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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Associate Member Governor
Board of Governors 2023-2024**



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Policy Statement

I am honoured to be nominated as Associate Governor for the first time, having been a member of the FCC for more than a decade. It is the best Club in Hong Kong, if not the world! The characters, the heritage, the vibrant atmosphere and the values the Club stand for are truly unique and must be protected.

I am currently Convenor of the search committee for the new FCC General Manager, to find a replacement for Didier. I have greatly enjoyed working with Didier, the staff, current Board members and committee members during this search, which is ongoing. With my background in the hospitality industry, I hope to help with the transition for the new General Manager and to support the Board and the Club staff in the years ahead, and welcome comments and feedback from Club members as we move forward.

The FCC plays a valuable role in Hong Kong's society and community as an energetic place where interesting events and lively debates can be held. It also has a reputation as a venue for excellent food, drinks and live music, and it is important that this is upheld and maintained under the new management. To secure the Club's future we need to build the necessary relationships with government and other stakeholders to ensure the continuity of the lease in three years' time. If elected, I will contribute to the Club by helping to build good relations with relevant government officials while maintaining the integrity and values of the Club, including championing press freedom. I can also contribute expertise in issues management, if required.

Thank you for your vote of support!

Bio

I am currently General Manager, Group Corporate Affairs for The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (HSH), a publicly listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and owner-operator of The Peninsula Hotels, The Peak Complex, The Repulse Bay and other luxury properties around the world. I have global responsibility for crisis communication and issues management, corporate communication, media relations and government affairs for the HSH group.

I am originally from Northern Ireland and moved to Mexico in 1998 to write about the tequila industry, followed by assignments in Panama, Germany and Azerbaijan. I moved to Hong Kong in 2000 to work for the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) organising overseas media programmes and writing for HKTDC's business magazine. From 2007-2010, I was head of communications for container shipping company OOCL and then joined Irish product development company PCH International as global head of communications based in Shenzhen, China, before joining HSH in 2014.

I am an Advisory Member of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), a Board Trustee of the Institute for Public Relations, a Board Director of the Vision 2047 Foundation, and Vice Chair of the Special Needs Network Hong Kong, which offers support for parents and caregivers of children with special needs and disabilities in Hong Kong. I graduated from Queen's University, Belfast with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and History. I have two children who were born in Hong Kong and I have a lifelong obsession with horse racing.