



Hussain Afeef
Crown Company, Maldives

Mr. Hussain Afeef is a Maldivian entrepreneur and a pioneer of the Maldivian Tourism Industry. Afeef has invested in a diverse portfolio of companies and resorts both at home and overseas. Through unwavering discipline, exceptional teamwork, strategic vision and strong business acumen, Afeef has revolutionized and transformed businesses and industries in the Maldives. As a joint venture with the government of Maldives, Afeef's company commenced the development of Gan as the second international airport in the Maldives in 2013. As a contribution to the health sector in the Maldives, Afeef and his business partners launching Tree Top Hospital this year, this will be largest private hospital in Maldives. He with his partners established Trans Maldivian Airways, which became the largest seaplane company in the world. He also partners Maldives, Maldives Finance Leasing Company and the Commercial Bank of Maldives. Afeef has gained national and industry level recognition for his pioneering efforts in the tourism sector and his entrepreneurial spirit. Afeef is also the Vice Chairman of Maldives Association for Tourism Industry (MATI) where he continues to play an important role in bringing about greater cooperation and understanding between the various stakeholders in the Tourism Industry.



Lucienne Kristi Anhar
Tugu Hotels & Restaurants

Lucienne Anhar is co-owner and managing director of Tugu Hotels & Restaurants, Indonesia (www.tuguhotels.com). Lucienne attended Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne in Switzerland. Having worked in 5-star hotels in Europe and the Caribbean, she then became a senior associate at HVS in New York before returning to her family business, the Tugu Hotels & Restaurants Group in Indonesia. Her passion lies on the art, culture, and history of Indonesia and Asia. She spent her earlier years following her father, Anhar Setjadibrata, the biggest antique collector in Indonesia, hunting for and collecting antiquities and artworks. They started the first Hotel Tugu in Malang as a home to the family's thousands of antiques & art collection. Lucienne then continued to work together with her family in creating more Tugu luxury art hotels & restaurants in Bali, Lombok, East Java and Jakarta, to house the thousands of antiques her family continued to collect, and to create magical, ethereal places that transport guests on a journey through Indonesia's centuries old history and romantic legends. The properties host numerous presidents and other personalities from around the world throughout the years. Tugu Group now has a collection of 4 luxury art hotels and 5 upscale restaurants across the country.



Bill Barnett
C9 Hotelworks

Bill Barnett is a globally recognized hospitality, tourism and real estate advisor. He is the Founder and Managing Director of Asia-based C9 Hotelworks. In addition to being a leading consultant, he is a frequent speaker at industry events and conferences. With over 30 years' experience in the Asia Pacific region, he has an extensive background in hotel operations, development and asset management. His past employment highlights include Senior Corporate roles at international hotel chains and publically listed companies. Bill is considered to be one of the foremost industry experts in the hotel residences sector. As an entrepreneur Bill have co-developed two successful residential projects in Thailand and is actively involved in the online property marketplace FazWaz.com as Chief Strategy Officer. He is also currently acting as Business Development Advisor for Le Pirate International, which is a fast growing regional beach club chain. To date Bill is the author of four books on travel, property and hospitality under the titles of Slave to the Bean, Collective Swag, It Might Get Weird and Last Call. His participation in professional bodies includes the International Society of Hospitality Consultants (ISHC) and is the Founding Advisor of the Phuket Hotels Association.



Olivier M. Berrivin
Best Western Hotels & Resorts

Olivier currently oversees all aspects of the franchised and managed properties for Best Western Hotels & Resorts in the Asian region, including the development, operational and financial matters, covering their eleven brands.

Olivier started his career in Asia back in 1993, as a management trainee with Nikko Hotels in Japan. He joined Accor in 1994 and was subsequently assigned to China, with the Novotel Brand. He stayed with Accor until 2008 and held various positions all over Asia, ranging from pre-opening, running properties and re-brandings, mainly with Novotel and Sofitel. In 2008, Wyndham presented him an opportunity of holding a cluster role in Dubai, which he held for two years, before moving back to Thailand to open the first Ramada "Encore" in the region. Olivier returned to Accor in 2014 before being appointed to his current regional role at Best Western in March 2015.



Charles Blocker
IC Partners Limited

A leader with broad based knowledge of real estate development and project finance in Asia, Mr. Blocker brings more than two decades of experience in corporate finance and commercial real estate to IC Partners Limited. Established in January 2011, and based in Bangkok, Thailand, IC Partners serves as an investment and asset manager for a number of hospitality related investment joint venture investments and family offices in Southeast Asia. IC Partners works with numerous international hotel operators and advises investors on development planning, capital raising, deal structuring and contractual matters in the hospitality and residential segments.

His previous engagements include appointment as Chief Development Officer in 2007 for InVision Hospitality Co., Ltd. and Senior Vice President and Director of Corporate Finance for Gannon International Ltd. and Managing Director of Gannon Realty (Thailand) from 1999-2007 overseeing the company's real estate and industrial development projects in both Thailand and Vietnam.

Mr. Blocker earned an MBA at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, with honors. He currently serves as a Trustee of The Kenan Institute Asia. Mr. Blocker served as a Governor and Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand from 2004 to 2007 and is currently Chairman of AMCHAM's Travel & Tourism Committee.



James E. Burba
BHN

Jim Burba is the co-founder and president of Burba Hotel Network LLC (BHN), the worldwide leader in developing and producing conferences for the hotel and tourism investment community. BHN hosts ten events each year around the world including: ALIS, ALIS Law, ALIS Summer Update, AOCAP, HICAP, HICAP UPDATE, HIFI, CHRIS, HOLA, and Hot.E. In addition to these annual events, BHN and Google teamed up in 2008 to host Digital Discovery Day (D3), in 2011, Burba was retained by the ITC, a joint agency of the UN and WTO to help organize WEDF which focused on tourism development in the least developed countries of the world, and in 2015 BHN was retained by the World Bank Group to help organize its first global tourism investment event.

Actively involved in the hotel investment arena for over 35 years, Burba was formerly: a principal at Pannell Kerr Forster, Senior Managing Director with Insignia/Hotel Partners, VP/Worldwide Director of Advisory Services at WATG, and President at Horwath HTL (US). A member of the International Society of Hospitality Consultants (ISHC) and the Industry Real Estate Finance Advisory Council (IREFAC), Burba has received numerous honors including the Educational Institute Lamp of Knowledge Award, IREFAC's first Crystal Ball Award, and the ISHC Pioneer Award. In 2007, California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, re-appointed Burba to the California Travel & Tourism Commission and he recently served on its Executive Committee.

In 2013, Burba and BHN co-founder Bob Hayes formed Burba Hayes, an entertainment industry production company. The two also co-authored the book *Smart Partners*, where they discuss their principles for building, sustaining, and growing successful partnerships in business and life. The book is available on amazon.com.



John Patrick Y. Chan
Bellevue Hotels & Resorts

Mr. Chan graduated with a degree in Entrepreneurial Leadership from Kwantlen University, Canada and is an alumnus of the Cornell-Nanyang University, Singapore, General Managers Program. He has likewise accomplished the following Professional Development Programs of Cornell Nanyang University, Institute of Hospitality Management: Strategic Hospitality Management, Hotel Revenue Management and Fundamentals of Hotel Investment and Financing Decision.

As Managing Director of The Bellevue Hotels & Resorts, he oversees the day-to-day operations, develops and implements the company's strategic and marketing plans.

Through his dynamic leadership and vision, The Bellevue has grown into The Bellevue Hotels & Resorts which has under its group the Bellevue Manila, B Hotel Alabang, B Hotel Quezon City and The Bellevue Resort Bohol, a five-star resort-hotel in Panglao Island. The Bellevue Baguio is under construction and will open by 2019. Other projects planned are Bellevue Bohol expansion, Panglao Commercial Project, B Hotel Panglao, B Hotel Nuvali Laguna, B Hotel Cagayan de Oro, B Hotel General Santos City.

