corp, which was founded by United States ex-Vice President Al Gore, to spread awareness, shape public opinion, influence policy, and inspire our communities to act on climate change.

Melvyn graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is married with 2 boys.



**10th October** 10:30 - 11:00

#### **Fireside Chat:**

Finding the "Pearls": How Family Offices Can Select Winning Funds

## Katalin Gallyas

Managing Director c\*funds

Katalin Gallyas is the visionary Founder and Managing Director of c\*funds, a boutique fund placement agency that connects top-tier investment funds with the right investors. With over 15 years of experience in global private markets, particularly in Private Equity and Venture Capital fundraising (GPs with a 50m - 1b target size), Katalin has become a leading expert in the field. Her journey, rooted in her Hungarian heritage and driven by a relentless entrepreneurial spirit, has led to the creation of a unique, practice-based fundraising intelligence at c\*funds. Katalin's approach is distinguished by its hands-on, autodidactic nature, honed through screening over 1,800 General Partners (GPs) worldwide. Under Katalin's leadership, c\*funds has raised €114 million and manages relationships with 180 Family Offices around the world. Her firm supports female-led GPs and scaleups, and has built a strong network of highperforming VCs, debt venture funds, LPs, HNWIs, and Family Offices. Katalin's passion for deal-making began at age 26, and her career has evolved from raising €60,000 for Young City Policy Makers under 30 years, to support their career developments. Carried on an EU grant writer for promising startups and has grown into an investment dealbroker for established tech scaleups and is currently dedicated only to investment funds. In 2016 she has launched her own venture, c\*funds, which is a global boutique placement agency for Venture Capital, growth, secondaries and hedge funds. Currently, 4,5 B M EUR mandates in placements. c\*funds manages 450 active LP relations worldwide, out of which the majority are Family Offices. At c\*funds she is the day to day CEO of 9 talented international deal-brokers. Katalin has traveled for the past 10 years extensively to build up rich investor and fund manager relationships. She successfully selected the "Pearls of the Industry", the most placable funds and under the radar multi-family offices from the Baltics and CEE, alongside the traditional LPs. The Headquarter of c\*funds is in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, however, we are currently opening offices in Vienna, Bratislava and Oslo.



**9th October** 14:00 - 14:20

#### **Keynote Presentation:**

ETFs Becoming Part of the Capital Markets Fabric

### **Christian Obrist**

Head of iShares Distribution, Asia ex-Japan **BlackRock** 

Christian Obrist is the Head of iShares Distribution, Asia ex-Japan, at BlackRock. Based in Singapore, Christian oversees the distribution strategy and execution of both on- and offshore iShares ETFs to institutional clients across Asia. Prior to assuming his current role, Christian led the iShares ETF business for Australia and New Zealand from 2018 to 2021. His responsibilities included supporting the distribution of our ETF fund range, ensuring the efficiency of the local ETF capital markets and iShares product platform, and the development and execution of the iShares business strategy. From 2014 to 2018, Christian led iShares distribution for Wealth and Asset Managers across Asia ex Japan and was based in Hong Kong. He moved from our Zurich office in 2014 where he led institutional iShares distribution for 2 years. Christian started his career in investment banking working for both JPMorgan and UBS in London and Zurich focusing on fixed income derivatives and structured credit products.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 09:10 - 09:50

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Success Across Generations: A Discussion on Legacy, Transition & Next-Gen Leadership

#### **Christian Stewart**

Managing Director
Family Legacy Asia (HK) Limited

Christian Stewart founded Family Legacy Asia in July 2008 to help Asian families preserve their family wealth for generations by providing them with independent and objective advice on effective family governance practices. Christian works with enterprising families as a process consultant, coach and family meeting facilitator. He helps families to form their own family council. family constitution and family policies, often in the context of planning for succession. Christian also advises families on family learning & development, and acts as a chief learning officer or CLO. He is a fellow of the Family Firm Institute ("FFI") and the recipient of the FFI's Interdisciplinary Achievement Award for 2021. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the advancement of interdisciplinary services to business families. In June 2017, he received the award for Leading Individual (Advisor) at the WealthBriefingAsia 2017 Awards, Singapore. He wrote the chapters on (i) Mission, Vision and Values and the Family Office and (ii) the Family Constitution, in Essential Reads on Family Offices, Globe Law & Business, 2023. He wrote the chapter "Enhancing Sibling Relationships" to Wealth of Wisdom, Top Practices for Wealthy Families and their Advisors, edited by Tom McCullough and Keith Whitaker, Wiley, 2022. Christian is the author of the chapter on Leadership Succession in family firms in the special report, "Life Cycle of a Family Business", edited by Barbara R. Hauser and Alon Kaplan, published by Globe Law and Business, 2020. He was the author of the chapter on Family Offices in Hong Kong in "Family Offices: The STEP Handbook for Advisors" 2nd edition, published by Globe Business Publishing Limited, 2019. Christian is the author of the chapter "What are practical tools for building Healthy Families" in the book "Wealth of Wisdom, The Top Fifty Questions Wealthy Families Ask", edited by Tom McCullough and Keith Whitaker, Wiley, 2018. He is also the author of the chapter "Trusts, trustees and the family business" in the 4th edition of the book "Trusts in Prime Jurisdictions" published by Globe Business Publishing Limited, 2016. He contributed "The Who What Where When and Why of Family Meetings" to J.P. Morgan Private Bank's Asia Family Enterprise Study, May 2015. Christian is a member of the board of directors of the James E. Hughes Jr. Foundation. For more information see www.familylegacyasia.com



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in transformative Web3 companies. IVC has invested in blockchain games, AI, on-chain finance, and Web3 B2B and B2C SAAS companies worldwide with notable companies such as Aethir, Xterio, Supergaming, KGEN, and Memeland. JT is co-founder of <a href="VerifyInvestor.com">VerifyInvestor.com</a>, the dominant accredited investor verification service in the world. <a href="VerifyInvestor.com">VerifyInvestor.com</a> is a subsidiary of tZERO, a leader in blockchain innovation for capital markets Previously, JT worked in the investment banking departments of Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup in New York, London, and Hong Kong.

