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Hong Kong Conference

Promoting sustainable economic growth through resilience and strategic innovation

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Accompanied by key policies and initiatives like Climate Action Plan 2050, the Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint, Hong Kong's 2024-2025 Budget reflects a strategic shift towards enhancing Hong Kong's economic resilience and competitiveness, with significant implications for the real estate market and broader infrastructural development.

These changes include several key measures and strategies aimed at enhancing the future development of Hong Kong and optimizing its built environment, with efforts expected to impact the real estate investment and construction industry significantly in the coming years, aiming to propel Hong Kong towards more diversified and sustainable growth.

This diversification can cushion the economy against sector-specific downturns and create a more stable environment for investment in large-scale infrastructure and real estate projects. The emphasis on attracting international talent and enterprises could also lead to an increase in demand across the wider APAC region.

This year's Hong Kong Conference is poised to be the crucible for deliberating on these matters. With a theme of **'Promoting sustainable economic growth through resilience and strategic innovation'**, our goal is to systematically unravel the new vistas and impediments confronting Hong Kong's infrastructure and investment landscape.

We aim to foster a proactive dialogue, themed topics with experts, scholars, government officials and industry elites from Hong Kong, Mainland China and APAC, generating actionable strategies and recommendations and fortifying Hong Kong's structural foundation, consolidating its strategic position in the broader global context.



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9:00

Conference Host Welcome Address

Tom Parker MRICS, Institutional Clients Director, JLL

09:15

Opening Address

LEE Fong-Chung MRICS, Member of RICS APAC World Regional Board, Interim Chair of RICS Hong Kong Regional Advisory Board

09:25

Welcome Address and Keynote by GOH / The Blueprint for Tomorrow: Hong Kong's Strategic Development

Overview of the Hong Kong urban development, construction cost control and its newest strategic development initiatives, which are supporting Hong Kong's economic resilience and landscape, reinforcing Hong Kong's position as a global business and financial hub.

Bernadette Linn, JP, Secretary for Development, The Government of the HKSAR

09:40

Investor Talk / Investment Trends and Market Dynamics of Asset in Hong Kong

- Discuss Hong Kong's strategic position in regional economic development and how infrastructure investments can enhance the city's performance
- Delve into government policies aimed at attracting foreign investment, particularly in high-tech and green sectors.
- Examine recent changes in tax incentives, property development regulations, and their implications for developers and investors.
- Explore the effects of global economic trends on Hong Kong's real estate market and investment opportunities.
- Deliberate on changes of investment target and needs newly emerged.

Moderator: **Jeremy Sheldon FRICS**, Head of Client Partnerships & Office leasing APAC, JLL

Panellists:

Chris Chow, Senior Managing Director, LaSalle Investment Management

Christine Chan MRICS, Chief Investment Officer (Asia), Link REIT

Tony Lo MRICS, Managing Director, Principal, Gaw Capital Partners



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Spotlight Interview / Unbounded Link under Infrastructure and Urban Planning

- Delve into infrastructure projects that enhance connectivity by intimate networks and integrate industries within the Greater Bay Area for cross-border initiatives.
- Debating the balance between high-density development and maintaining quality of life in urban environments.
- What are the synergies between the Northern Metropolis Strategy and the GBA's broader goals, particularly in relation to enhancing cross-border collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen?
- Beyond economic benefits, what social and community developments are expected from the alignment of the players in the field with the Northern Metropolis?

Moderator: **Tanya Uppal**, Head of Business Advisory (Growth and Client Development), Arcadis Consultancy Hong Kong Limited

Panellists:

James Sze, Director, Strategic Projects, Arup

Thomas Leung MRICS, Partner, Valuation & Modelling Services, KPMG

11:00

BREAK

20 Minutes

11:20

Keynote / Construction for Future - The rationale behind the decision to adopt MiC

- Finding out the reason of positioning MiC as a critical approach to meet future demands in construction and urban development.
- Explain how factory-controlled environment ensure consistent quality, reducing defects and rework on-site.
- Explore how MiC allows developers to achieve cost efficiencies through purchasing and standardized production of modules, particularly in large-scale projects.
- Discover the integration of digital tools like BIM, integrating with MiC in enhancing project management and process control.
- How to link MiC adoption to broader goals of sustainability, urban resilience and long-term growth.

Edmond Lo, Project Director, Chinachem Group



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Panel / Investing in Green Assets: Opportunities for Growth in the Environmental Sector

- Focus on Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, discussing strategies for net-zero electricity generation, energy-saving, and green buildings.
- Examination of emerging green technologies and their potential for investment return and contribution to Hong Kong's sustainability goals.
- Learn about the latest standards and certifications for green buildings, including practical sessions on how to meet these standards in upcoming projects.
- Present case studies on successful green building projects and the impact of regulatory changes on sustainable construction practices.
- Importance of sustainable building practices in elevating industry standards and promoting long-term environmental and economic benefits.