Mr. Chan is also a Director and Past President of the Philippine Hotel Owners Association, a Director of Duty Free Philippines Corporation, an attached agency of the Philippine Department of Tourism since 2012, and a Director/Board Secretary of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines (HRAP). He also represents HRAP in the board of the ASEAN Tourism Association and the ASEAN Hotel and Restaurant Association.

He is married to Denice and has two sons, John Gabriel, 4 years old and John Raphael, 1 year old.



Satyajit Chatterjee
Ambokka Retreat Ltd

Satyajit is a chartered accountant and former investment banker turned visionary hospitality developer. Satyajit has spent the last 7 years in Sri Lanka following through on his vision to build an iconic resort destination on a magnificent rubber and pepper plantation in the heart of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. During this time, Satyajit has taken the venture from zero to investor readiness: first, by acquiring the site and then, by building the core development team, initiating development plans, securing local tourism board approvals and raising capital.

Prior to pursuing his Sri Lankan venture, Satyajit spent 17 years working in the City of London, first in accountancy and later in investment banking. While in London, Satyajit trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC). He then shifted to investment banking where he worked in Corporate Finance Advisory at NM Rothschilds and Lehman Brothers. Thereafter, Satyajit joined Fixed Income Credit Research at HSBC and Societe Generale. Satyajit holds an MBA from London Business School and a BSc (Hons) in Economics from Queen Mary & Westfield College at the University of London.

Satyajit is a dedicated yoga practitioner, plays squash at club level, and is an avid photographer.



Peter J. Crowhurst
C&E Asset Services

Peter Crowhurst is the Managing Director of C&E Asset Services, a real estate asset management business particularly focused on hospitality and retail projects in emerging markets. Prior to establishing C&E Asset Services he spent more than five years in Yangon as Head of Real Estate Asset Management for Yoma Strategic Holdings responsible for the operation and investment performance of the Group's extensive real estate asset portfolio.

Prior to joining Yoma Strategic Holdings Peter spent ten years with ING Real Estate Investment Management, part of the Dutch Banking Organisation as Head of Asset Management for China and Country Manager for Taiwan. He managed real estate assets for co-mingled funds and the company's balance sheet. He was the portfolio manager for ING Life for their real estate transactions in Taiwan.

Peter has extensive experience in all real estate asset classes that include, but are not limited to, full service hotels, serviced apartments, retail centres, residential development and commercial, both as an operating general manager and asset manager.

He is a full member of the Institute of Hospitality the UK professional body for hospitality excellence, and studied at Ealing College, London and Cornell University, New York.



Miguel Cunat
SriLanka *In Style*

Partner and Director of SriLanka*InStyle*, one of Sri Lanka's leading travel companies, Miguel has lived in Sri Lanka with his family since 2003 and has been heavily involved in the island's growing tourism industry ever since. An intrepid explorer, Miguel grew up crisscrossing the globe between Spain and Australia and has lived in London, Bangkok and Singapore – and it will come as no surprise that most of his adventures in Sri Lanka have been on foot, mountain bike or motorbike. Miguel is passionate about preserving Sri Lanka's environment and offering travellers an insight into what is real and authentic about the island, connecting them to local people and taking them away from the tourist trail. In 2012, Miguel was named the Conde Nast Top Traveler Specialist for Sri Lanka, a coveted award he earned through his intimate knowledge of the island, his vast network of insider connections and his flair for creating imaginative travel experiences for a range of discerning clientele.



Olivier Dung Do Ngoc
Dynasty Investment Corp

Olivier Dung Do Ngoc is an astute investor and an inspired entrepreneur. He received an MBA from London Business School and Columbia Business School in New York, spending 14 years with JP Morgan in its Investment Bank, Emerging Markets and Wealth Management divisions, based across Europe and Asia.

In 2007, Olivier co-founded Dynasty Investments in Vietnam. He has worked on various high-profile hospitality, real estate, venture capital and private equity projects including Villa Song, Les Rives, Organik and EZ Land – the first midmarket real estate developer in Vietnam focusing on European design and quality residential development for the fast rising urban middle classes. EZ Land's first project: HausNeo received a huge interest from the market since its launch in October. Olivier is also currently working on the first Club Med in Vietnam. Club Med Ho Tram will be a signature development of Dynasty in cooperation with Club Med, the world leader in all inclusive resort holidays.

Olivier's Vietnamese and Luxembourgish heritage gives him excellent insight into local and Western cultures, consumer behaviors and the real estate and hospitality market. He is an active participant in the corporate social responsibility sector and serves on the boards of various domestic and regional companies.



Chris P. Ely
Jones Lang LaSalle

In his role as Senior Vice President of JLL's Hotels & Hospitality Group based in the Singapore regional head office, Chris is focused on asset management and operator selections throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Over the course of Chris' distinguished career in upper-upscale and luxury hotels and resorts, Chris has built an invaluable reputation for operational excellence. In his most recent post, Chris served as Corporate Director of Planning and Support, Asia Pacific for Outrigger Hotels & Resorts, where he worked closely with operational General Managers to set and help implement the business strategy for six Outrigger resorts across Asia Pacific. Prior to joining Outrigger, Chris spent over 10 years with the Jumeirah Group, where he held a number of senior managerial positions, including top posts at the Jumeirah Dhevanafushi in the Maldives and the Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai.

Chris graduated from a Bachelor degree at The University of Manchester with a specialization in Leisure Management.



Claas R. Elze
Apara Hotel Advisers

Mr. Elze is the managing director of Apara Hotel Advisers, a hotel consulting firm specializing in hotel asset management and advisory services, Apara Hotel Advisers is currently actively asset managing more than 70 hotel projects across Asia and has advised a similar number of clients on hotel operator searches and management contract negotiations.

Mr. Elze founded the company in May 2010 following a 15-year tenure with Marriott's development team, most recently holding the position of senior vice president, development and overseeing Marriott's development efforts in South and Southeast Asia. During his time with Marriott, Mr. Elze successfully concluded more than 70 management contracts for Marriott's brands.

Mr. Elze has resided in Hong Kong since 1997. Prior to that, he was based in Marriott's Development office in London covering Europe, Africa and the Middle East with Marriott's Feasibility group.

Before joining Marriott International in 1996, Mr. Elze worked with HVS International in London, performing market studies, hotel valuations and related consulting assignments for investors, lenders and hotel companies.

Originally from Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Elze holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University's School of Hotel Management and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.



RJ Friedlander
ReviewPro

RJ Friedlander is the Founder & CEO of ReviewPro, the world leader in Guest Intelligence for the hotel industry. In January 2017, RJ negotiated the sale of ReviewPro to Shiji Group (Shenzhen Stock Exchange), one of the largest hospitality technology companies in the world which today is partially owned by Alibaba. With more than 35,000 clients globally, ReviewPro works with many of the world's most recognized hotel brands to increase guest satisfaction and revenue.

RJ has more than 20 years experience in Internet and technology in Europe, the US and Asia. Immediately prior to leading ReviewPro from initial idea through to successful exit, he worked for 10 years as a senior executive of Grupo Planeta, Spain's largest media company.



Kenneth Gaw
Gaw Capital Partners

Kenneth co-founded Gaw Capital Partners in 2005, and has been its President and Managing Principal. Gaw Capital is a uniquely positioned private equity real estate fund management company focusing on selected markets globally. Gaw Capital has raised five commingled funds targeting the Greater China and APAC since 2005. The firm also manages opportunistic funds in Vietnam and the US, a hospitality fund targeting the Pan-Asia, UK creative office vehicle, while providing services for separate account direct investments globally. It has raised equity in excess of USD\$ 8.7 billion and commands assets of over USD\$ 13 billion under management as of Q3 2017.

Kenneth joined Pioneer Global Group (224: Hong Kong Exchange) since 1994 and remains to be Managing Director. Notable transactions under his direction include acquisition and repositioning of Pullman Hotel G Pattaya and Pullman Hotel G Bangkok, Thailand; AIA Tower in Macau; and Global Gateway, 68 Yee Woo Street building, Club Lusitano building, Kowloon City Plaza in Hong Kong.

Additionally, Kenneth holds directorships at Dusit Thani Public Company Limited (DCT: Bangkok Exchange) and Hong Kong Thailand Business Council.

