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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Associate Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2020-2021**



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This year, I will have “only” been based in Hong Kong for ten years so far, but I have very deliberately chosen to make Hong Kong my home, and very proud to be an Associate Member of the FCC. Having been fascinated with global financial markets and financial news from a very early age, this has been a very natural choice for where to build my business and raise my family, at the most important gateway between China and the rest of the world, and between the financial world and the media. My desire to serve as an Associate Member Governor for the FCC board of governors is motivated by my desire to better represent our members specifically interested in financial media, and in maintaining Hong Kong’s lead as Asia’s financial media center.

Professionally, I am one of the managing partners of GFM Group, a Hong Kong and US licensed wealth management group. Our priority is to raise the level of transparency, financial understanding, and financial education between Hong Kong and the US. As part of that, I have welcomed interviews with and written articles for many media channels, including RTHK, HKIBC Cable News, Nikkei Asian Review, Sky News, the Wall Street Journal, Ming Pao, and the Wen Wei Po daily, and have happily helped connect journalists to financial colleagues and other sources. I have been especially keen to help financial news focus on long-term facts rather than short-term shocking statistics. Part of my work also makes me a regular and active speaker at many conferences in the region, especially in Mainland China and Southeast Asia.

In terms of service, I also have experience serving on boards and in other voluntary service roles, including as treasurer of a global organization to help Americans overseas register to vote, as chair of the local STEP chapter’s Wills & Estates sub-committee, and as a Sunday school teacher at my church (which makes sure I remember to speak clearly enough that a 10-year old can understand me). The first of these roles has also given me the opportunity to provide many explainer interviews on US politics and US elections.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as one of your next governors.

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