Moderator: **Patrick Wong FRICS**, Head of Bloomberg Intelligence Hong Kong, Senior Analyst - Asia Pacific Real Estate

Panellists:

Alice Suen, Head of Sustainable Finance, HSBC Hong Kong

Andrew Lau, Director, ESG Advisory, Asia, Colliers International

Ellie Tang, Director, Sustainable Investing, Fidelity International

Patrick Ho, Head of Sustainable Development, Swire Properties Limited

12:40

LUNCH

80 Minutes

13:55

Conference Host Welcome Address

Anthony Wong MRICS, Member of RICS Hong Kong Member Engagement Group, Associate Director, Asia Pacific Research, CBRE

14:00

Keynote / Resilience building in Property Management and operation

- Examples of how PropTech solutions are being integrated into varied scale of projects? What changes it has made to people's living and working pattern?
- Multiple scenes creation for mixed-use properties with experience enhancement
- Explore effective methods in property management and capability of assets operating to generate new channels of revenue increasement.
- How to balance affordability with quality and sustainability in real estate developments.
- Predictions on the evolution of the property management landscape over the next decade, focusing on the role of smart buildings, automated services, and sustainability initiatives.

Sherry Wong, General Manager, Building Operations, Hongkong Land Limited



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Pioneer Talk / Talents Retention and the Next Generation Motivation

- Insight into the aspirations, values, and expectations of millennials and Gen Z in Hong Kong.
- Examination of the current landscape of job satisfaction and employee turnover in Hong Kong.
- Analysis of specific challenges faced by employers in Hong Kong, such as competitive job markets, high living costs, and the quest for work-life balance.
- Techniques for harnessing the potential of young employees through mentorship programs, continuous learning and development, and purpose-driven work.
- Young leaderships sharing in the GBA or wider global who are motivated and inspirational in their career development and dare to explore.
- Discussion on the importance of diversity and inclusion in building a resilient and innovative workforce.

Moderator: **Vivian James MRICS**, Associate Director, Turner & Townsend

Panellists:

Dr Cynthia Hou MRICS, Assistant Professor, Department of Building Environment and Energy Engineering, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Garrick Lau, Head of Sustainability & Shared Value, SEWIT Department, Nan Fung Development

Jay James, Associate, Architecture + Design

15:10

BREAK

20 Minutes

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Keynote / Mastering Property Valuation: Trends, Regulations, and Market Dynamics

- Overview of key factors driving property values in Hong Kong, such as interest rates, foreign investment flows, and local demand.
- Detailed discussion on the regulatory framework governing property valuation in Hong Kong, including recent changes and their implications for valuers and real estate professionals.
- How changes in stamp duty, land supply policies, and housing ordinances have historically impacted market valuations.
- Introduction to new technologies and tools that are enhancing accuracy and efficiency in property valuation, such as AI and big data analytic.
- Identification of specific challenges faced by valuers in Hong Kong, including dealing with speculative bubbles, managing client expectations, and ensuring compliance with international valuation standards.

Rita Wong FRICS, Executive Director, Head of Valuation & Consulting, Greater China, CBRE Advisory Hong Kong Limited



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Panel / Define the new frontier of consumption: Leveraging retail in the Greater Bay Area

- Overview of the retail real estate market, impact of economic fluctuations and demographic shifts on retail spaces.
- Explore new consumption growth points in the combination of 'sports events + cultural tourism' in order to promote a new track for the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area.
- Insights into how digital commerce, degrading consumption behavior, changing lifestyle preferences, and tourism affect physical retail spaces.
- Discover new capability of commercial property through successful cases of retail real estate developments adapting to new consumer behaviors, such as the transformation of traditional malls into lifestyle centers.
- Discussion on the integration of technology in retail spaces, such as virtual reality experiences, AI-based customer service, and data-driven store placements.
- Examples of sustainable practices in retail constructions, such as energy-efficient building designs and waste reduction programs.

Moderator: **Gary Leung MRICS**, Head of Property, Group Assets and Estate, DFI Retail Group

Panellists:

Esther Lui MRICS, Director, Asset Management, Phoenix Property Investors

Helen Mak, Senior Director, Head of Retail Services, Hong Kong, Knight Frank Greater China

Stanley Kwok FRICS, General Manager – Asset Management (H.K.), Link Asset Management Limited

Victor Ng MRICS, Senior Director, MegaBox Development Company Limited

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Close of Conference

Anthony Wong MRICS, Member of RICS Hong Kong Member Engagement Group, Associate Director, Asia Pacific Research, CBRE

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