Kenneth graduated with a B.Sc degree (Magna Cum Laude) from Brown University in 1992 and began his career at Goldman Sachs.



Matthew D. Gebbie
Horwath HTL

Matt transferred to Horwath HTL's Jakarta office in October 2013 from the Singapore office where he began work in September 2004. Whilst at Horwath HTL, Matt has been involved in many projects including market and financial feasibility studies for hotels, resorts, serviced apartments and golf courses across Asia; including Indonesia, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, Maldives, South Korea and Singapore. Matt has also represented hotel owners in the management company selection process; carried out hotel valuations; and undertaken hotel operations' reviews. Prior to joining HHTL, Matt worked on and off for over ten years in the hospitality industry gaining experience in various areas of hotel and F&B operations in Australia, Canada and the UK. Matt also worked for five years as a solicitor, in both commercial litigation and industrial relations at Freehills (Perth, Australia) and in-house at London Transport (London, UK).



Stephan Gnägi
Vive Hospitality

Stephan's career in luxury hospitality spans over two decades, with extensive experience in Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Cambodia, Mauritius, Singapore and Switzerland.

Within the luxury hospitality industry, he held management positions for some of the world's most prestigious hotels companies, including Raffles International Hotels & Resorts, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, One & Only Hotels & Resorts, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Hilton International and The Savoy Group.

In 2013, Stephan established Vive Hospitality Pte Ltd in Singapore, a company providing white-label hospitality solutions for independent hotel owners. The company has conceptualized various hotel projects for clients in South East Asia.

He is a partner in Tranquilice Sdn Bhd, a business specialized in the distribution of hotel amenities & linen and the distribution of beauty products. Tranquilice works with leading international brands including La Bottega and Frette for the hotel business and Depileve and Anesi for the beauty business.

Originally from Switzerland, Stephan is a former student of the Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne. He speaks fluent German, English and French, and currently lives in Malaysia and Singapore.



Benjamin Hirasawa
Clyde & Co.

Benjamin (Ben) Is The Head Of Hospitality, Asia Pacific At Clyde & Co. He Represents Hospitality, Commercial, Industrial, Retail And Residential Developers In All Real Estate Property Transactions And Advises On All Aspects Of The Project Development Cycle, Providing Practical And Commercially Sound Advice On International Business Transactions.

Ben's Practice Includes Private Equity Financings, Joint Ventures, Start-Ups, Cross-Border Mergers And Acquisitions, Management And License Agreements, And Advising On Various Transaction Structuring And Project Operational Issues.

Ben Advises Leading Real Estate And Hospitality And Leisure Companies Across The Asia Pacific Region On All Aspects Of Development And Operations, Including Niche Areas Such As Property Funds, Timeshare, Fractional Ownership, Reits And Branded Residences. He Has Become The 'Go-To' Individual In Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Myanmar, The Philippines, South Korea, Japan And Various Other Jurisdictions In Asia Pacific For Several Of The World's Largest Hotel Operating Companies And Hotel Owners.

In Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017, Ben Was Noted As Being "Renowned For His Hospitality Sector Expertise, Providing Comprehensive Support To Hotel Developers And Operators". He Has Also Been Included In Who's Who Legal - Franchise 2015, And Has Been Noted As A Recommended Lawyer For Thailand And Myanmar In Legal 500 Asia Pacific And Chambers Asia Pacific.



Robert V. R. Hecker
Horwath HTL

Robert manages the Pacific Asia region for Horwath HTL with offices in Tokyo, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta. Since his arrival in the region with Horwath in 1988, he has developed an extensive background and expertise in the region's developing hotel and tourism industries through his direct involvement in the planning and analysis of hundreds of projects located throughout the Pacific Asia region.

Overall, he has over 40 years of experience including work in hotel operations with Pacific Plaza Hotels at various properties in northern California and conducting market and financial analyses for hotels, resorts, cruise ships, convention centers, conference centers and restaurants while with Lavenhol and Horwath in San Francisco.

He is also a frequent speaker at industry-related conferences around the region and has published numerous research articles in regional industry publications.



Mark Hehir
The Small Maldives Island Co

Born and raised in Australia Mark Hehir comes with over 30 years' experience in the hospitality industry in his home country as well as in Europe, Asia and the Indian Ocean.

Hehir joins The Small Maldives Island Co. after four successful years at the One & Only Reethi Rah, Maldives where he held the position of General Manager implementing various effective and innovative philosophies. Mark was also part of the opening team at Huvafen Fushi by Per Aquum as well as Maldives Hilton Rangali (now Conrad Maldives) after working for various Anantara properties in Asia.

Mark firmly believes that one should always be ready to get their hands dirty to do the job, he inspires his staff with not only words but with action and believes that with hard work and determination anyone can achieve their goals.



Shawn Hill
Marriott International

Shawn Hill holds the position of Senior Vice President, Hotel Development with Marriott International, Inc. based in Hong Kong. He is responsible for development of all of Marriott International's lodging brands in the Asia-Pacific region.

Shawn has been based in Hong Kong for more than 12 years. Prior to that, he was based in Marriott's headquarters in Washington, D.C. and held various positions within Marriott, including most recently, Vice President of Global Asset Management. Mr. Hill has also held various management positions within Marriott's Lodging Finance and Architecture and Construction groups.

Shawn received a B.S. in accounting at the Oral Roberts University and an MBA from the University of Maryland and is a Certified Public Accountant.



Timmy Ho
Cornerstone Partners Group

As the Head of Corporate Affairs for Cornerstone Partners Group, Timmy Ho is tasked to lead and administrate the feasibility, acquisitions, and asset management aspects of the Group's undertakings as well as day-to-day company operations.

Being a heavy advocate of strategic thinking & critical analysis, Timmy develops agendas & strategies in pursuit of strategic investment opportunities in the region, while ensuring integrity of all public disclosures. The concept of "Value" is core to his beliefs, and Timmy strives to deliver investment results beyond the sum of their constituents.

Experienced with multiple hotel asset acquisitions and appointment of operators spanning Asia, Timmy is well versed in the corporate aspects of hotel ownership. A postgraduate alumnus of Cardiff & a published columnist, Timmy currently resides in Kuala Lumpur and travels more regularly than he prefers, evaluating potential investments & administrating existing assets across Asia.

Cornerstone Partners Group is an asset ownership firm with hotels across Asia and offices in Malaysia & Taiwan.



Robert John Reyes Horrigan

Acacia Hotel Manila

Bobby Horrigan is an experienced hotelier. He has worked with world dignitaries, heads of state and Hollywood personalities. A graduate of the prestigious Les Roches School of Hotel Management in Switzerland, he honed his management expertise with further studies at the School of Hotel Administration of the renowned Ivy League institution, Cornell University. He joined the Hyatt International shortly after graduation and became part of the Dream Team that successfully opened the award-winning Grand Hyatt Hongkong, the first 6-star in the world.

He was awarded the 17th Mabuhay Gold Award given by The Association of Human Resources Manager and was honored in the newly released book *Hospitality Superstars*. He is hailed as one of the top ten hoteliers in the Philippines who have succeeded in enriching the hotel industry by demonstrating passion, excellence, and professionalism.

Horrigan is a board member of the Chaine des Rotisseurs and a Vice President of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines, Vice President of HoReCa Philippines (Hotel, Restaurant, Cafe & Catering) and Vice President for Tourism Congress of Luzon Tourism Estates.

Bobby Horrigan is also the President & CEO of Horrigan Hospitality that consults and manages for twelve (12) Hotel & Resort properties in the Philippines.



Christopher M. Hughes

Berwin Leighton Paisner

Chris heads up BLP's Myanmar office. He has a broad practice covering corporate finance and advisory, energy, resources and infrastructure projects and financings, government transactions and advisory work.

Chris is an M&A / corporate law expert and experienced in law reform and major Government transactions. His early career focussed on corporate and corporate governance advisory work and corporate finance transactions, including regulated transactions such as takeovers and schemes of arrangements, and public and private equity fundraisings. He maintains this as a professional focus alongside his other specialisms in privatisations and major government law reform processes, and financing and development of major energy, infrastructure and corporate projects.