JT is Partner at IVC, a Web3 venture capital firm investing in equity and tokens

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#### **Bharti Sharma**

Global Distribution & Strategy Lead - Private Wealth **Zerocap** 

Bharti began her career as a capital markets lawyer at Linklaters LLP in London, where she advised sovereign wealth funds, banks and corporates on international and cross-border debt and equity transactions. She also seconded to the Linklaters Singapore desk for Indian clients as well as the Treasury Group at Lloyds Banking Group while at the firm. After almost eight years at Linklaters, Bharti transitioned to leadership consulting, advising executives across various industries globally. Her career in capital markets and leadership consulting ultimately led her to the private wealth sector. Today, she leads the global distribution footprint and strategy for UHNW clients at Zerocap, building their investment portfolios in digital assets, including both spot and derivatives. She works with clients across APAC, UK/Europe & UAE.



**9<sup>th</sup> October** 16:20 - 17:00

#### **Panel Discussion:**

Philanthropy Redefined: Strategies for Effective Giving

# Anthony Gao Head of Philanthropy Services, Asia Pictet Wealth Management

Anthony joined Pictet Wealth Management in 2022 in the new role as Head of Philanthropy Services Asia, based in Hong Kong. In this role, Anthony works closely with the bank's Relationship Managers and Wealth Planners, to partner with Pictet's greatest clients across the region to help them and their families achieve their philanthropic aspirations. Prior to Pictet, Anthony served as the Senior Philanthropy Advisor of the Asia Pacific Client Services team of UBS Wealth Management, where he formulated and implemented a new strategy to strengthen and expand coverage of philanthropy services in Greater China. Before that, Anthony was a Senior Program Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the world's largest private foundation, where he formulated strategies and managed programs on public health, nutrition, agricultural development, and poverty reduction, etc. In addition, Anthony was responsible for establishing partnerships with philanthropists and supporting the charitable sector development in the region. He was also a management consultant at McKinsey & Company in Shanghai, working with clients ranging from nonprofits, government agencies to multinational corporations. Anthony studied international affairs at Fudan University, before obtaining a Masters of Science in Foreign Service at Georgetown University. As a key pillar in Pictet's Wealth Solutions offering, Philanthropy Services is part of Pictet's global commitment in partnering with individuals and families who want to use their wealth to create positive change and build a more sustainable and equitable world. Pictet's Wealth Solutions organization consists of seasoned advisors based in key locations globally including Hong Kong and Singapore, spanning Family Advisory, Wealth Planning, Private Funds, Credit and Philanthropy Services, helping clients protect, develop and transmit wealth across generations.



lan Cray
Strategic Advisor
Yayasan SoleFamily Bali

Al consultancy in the UK with over 30 years experience in the field. Three years ago, on a sabbatical, he became involved with SoleFamily Bali helping them survive the difficulties of Covid and restructure the organisation to become ready to scale up their operations.

lan Cray is the founder/owner of a successful Data Integration, Analytics and

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#### Fireside Chat:

A Conversation with Guneet Banga: Creating Sustainable Impact in India

## **Guneet Banga**

Co-Founder & Managing Partner **Parinama Group** 

Guneet Banga is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of the Parinama Group, an Indian entity focused on climate change tech development, ecosystem building and strategic advisory. Parinama aims to bring to market high-ESG impact climate technologies utilising India's intrinsic strengths, and then scale and syndicate solutions to other developing countries. Parinama will play a central role in establishing and expanding the Indian Climate Impact Investing late Tech Ecosystem announced last year CITIS. Separately, Mr Banga has been an Executive Director of The Caravel Group, a global maritime, commodities and asset management conglomerate, since its inception in 2012. Through this role he has focused on increasing the Group's involvement in sustainability, climate change and impact investing. He runs Caravel Sustainable Investments, which invests in public and private markets through equities, ETFs, thematic baskets, and fixed income via green and blue bond baskets and single issuer instruments.

Prior to his time at The Caravel Group with his family, Guneet was a Vice President in the Capital Markets Origination division with Citi, where he was responsible for primary equity and equity-linked origination and execution from India, South Korea and Southeast Asian markets. Driven to raise awareness and support practical actions to address sustainability issues, Mr Banga is an active public speaker and serves on the Board of the Sustainable Finance Initiative in Hong Kong and numerous working groups within the Global Impact Investing Network and the Indian Impact Investing Council.

He is a World Economic Forum Impact Circle member and thrives in engaging with fellow corporate leaders and philanthropists as part of the collective call for action on climate change and the environment.

Mr Banga also devotes his time as a Board member for the Zubin Foundation, a Hong Kong-based think tank and charity committed to improving the lives of Hong Kong's ethnic minority community.

Mr Banga has an MBA in Finance and Strategic Management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He also has an AB in Economics and Certificate in East Asian Studies and Finance from Princeton University, where he is a member of its President's Circle giving society.

In terms of sustainability credentials, Mr Banga holds GRI and PRI professional sustainability certifications and has completed the ESG Specialization Program from the Corporate Finance Initiative. He has received numerous certifications in ESG, impact investing and sustainability from Cambridge, Harvard and other leading universities.

#### **About Alea Group**

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