Chris was the lead draftsman on the World Bank / IFC sponsored Myanmar Investment Rules investment climate reform project and the Asian Development Bank sponsored Myanmar Company Law reform process, two of the most significant business law reforms to have occurred in Myanmar.

Chris has lived and worked in Myanmar since 2013, and is rated as a "Leading Lawyer" for Myanmar by the IFLR.



Edmond Ip

Artyzen Hospitality Group

With more than 40 years of hospitality experience, Edmond Ip has been recognized as an industry innovator, receiving amongst many awards, the Trailblazer Award from Horwath HTL Asia Pacific and Lifetime Achievement awards at the China Hotel Industry Leadership Summit (HVS) and China Hotel Starlight Awards.

After various positions with Hyatt in Indonesia, Singapore, London and the company's Chicago headquarters as Vice President of Finance from 1973 to 1989, Edmond developed and co-founded Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts.

Edmond also spent 13 years with InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), rising to the level of Chief Operating Officer for Greater China, and subsequently, Chief Advisor for Asia Pacific. He is credited with growing IHG's hotel portfolio in China from 30 to 250 and establishing the IHG Academy.

In addition, he advised the board of Dorsett Hotels International on their growth strategy leading up to their IPO in 2010, and was Chairman of Greater China for Hilton Worldwide prior to establishing Artyzen Hospitality Group in 2014.

Edmond is an avid supporter of charitable causes. As a board member of Make-a-Wish Foundation International, he helped to establish its Shanghai affiliate. Today, he continues to be an active committee member, involved in fund-raising activities.



Cyndy Tan Jarabata
TAJARA Hospitality

Cyndy Tan Jarabata has diverse experience extending 20 years in hospitality and real estate industry. She heads business and project development, acquisition and asset management.

TAJARA is a leading hospitality consulting and development company in the Philippines working with partners and clients throughout Asia. Its in-depth knowledge and experience in mainstream and emerging destinations guide owners and investors in making strategic decisions and provide local intelligence to facilitate the projects' development process. TAJARA handles rollout plans for independent and hotel chains taking on the projects' full development cycle from acquisition, technical services, marketing, hotel operator selection, project management, pre-opening and asset management.

Cyndy is a 3-time Chairperson of the Judges Committee on Philippine Property Awards, part of the region's Asia Property Awards. She was also Chair of the Muntinlupa Investment Board and served as consultant on investment and tourism-related projects to the City Government from 2005 - 2007. During her term, Muntinlupa won the Most Business Friendly City and Most Competitive City. She is an active board director to several NGOs dealing with population management and development.



Nikhom Jensiriratanakorn
Horwath HTL Asia Pacific

Based in Bangkok, Nikhom Jensiriratanakorn represents Horwath HTL in the Thailand market, advising both local and international investors in the hospitality sector. He has brought with him comprehensive skills in feasibility analysis, investment underwriting and asset management, and a well-rounded experience from years with hotel management companies, investment funds and consulting firms.

At Pan Pacific Hotels Group and Host Hotels & Resorts, Nikhom managed a portfolio of hotels in multiple geographical regions such as Oceania, Southeast Asia and India. His role included not only monitoring financial performance in collaboration with hotel leadership teams, but also handling complex projects, for example, return on investment analysis on major renovation projects and asset enhancement plan. Additionally, he provided business insight to the underwriting and execution of acquisition opportunities throughout Asia.

At Jumeirah Group, he worked closely with Headquarters to establish the Asia Pacific development planning function. The firm expanded its footprint in China and secured strategic opportunities in the region.

Nikhom, a Thai national, has Bachelors in Business Administration from Thammasat University and Masters in Hospitality Management as well as Certificate in Hotel Real Estate Investment and Asset Management from Cornell University. Prior to his hospitality career, he spent a few years on an advisory role with PricewaterhouseCoopers Thailand.



Mohd Rafin Kadim
Park Hotel Group

Rafin is the Chief Corporate Officer of Park Hotel Group. He reinforces and expands the Group's network of hotels in existing markets. He is also involved in the development of new growth opportunities and spearheads the Group's expansion plans in new markets within the Asia Pacific as the brand expands its portfolio of hotels.

To support the Group's aggressive growth, plans to develop new brands are also underway. He will oversee this development while representing the Group's interest with key stakeholders from the region.

Rafin has more than 30 years experience in the hospitality industry, having undertaken leadership positions with reputable local and international hotel chains. He has also been actively involved in influencing the hotel industry in Singapore, having served as Chairman of the Marketing Group of the Singapore Hotel Association.

He was also involved in asset enhancements, rebranding of acquired hotels, setting up the management teams for new hotels and putting the business strategies in place. He has been working closely with the Global Sales and Marketing Division on the deployment and execution of global marketing programmes and brand initiatives which leads to winning many awards.



David Keen
QUO

An evangelist for the power of experiential branding, David Keen is a successful entrepreneur and leading strategist for the travel and hospitality industries. Over the last 20 years, David has published and been interviewed in dozens of publications and has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences, tradeshows and professional events.

David was born in London and educated in New York at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration. After embarking on his career in London and the United States, David ventured to Asia as a writer and editor, travelling widely in the region.

In 1996, David settled in Bangkok, where he founded QUO, a brand strategy and integrated communications agency. Today, QUO's portfolio spans five continents and includes many of the world's most venerated hotels and resorts, tourism destinations, United Nations agencies, and international organizations. As CEO, David leads a team of over 90 esteemed professionals from around the globe and continues to grow QUO.



Chittimas Ketvoravit
D.K. Lam Properties

Ms Chittimas Ketvoravit is Managing Director of DK Lam Group of Companies (DKL), a private group of companies solely owned by the Ketvoravit family, based in Bangkok, Thailand. DKL's business is primarily in hotels and serviced apartments. The properties include Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square, Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel and Riverfront Residence Bangkok serviced apartments. Prior to assuming a leadership role in her family's hospitality-related business, Ms Ketvoravit was involved in her family's construction and property development companies.

She attended school in Perth, Western Australia from 1982 to 1989, where she completed her senior high school diploma and later obtained a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia. She received a Master of Management in Hospitality from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration in 1994. Upon graduation, she returned to Bangkok and joined her family's company in June 1994. In 2002, Ms Ketvoravit also studied at Chulalongkorn University's Law School in Bangkok on part-time basis, and graduated with a Master of Arts in Thai Business Law in 2004.

In addition to her current involvement in her family's lodging business, Ms Ketvoravit's work experiences also include a property development of a 38-floor upscale residential condominiums on Langsuan Road, Bangkok, which was completed in 1997; and an equity investment in a UK-based furniture franchised store, Habitat, in Siam Discovery Mall, Bangkok from 1996 to 2004.



Tasos Kousloglou
JLL

Tasos heads the Hotel Asset Management business of JLL Hotels & Hospitality in Asia. He was the President of Hospitality Asset Managers Association (HAMA) Asia Pacific in 2016-2017.

Tasos has extensive Asset Management experience and assisted several leading Hospitality Owners in Asia Pacific, China and the Middle East to enhance asset value and profitability of their hospitality assets.

Over the last six years with JLL, he has led over 30 asset management projects and Hotel Operator Selections for a range of properties across most major international hospitality brands ranging from luxury properties to upscale / midscale hotels and serviced apartments.

Prior to joining the firm in 2011, Tasos was heading the Hotel Asset Management function of a prime hospitality asset portfolio in Middle East comprising of luxury and upper upscale 5-star hotels and resorts, prime serviced residences, golf clubs, yacht clubs, fitness clubs and polo clubs. He also spent six years with prime real estate developer and based in Singapore supervising the Asset Management function of the group's prime hotel asset portfolio in Singapore, China and Malaysia.

Tasos is an alumnus of Harvard Business School. He is also a graduate of the National University of Singapore (Master of Science in Real Estate, REDAS gold medal award, Master of Science in Financial Engineering).



Somsri Lamsam
Montri International

Somsri Lamsam is Executive Director of Montri International Company Limited (MI), where she is committed to developing and managing quality property in the residential, hospitality, retail and office sectors. In these industries, she hope to bring sustainable and positive contribution to the property market. In doing so, she strive to create high quality serviced properties at an affordable rates for the customers. She will overcome challenges and obstacles by adapting to sustainability in conducting businesses. Service and hospitality are the core value of MI's Business Responsibility. She want to create properties with great services inspired by customer. The customer is one of our most treasured inspirations for the way she develop the properties.

Somsri Lamsam desire to generate quality financial opportunities for future generation and therefore she has express her interest in long term investment in real estate projects such as DS Tower I and II, which Joint venture with CP Land Company Limited, Baan Montida Residence and M TOWER which is an office and retail building.

Somsri Lamsam graduated with a bachelor's degree from University of California, Santa Barbara in 1978 and she has been trained in hospitality in Hotel Hawaii, United State in 1978-1979.



Le Hoang Vu
IHG

Le Hoang Vu is currently working as Consultant Development for IHG in Vietnam. He recently used to working in MIK Group as Senior Vice President – Hospitality Management and Deputy CEO of Saigon Cam Ranh JSC, responsible for project development, asset management and operation of all tourism real estate projects for the companies in Vietnam. However, with his strong expertise and background in hotel management and development, Vu not only ensure fulfillment of the investment objectives and strategy targets in relation to asset management and operation of each project, but also to contribute to the strategic planning of project in term of defining products and branding and strategically partnership with hotel operators and service providers for the management of the projects' operation.

Vu was previously Deputy Director of Ho Chi Minh City Tourism Promotion Center, Deputy Director of Project Investment of SacomInvest, Executive Vice Chairman of Toan Thinh Phat Binh Thuan Co. Ltd. (Hana Beach Resort & Spa), Deputy General Manager of Kumho Asiana Plaza Saigon Co. Ltd., Deputy General Manager of Kumho Industrial Co. Ltd. (known as Kumho E&C), Associate Director of Sales of Park Hyatt Saigon, Director of Catering of New World Hotel Saigon, etc... Vu has also exposure of international working experience in New World Hotel properties in Hong Kong as Food and Beverage Coordinator and in Kauwail Marriott Resort in Kauwail, Hawaii, USA as Catering Manager.

Vu has hold an Executive Master of Business Administration – Finance & Banking degree from University of Applied Sciences NorthWestern Switzerland, a Bachelor Degree of Hotel Management from University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City, Hotel Management Certification from the Cornell Hotel School PDP Program.



Gerald HK Lee
FEO Hospitality Asset Management Pte Ltd

Mr Gerald Lee is the Chief Executive Officer of FEO Hospitality Asset Management Pte Ltd, the REIT Manager of Far East Hospitality Trust, which is listed on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange.

From 2005 to 2010, Mr Lee was with Capitaland Limited/The Ascott Limited. His roles in Ascott included that of CEO (Europe), responsible for overseeing the business in that region, and Deputy CEO, responsible for overseeing operations of the group.

From 1991 to 2005, Mr Lee was with the Singapore Tourism Board, and his last held position was Assistant CEO (Leisure). He was seconded to the Ministry of Trade & Industry from 2000 to 2001 and to Sentosa Development Corporation as Director (Strategic Development) from 2001 to 2003, where he was in charge of strategic projects and redevelopment initiatives.

Mr Lee graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science (with Distinction), and obtain an Executive Master of Business Administration (with Distinction) from INSEAD and Tsinghua University.



Eric J. Levy
TSI

Eric Levy is Managing Director of Tourism Solutions International (TSI). TSI is a hospitality investment firm with more than 20 years presence in Asia. In addition to its investment and asset management activities, it conducts select advisory work that is investment related.

With TSI, Eric was a founding partner with Octagon Capital Partners in 2002 to 2005. At Colony Capital Asia Pacific, Eric was Executive Vice President, where he was involved in various sectors of the real estate industry. His main focus was to drive Colony's hotel investment efforts in Asia.

Prior to returning to TSI, he was the Senior Vice President Growth and Development for Pan Pacific Hotels Group where he had global responsibility for growing the company through acquisitions and third party management contracts.

He was also a Senior Partner with Horwath Asia Pacific and a Founder and President of Horwath Hotel Partners, providing hotel brokerage services primarily to Asian hotel owners.

Eric has lived in Singapore for the last 26 years, dating from when he opened the Singapore office of Horwath Asia Pacific. He joined Horwath in the early 80's, and was based in Hong Kong prior to his move to Singapore.



Ian G W Lien
SC Capital Partners Group

Mr. Lien is a partner in the firm and a member of the investment committee. He manages acquisition, value enhancement and realization activities. SCCP has raised USD1.8 billion of equity capital for its RECAP funds. Currently USD850 million is being invested via RECAP IV. He is also a member of the investment committee of the \$400 million open-ended core plus fund the firm is currently raising and a board member of Japan Hotels and Resorts, Asia's largest hospitality REIT by market capitalization listed in Tokyo.

Prior to joining SCCP, Ian co-founded Octagon Capital Partners as an Asia focused hotel investment firm providing end-to-end solutions for real-estate investment vehicles it originated in partnership with co-investors. Ian commenced his career in 1988 in development planning with Westin and quickly rose to become the Asia-head of Acquisitions & Development for Westin and eventually Starwood Hotels & Resorts, responsible for managing and coordinating all aspects of growth and development for Starwood in the region, including acquisitions, joint ventures and contract growth.

Ian has a BSc degree in Hotel Administration from Cornell University in 1988 and is a member of ANREV, ULI and CSHA.



Lee Lin
BLINK Design Group

Educated at Notre Dame with a background in classical architecture, Lee has a firm foundation in the building arts. He has both worked and studied in Rome, Dubai, Pittsburgh, Durham, Kunming and Beijing. Lee Lin has a unique and comprehensive knowledge of the architecture and design industry. Working in numerous multidisciplinary roles, he understands each design specialization and how best to integrate them. As an enthusiastic and eccentric designer, he is passionate about business development, marketing and relations management. His international background and experience in different sectors allows him to better understand his clients while providing unique and inspiring designs.



Kong Wan Long
JustCo

An enterprising individual constantly keeping abreast of the industry's latest developments, Wan Long as the Head of Sales for the region at JustGroup has been with the company since inception, taking the lead in evolving the company into a key player in the market today after less than four years.

A mentor to the Group's growing marketing and sales team, Wan Long's passion and dedication is reflected in the rigorous training programmes he has developed for the team to ensure that they are well-placed to provide the best for clients. He also takes a personal interest in the growth and career progression of his team members, always making sure that they have the best support that they need.

Wan Long is also a firm believer of conducting businesses with integrity, and this translates into the goodwill that his team has earned with JustGroup's clientele over the years. As part of his regional role, he often travels around the world to better understand how the company's corporate culture can be seamlessly transferred across geographical and cultural boundaries as the Group continues expanding.

Wan Long holds a Bachelor Degree from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business with a major in Accounting. In his free time, he enjoys a game of basketball.



Andrew MacGeoch
Berwin Leighton Paisner

Andrew MacGeoch serves as the Partner, Head of Asia Real Estate and Infrastructure - Global Head of Hotels Group at Berwin Leighton Paisner. He is a market-leader in the Real Estate, Hospitality and Project sectors and has extensive experience in dealing with infrastructure developments, mixed-use and hospitality & leisure projects. During his 25 years in Asia he has been representing developers, owners, institutional investors, governments and statutory corporations. Andrew regularly advises on the drafting and negotiation of hotel management and related agreements and has been involved in transactions (acting primarily for owners) involving more than 50 hotel and lodging brands predominantly in Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China, Vietnam and Thailand. These include the Four Seasons, Ritz Carlton, Marriott, Intercontinental, Sofitel, Grand Hyatt, Aman, Shangri-la, St. Regis, W, Sheraton, Regent, Mandarin Oriental, Six Senses, Meridien, Novotel and other brands for hotels and serviced apartments.



Paul Alick Macpherson
Kerzner International

Paul Macpherson joined Kerzner International in March 2015 as the EVP Global Business & Real Estate Development. In his role at Kerzner, Paul will drive the business development strategy to continue the global expansion of Kerzner International's brands.

Paul joined Kerzner from Whitbread PLC, where he held the position of President & Managing Director for Whitbread Hotels & Restaurants International since 2011. At Whitbread, Paul implemented the 10-year international expansion strategy for Premier Inn hotels. He built that company's international presence, as well as established a robust development pipeline spanning from Saudi Arabia to Indonesia. Prior to joining Whitbread, Paul worked with Jumeirah where he held the position of Chief Development Officer from 2005, overseeing the entire development strategy of global expansion for the brand. He has also worked at Hilton International where he held the position of Vice President Development for Asia Pacific and Middle East since 1999. Paul has also held the position of Vice President - Asia Pacific at PKF Consulting in Hong Kong and Singapore since 1994.

Prior to moving to Asia, Paul worked for the Royal Bank of Canada, Price Waterhouse and Air Canada.



Nikhil Manchharam
YOTEL

Nikhil Manchharam has an extensive career in the hospitality industry across Asia Pacific and Europe with a focus on initiating and spearheading strategic planning, valuation, advisory, asset management and investment initiatives for various advisory, investment and hotel management related companies.

Following advisory roles at Jones Lang LaSalle and HVS International, Nikhil has also spent an extensive career with Starwood Hotels & Resorts across disciplines in development, investments and asset management.

Nikhil has been involved in entrepreneurial activities around acquisition and development of hospitality and real estate in Singapore and Indonesia through its family office. He is also on the board of privately held companies in an advisory capacity on hospitality related investments primarily in Asia and Europe.

Nikhil is presently based in Singapore and is assisting to grow and develop the YOTEL brand and pipeline in Asia Pacific including Australasia.



Rei Matsuda
Kokotel Co., Ltd.

Rei is CEO of Newlegacy Hospitality Pte Ltd in Singapore, a holding company of the hotel operator, that he has started in 2015 with investment from REAPRA. He is also CEO of Kokotel (Thailand) Co., Ltd., which is the main entity to deploy Kokotel, a bed and café concept.

Kokotel, with a primary focus of family and female market, currently operates 4 properties in Bangkok, Phuket and Krabi under leasing and management contract. It has some upcoming projects in a pipeline to realize its 2026 vision of operating 1,000 hotels throughout South and Southeast Asia.

Rei is a Japanese national with experience of 10+ years in management consulting and 7+ years in Southeast Asia/India.

He spearheaded the Singapore operation of Dream Incubator [4310, TSE 1st section], a leading strategy consulting firm in Japan. He also worked on strategy/development/brand at Asia Pacific HQ (in Singapore) of a global hotel operator.

Rei has degrees from Cornell University School of Hotel Administration and Nanyang Technological University (Master of Management in Hospitality) as a scholar from Singapore government, Imperial College London (MBA) and Keio University (B.A. in policy management).



Andrew Moore
Hirsch Bedner Associates

Andrew's strength as a designer lies within his commitment to providing the client with the very best total design solution, excellent creativity and technical skills coupled with realistic project management and an awareness of the client's business concerns in order to deliver very successful projects.

His portfolio hosts the very best of internationally operated projects along with unique and bespoke interiors from Luxury Business Hotels, Resorts and High End Residences, Exceptional Restaurants, Bars and Spas. Now as President and Principal Designer, Andrew takes time to ensure each design team meets with the requirements of each challenging project, ensuring consistent quality from planning through to installation.



David D. Moore
WATG Singapore, Inc.

With more than 25 years of experience, David brings a wide range of knowledge in an array of project types. From large mixed-use and urban developments to intimate beachside retreats and luxury boutique environments, David has the knowledge and creativity to approach each new project with an innovative design philosophy, ensuring that the design and vision will be executed to the highest level of standards and with a fresh approach.

During his time with WATG David has been an integral part of the firm's expansion into the Asia market as well as the perusal of more urban and boutique projects to diversify the firms portfolio. Serving as the Managing Director of the Honolulu office before relocating to Singapore to push the firm's presences physically into the East, David has taken an office of just four people at it's inception and grown it to an office of more than 80 talented designers spanning the four service lines offered.

As Managing Director of the Singapore, David is actively participating in several current projects across the region including China, India, Indonesia and Australia. He has worked with a number of international operators including Hilton, Hyatt, Four Seasons and Mandarin Oriental and continues to foster those relationships for future collaborations. After serving two years on the Board of Directors, David was elected to the Chairman position and is highly involved in the global vision for WATG as well as the assurance that every project that WATG is associated with exudes world-class design.



K.C. Moy
Capella Hotel Group

Mr. K.C. Moy oversees the development, expansion and operations of the Capella Hotel Group. 23 properties, including five under development are managed under the Capella and Solis brands, as well as a collection of Independent Hotels.

Mr. Moy also serves in the Executive Management Committee and Board, as a Secretary member. He assumed the present position after the Asian operation was set up in conjunction with the opening of the group's first property in Asia, Capella Singapore in 2009. Mr. Moy has been involved in the opening ramp-up of all Capella Hotel Group's properties in Asia. Alongside his role at Capella Hotel Group, he also worked with the Kwee family, owners of Pontiac Land Group who owns Capella Singapore and Capella Sydney.

Mr. Moy previously held senior positions in real estate investment and asset management companies including Managing Director and Board Member of General Electric Capital in Southeast Asia. Mr. Moy holds degrees in Law and Economics.



Ram Nurani
Frasers Hospitality Group

Ram Nurani is the Head of Asset Management of Frasers Hospitality Group, responsible for Portfolio of Hotels across Asia and Australia. Frasers Hospitality, a division of Frasers Centrepoint Limited ("FCL"), has a global portfolio, including those in the pipeline, of 148 properties in more than 80 cities with over 23,600 keys. Its stable of brands include Gold Standard serviced residences Fraser Suites, Fraser Place and Fraser Residence, Modena by Fraser and design led hotel residence brand Capri by Fraser, as well as a collection of luxury lifestyle boutique brands in the UK, Malmaison and Hotel du Vin.

Ram is responsible for driving increased Asset Value by way of Operational Performance and Efficiency Enhancement. Ram joined Frasers Hospitality in 2015. Prior to his current role, he has held various positions as General Manager, Hotel Manager, Executive Assistant and Revenue Management with experience in Europe, Middle East and Asia. Ram is educated in Sciences from the University of Vienna and St. Stephen's College and has completed various Hospitality modules with E-Cornell.



Michael Ong
Pan Pacific Hotels Group

Michael is responsible for growing the Group's pipeline of projects across through third-party management contracts. Since joining the Group, he has been actively growing its network in China and the ASEAN region.

He brings more than 20 years of management and business development experience in Asia. In a decade-long career with FRHI, Michael drove the company's expansion strategy for China and secured management contracts in prominent cities like Shanghai, Beijing, Tianjin and Sanya. He was most recently Senior Director, Development, Asia Pacific with Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group where he expanded the Group's presence into Southeast Asia.



Jesper Palmqvist
STR

Jesper Palmqvist is based in Singapore as Area Director Asia Pacific for STR - leading the company and regional team in sales, strategy and development for the wider region.

He has spent more than two decades across supplier and aggregator sides in hospitality, online travel and IT.

As a strong supporter of simplifying big data through stories, he works to increase the engagement with data intelligence and clarify the decision making for hospitality, research and investment companies in Asia Pacific.

STR tracks supply and demand data for the hospitality industry and provide valuable market share analysis for global hotel and investment companies and agencies across the globe.



Arie Prasetyo
Lake Toba Tourism Board



Asif N. Rajabdeen
Cantaloupe & Co

Nadeem is a Director/Co-Founder of Cantaloupe & Co. (Pvt) Ltd. He overlooks Sales & Marketing for the group. The group currently has two operating boutique properties in the Southern Coast of Sri Lanka and a Rooftop Bistro & Bar in the city of Colombo. Nadeem is an integral component of the Cantaloupe Hotels division and its future expansion plan, which features two new beach properties and a 50 bedroom colonial heritage property in the heart of Colombo. Nadeem is also a co-founder of Food Studio a recently incorporated business with a Singaporean Consortium (co founders of Food Republic) to bring in high end food courts into Sri Lanka at some of first few mix developments Colombo City Centre(Silver Needle Hospitality) , Shangri La and Havelock City.



Barry Robinson
Wyndham Hotel Group

Barry Robinson joined Wyndham Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific in September 2003 as CEO and Managing Director and in 2009, launched Wyndham Hotel Group South East Asia and the Pacific Rim. Barry has been the driving force behind many significant new property acquisitions, enhanced resort developments and has brought a renewed customer focus to the business. Under his leadership, both Wyndham Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific and Wyndham Hotel Group have expanded their portfolios throughout Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and South East Asia. In this region, Barry oversees an asset portfolio in excess of AU\$1 billion with more than 180 hotel and vacation resort properties, either open or under development.

With more than 30 years' hospitality experience, Barry has a vast knowledge of the hotel and resort industry – from management, operations, development, branding and franchising. He has held a number of senior leadership positions in the Asia Pacific region and has worked for some of the world's largest hospitality companies including Swiss-Belhotel International, Swissôtel Worldwide Partner Hotels and Choice Hotels International.



Tony Ryan
JLL Hotels & Hospitality

Tony Ryan leads the Global Mergers & Acquisitions team of JLL Hotels & Hospitality. The team provides JLL's hospitality industry clients with strategic advice on optimizing their local and international businesses. Tony and his team work in conjunction with JLL's Global Corporate Finance team with over 120 staff in 8 offices worldwide.

Tony provides hospitality industry clients with strategic and tactical advice in relation to, Corporate and entity level transactions, Capital sourcing, Joint ventures, Business restructuring and Expansion.

Tony has over 30 years' experience providing commercial and legal advice to hotel owners, operators, developers and financiers across the globe. Tony has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Sydney University) and Graduate of Advanced Management Program, School of Hotel Administration (Cornell University)



Peter R. Ryder
Indochina Capital

Peter is the CEO of Indochina Capital, one of Vietnam's leading advisory, investment and real estate development companies. Since Indochina Capital's establishment in 1999, Mr. Ryder spearheads the company's real estate activities but also plays an active management role in the other aspects of the company's business (cross-border M&A advisory, equities and finance).

Indochina Capital has developed prominent commercial and residential projects in Saigon and Hanoi, including River Garden (Saigon) and Indochina Plaza Hanoi and several resort and residential developments along Vietnam's pristine coast, most notably the renowned luxury resorts, The Nam Hai (Hoi An), Six Senses Con Dao, and Hyatt Regency Danang Resort and Spa.

Today the Company is engaged in a number of new real estate development and investment opportunities through its Vietnam focused partnership with Kajima Corporation, one of Japan's largest and most prestigious contractors and real estate developers. In addition Indochina Capital has teamed up with Vanguard Hotels to roll out a new hospitality brand in the Indochina region (developed by ICC-Kajima) and has taken a strategic stake in Toong, Vietnam's leading co-working space company.

Peter also chairs the investment committee for Indochina Capital Advisors (ICA). ICA manages a number of separate accounts for individuals and institutions investing in the Vietnam listed equities market. ICA has outperformed the VN Index in 12 of the last 14 years.

Peter has lived and worked in Vietnam for the last 25 years. He was the chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hanoi from 1999 to 2001 and served as a board member from 1995 to 2005, rejoining the board in 2015. Educated as an anthropologist/archaeologist, Peter received a Masters of Arts degree in Anthropology with a Mayan studies focus from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983.



Previn Sathurgasinghe
Zerín Properties

Previn - CEO of Zerín Properties, a Malaysian based Real Estate Agency with international offices. He has 22 years experience in real estate with the past 15 years in Zerín Properties which he formed in January 14 2002.

Previn is highly involved in the Corporate Real Estate Market in Malaysia particularly with transactions in the Office, Retail, Industrial and Hospitality sectors. Previn and his elite team at Zerín Properties have been continuously closing landmark deals in Malaysia and the region, earning them numerous

Previn holds an excellent scholastic record from the University Technology of Malaysia and begun his career in an international property consultancy firm in Kuala Lumpur. Previn, was exposed to all facets of the property industry – particularly with the Research and Consultancy Department. Before finding his passion for sales and marketing he had ventured into the Valuation Department. In the agency department he had closed the biggest residential deal in the firm's history. He subsequently joined another leading property consultancy firm to head the Residential Agency.

In Tenggara Capital Bhd, Previn was the Commercial Manager and also Head of Marketing and Sales (Property). Previn then started up a Hospitality Management Company – Signforce. He was the Chief Marketing Officer overlooking sales and marketing.



Chris Singer
SCSY Studio Architecture

Chris runs a design focussed Hospitality Architecture Studio together with three partners in Singapore.

With over 20 years' experience in Resort and Hotel design, he remains very 'hands-on' with each of the Studio's commissions. SCSY Studio undertakes projects throughout Asia with Boutique, Luxury, Full & Limited service Hotels under design in Japan, China, SE Asia, India, Sri Lanka & Maldives. With no specific 'House Style' it's important to us that every design responds to the Client's aspirations and target market, together with the local cultural and climatic context – meaning each design is truly a one-off and visually compelling. SCSY Studio regularly partners with many of the region's premier Hotel Operating companies.



Christopher E. Stafford
137 Pillars Group

Creation of Luxury Boutique Hotel Brand with original hotel at 137 Pillars House Chiang Mai and 137 Pillars Suites & Residences Bangkok set to open late 2016 followed by 137 Pillars Phuket early 2020 and 137 Pillars Bagan set for late 2019 opening.

We will focus on development and management of quality bespoke hotel products delivering best in class services and products in South East Asia.

Christopher has 36 years hospitality industry experience of which 26 in Asia. He was previously VP operations & development SE Asia for Silver Needle Hospitality 2011 – 2015. Hospitality Advisor to The Beaumont Partnership 2008 – 2011 and Architects Thailand / Local & Global design development.

Christopher was Vice President Operations & General Manager Anantara Group 2000 -2007 and opened the first Anantara in Hua Hin, followed by Chiang Rai, Koh Samui, Khao Lak and the Anantara Maldives & Naladhu Resorts – the first international venture outside Thailand for Minor Group.



James Stuart
Stuart & Partners

James founded and was Managing Partner of The Brand Company for 15 years. The Brand Company recently morphed into Stuart + Partners to reflect a greater level of personal involvement by James in all aspects of client projects. James specialises in the creation of start-up hotel and integrated resort brands. The company's Brand Centred Management™ model places the Brand Core at the heart of all organisational and guest experiences to ensure a consistent and authentic delivery of the brand focus throughout. His work takes him across Greater China, South-East Asia, Russia, Europe and Africa.



Ivan Sunde
Interface Hospitality

Ivan Sunde is a Market Development Director for Interface Hospitality, global leader in sustainable flooring solutions for the Hospitality sector. In his current role he is directly responsible for the strategic direction as well as financial performance of the Interface Hospitality division right across Asia Pacific.

Having grown up in Croatia, country known for its tourism and culture, Ivan developed a passion for people, the environment, great design, culture and travel at a young age – looking at these it is then easy to understand Ivan's passion for the Hospitality segment and his desire to promote sustainable business model's across the industry – Doing Well by Doing Good!

As a way of ensuring he stays abreast with industry trends, Ivan travels extensively around the region visiting new venues, attending various industry investment conferences as well as design conferences. Ivan also actively engages in public speaking, having presented at hotel conferences, other industry events as well as MBA Schools on the sustainability program and purpose driven mission embraced by Interface globally.



Anthony J. Tan
AJT Holdings Pte. Ltd

Anthony Jude Tan is currently the Founder and Group Managing Director of AJT Holdings Pte. Ltd. and has been in the business of medical wellness consulting and management for the past 4 years. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge in both healthcare and hospitality industries, having been CEO and COO of top medical wellness facilities in Thailand, and many more years in senior roles within the hospitality sector in Singapore prior to. His experience spans over 30 years with his professional footprints imprinted all across South East Asia.

AJT Holdings has several companies under its belt, which focuses on providing expertise, knowledge, processes and management to greenfield development and wellness projects. At present, Anthony is overseeing the implementation of two licensed brands under AJT Holdings, into 6 projects across Thailand, China, Cambodia and Malaysia, opening in between 2017 to 2020. These two brands, Wellity and DrMap, lay the foundation of medical wellness for AJT Holding's hospitality and healthcare projects.

Anthony is not one to passively follow conventional methods and trends. His approach is often innovative and out-of-the-box, bringing fresh ideas of medical wellness into hospitality. His strengths lies in his experience in turnkey management and creative business solutions.



Fraser Thompson
AlphaBeta

Dr. Fraser Thompson is Director of AlphaBeta, an economic strategy firm based in Singapore and Australia, which aims to integrate economics and strategy to support business and government decision-making. Fraser previously led McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), the economic research arm of McKinsey, in Southeast Asia, and was also a consultant with McKinsey for 6 years.

Prior to joining McKinsey, Fraser worked at The World Bank focused on East Asia and Northern Africa, and as an economics tutor at Oxford University. Fraser received a Doctorate and Masters in Economics from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Fraser is President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in ASEAN.



Kristin Thorsteins
Club Med

Kristin Thorsteins is Vice President Development for East & South Asia and Pacific at Club Med, the leading global operator of upscale, all-inclusive resorts. Prior to joining Club Med, Kristin spent over 10 years in hotel & real estate development, management and advisory services with companies such as HVS (London), The Rezidor Hotel Group (Brussels) and Pierre & Vacances (Paris) with her last appointment being with the Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group in Singapore where she was Development Director for South East Asia.

In addition to her mission to increase Club Med's footprint, Kristin is also in charge of asset management of the company's portfolio of resorts in the region, some of which contributed to the creation of the most established destinations in Asia such as Bali and Phuket.



Robbert N. van der Maas
President, Artyzen Hospitality Group

Robbert van der Maas has more than three decades of experience in the hospitality industry, including 23 years with Hyatt Corporation before joining Four Seasons and MGM.

He began his career in New Orleans as a corporate trainee with Hyatt. He then moved to Asia to take up executive positions in Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia.

With Asia as home base, Robbert is passionate about hotel operations. He was responsible for the opening of Grand Hyatt Bali, Hyatt Regency Osaka and two Four Season hotels in Maldives. In 2007, he joined MGM Macau as Vice President, Hotel Operations, where he led the team in establishing and managing all non-gaming operations.

Staying ahead of trends, Robbert recognised that brands need to evolve to stay relevant to consumers. He saw the opportunity to create non-commoditised and non-traditional hotel brands, and this resulted in him co-founding of Artyzen Hospitality Group.

Robbert has been successfully in building great teams. He has a strong belief that employee engagement is key to having successful hotels. At Artyzen, he continues his passion in developing and mentoring talent to deliver unique service cultures to differentiate its brands.



Hubert Viriot
YOTEL Ltd.

Hubert Viriot joined YOTEL in May 2014 to roll out an aggressive growth strategy targeting key city centres and international airports in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. More than 3,000 new cabins are already scheduled to open by 2019, including YOTEL hotels in Dubai, Singapore, Paris, London, Geneva, Miami, San Francisco and Boston.

Prior to his appointment as the CEO of YOTEL, Mr Viriot was CEO of Raimon Land PLC, a leading real estate developer listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). During his four-year tenure in Thailand, Mr Viriot orchestrated the successful turnaround of Raimon Land and increased the company's development portfolio from USD200million to USD1.1billion. Raimon Land's stock was one of the top 5 performing stocks on the SET and incorporated in the SET 100 Index.

Previously, Mr Viriot spent four years as Vice President of Investments & Acquisitions with IFA Hotels & Resorts and five years with HVS, a global consulting firm focused on the hospitality, tourism and real estate industries. Mr Viriot has a BS degree in International Management from the University of Wales and a BS degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from the Glion Hotel School in Switzerland.



Ian Wilson
Marina Bay Sands

Since 2013, Ian has overseen Hotel Operations at Marina Bay Sands. His overview includes the 2561 room hotel, as well as the Sky Park, Pool, Transportation, Call Centre, Food and Beverage Operations, Expo and Convention Centre, Call Centres, Facilities, Security, Sales, and Sustainability.

Ian is a former member of the National Healthcare Productivity Expert Advisory Panel, a member of the Singapore Hotel Association's Hotel Innovation Committee, Chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and an advisor to both SIT and NUS.

Ian's career started in Food and Beverage then Rooms, Distribution, Revenue Management, and Senior Operational roles first with Fairmont and now with MBS.

Ian holds Masters' and Bachelor's Degrees in Hotel Administration from Cornell University and is certified as a Journeyman Chef from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.



Matthias Winkler
FSC Architects

Matthias Winkler, AIA, Dipl.-Ing., is a principal at FSC ARCHITECTS, an award-winning international hospitality design firm offering master planning and architecture services from its headquarters in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has been involved in the design, production and construction of high-end resorts, hotels, clubhouses, villas and estates for almost two decades. Educated as an architect in Europe and the United States he was exposed to different cultures and languages from the very start of his career.

His passion for design has taken him from his native Germany to high-end hospitality and residential design firms in Seattle, Washington, and on a few of the Hawaiian Islands. He had been practicing with the international hospitality design firm WATG for several years before joining FSC Architects in 2010.

Matthias has been working on projects in multiple climates around the world from snowy Changbaishan and the deserts of Dubai to tropical islands like Cape Verde and Palau. His underlying design theme are authentic and memorable experiences in any chosen location.

Notable projects, recently opened or under construction, with FSC Architects are: Marriott and Renaissance Tong An Resorts Xiamen, Hilton Linzhi Resort Tibet, Curio Sanya Yazhou Bay Resort and Praia Integrated Resort and Casino Cape Verde.



Siew Hoon Yeoh
WIT – Web In Travel

Yeoh Siew Hoon is the founder of WIT (Web In Travel), an Asia-based news platform and events community for anyone passionate about online travel.

WIT runs conferences in Middle East (Dubai), Indonesia (Jakarta and Bali) and Japan (Tokyo) and its flagship conference in Singapore is APAC's largest and most diverse gathering of travel professionals involved in the online travel sector.

A travel journalist and editor, she founded WIT in 2005 and sold it to Northstar Travel Media in April 2014. She was awarded Tourism Entrepreneur of the Year by the Singapore Tourism Board in 2014.

The Penang-born Siew Hoon is also a published author and she's written several books, one of which is "The Story of Baitong and Boon" which she co-wrote with 16-year-old Phantila Phataraprasit for the Himmapaan Foundation of Thailand under its "Buy A Book, Help A Child To Read" initiative.

For every book sold, the Foundation donates a book to a child. It is to help spread the love of reading among children, increase English literacy in rural Asia and to raise awareness of the plight of elephants in an increasingly urbanized Asia.



Tao Zhou

Country Garden Hotels Group

Tao currently serves as the president of Country Garden Hotels Group. Country Garden is one of the China's leading integrated property developers. Its revenue recorded RMB550 billion or approximately US\$85 billion in 2017 – ranked No. 1 in China. Country Garden has over 60 hotels with 20,000 rooms in operation in both China and overseas such as in the famous Forest City in Malaysia. Country Garden has more than 50 hotels in pipeline globally particularly in the Belt and Road region.

Prior to joining Country Garden, Tao worked for 5 years as the CEO of Luneng Group Hotel Management Co. in Beijing, China; and 6 years at the hotel asset management division of Morgan Stanley in Tokyo, Japan. Before moving back to Asia, Tao worked for sixteen years in hotel operation and asset management in North America.

Tao earned a BA from Shanghai International Studies University in China and an MBA from Queen's University of Canada. Tao is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and a Certified Hotel Asset Manager (CHAM). Tao was a board member of Hospitality Asset Managers Association (HAMA) Japan and currently serves the president of HAMA China. Tao speaks Chinese, English and Japanese.