

Forbes Asia Forum: The Next Tycoons

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The second annual *Forbes Asia Forum: The Next Tycoons - A Generation Emerges* was held on June 29, 2015 in Hong Kong. The forum convened some 150 guests, including many of Asia's most outstanding next generation business leaders.

The Forum, which originated from an editorial series by the same name in Forbes Asia magazine, highlights the region's next generation leaders and generates insights on how their ideas, aspirations, practices and passions are reshaping Asian business and redefining leadership.



Front Row (Left to right) Sanveer Gill, Director, Gill Capital (S); Arif P. Rachmat, CEO, PT. Triputra Agro Persada; Eric Fok, Vice President, Fok Ying Tung Group; Panote Sirivadhanabhakdi, CEO, Univentures; Norris Lam, Managing Partner - Global, Forbes Financial Centers Development; Robbie R. Antonio, MD, Century Properties Group; Cecile Ang, President, Diamond Hotel; Caroline Link, President, B.Grimm Real Estate; David Fong, MD, Hip Shing Hong (Holdings); Michael Riady, CEO, Blacksteel Malls

Second Row (Left to right) Tim Ferguson, Editor, Forbes Asia; Supakorn Vejjajiva, President, Post Publishing; Laurence Lien, Chairman, Lien Foundation, CEO, Asia Philanthropy Circle; Mike Perlis, President & CEO, Forbes Media; William Adamopoulos, CEO/Asia, Forbes Media; Francesco de Ferrari, MD, Head of Private Banking Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse; TC Yam, Chairman, Integrated Capital Holdings; Henry Nguyen, Chairman, Forbes Vietnam, Managing General Partner, IDG Ventures Vietnam; Russell Flannery, Senior Editor & Shanghai Bureau Chief, Forbes Asia; Bernard Fung, Director and Head of Family Office Services and Philanthropy Advisory, Asia Pacific, Private Banking & Wealth Management, Credit Suisse; Sammy Wong, Founder & CEO, Whale Capital; Melvyn Pun, CEO, Yoma Strategic Holdings



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In his welcome remarks, William Adamopoulos, CEO/Asia, Forbes Media, highlighted how family owned companies are major drivers of the region's economies and shared his experience in interacting with many next generation business leaders during his 30 years in Asia. He noted that many of the forum guests had already taken up key positions in their family businesses. Some may not be doing things the same way as the generation before while others have advanced into totally new areas. He also shared his personal story about coming from a family of football coaches and how he chose his own path and became a publisher instead. He concluded by encouraging the audience to freely share their personal experiences during the event.





Francesco de Ferrari, Managing Director, Head of Private Banking Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse, also commented in his welcome remarks that family businesses are drivers of economic growth in Asia. He pointed out that many family businesses are seeing a generational transition of ownership and leadership and how vital it is for businesses to be adequately prepared for this phase. He also shared some of the challenges he faced when he was an entrepreneur himself and the importance of having a financial partner. He spoke about Credit Suisse's expertise in generational wealth transfer and how they have been supporting family businesses in the management and protection of wealth through market cycles.

The forum featured panel discussions which provided insights on how next generation leaders are being groomed to ensure continuity of family values and future prosperity. The panels also examined how these emerging leaders drive their businesses, the values that motivate them, and what it takes to truly forge a path for themselves in life and business.



In the driver's seat (Left to right) Manuel Paolo A. Villar, President & CEO, Vista Land & Lifescapes; Panote Sirivadhanabhakdi, CEO, Univentures; Arif P. Rachmat, CEO, PT. Triputra Agro Persada; Ruben Emir Gnanalingam, CEO, Westports Malaysia; Tim Ferguson, Editor, Forbes Asia

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Live to tell (Left to right) Kevin L. Tan, Executive Director, Alliance Global, First Vice President & Division Head, Megaworld Corporation; Melvyn Pun, CEO, Yoma Strategic Holdings; Shinta Widjaja Kamdani, CEO, Sintesa Group; Eric Fok, Vice President, Fok Ying Tung Group; Russell Flannery, Senior Editor & Shanghai Bureau Chief, Forbes Asia



Beyond family values (Left to right) Supakorn Vejjajiva, President, Post Publishing; Laurence Lien, Chairman, Lien Foundation, CEO, Asia Philanthropy Circle; Ho Ren Hua, VP/ Executive Director & Country Head, China, Banyan Tree Holdings; Sanveer Gill, Director, Gill Capital (S); Cecile Ang, President, Diamond Hotel; Tim Ferguson, Editor, Forbes Asia



Forging new paths (Left to right) Michael Riady, CEO, Blacksteel Malls; Caroline Link, President, B.Grimm Real Estate; Bernard Fung, Director and Head of Family Office Services and Philanthropy Advisory, Asia Pacific, Private Banking & Wealth Management, Credit Suisse; David Fong, MD, Hip Shing Hong (Holdings); Robbie R. Antonio, MD, Century Properties Group; Henry Nguyen, Chairman, Forbes Vietnam, Managing General Partner, IDG Ventures Vietnam



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The forum provided excellent networking opportunities for delegates to interact within the Forbes community.



(Left to right) Francesco de Ferrari, MD, Head of Private Banking Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse; Panote Sirivadhanabhakdi, CEO, Univentures; Trinuch Sirivadhanabhakdi, Univentures



(Left to right) Sammy Wong, Founder & CEO, Whale Capital; Yam Chun Lok Jeffrey, Integrated Capital Holdings; TC Yam, Chairman, Integrated Capital Holdings; Makoto Takano, CMA, Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Japan, CEO, Atomixmedia; Yam Hin Ching Tiffany, Integrated Capital Holdings



(Left to right) Wendy Law, Executive Director, Park Hotel Group; Kevin Tsai, President, Want Want China Times Media Group



(Left to right) Manuel Paolo A. Villar, President & CEO, Vista Land & Lifescapes; Kendrick Tan, Executive Director, Emperador Distillers; Mark Aguilar Villar, District Representative, House of Representatives, Las Pinas City; Cecile Ang, President, Diamond Hotel; Enrique Yap Jr, Executive Vice President, Manila Hotel



(Left to right) Mike Perlis, President & CEO, Forbes Media; Arif P. Rachmat, CEO, PT. Triputra Agro Persada; Eric Fok, Vice President, Fok Ying Tung Group



(Left to right) Sonia Cheng, CEO, Rosewood Hotel Group; William Adamopoulos, CEO/Asia, Forbes Media; Serene Lee, Executive Director, Forbes Asia

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(Left to right) SM Faliq SM Nasimuddin, Deputy Executive Chairman/Group MD, Naza TTDI; Hui Lim, Executive Director & CIO, Genting; Jeffrey Wiyono, Group MD, Mukti Group; Michael Riady, CEO, Blacksteel Malls; Arif P. Rachmat, CEO, PT. Triputra Agro Persada; Robbie R. Antonio, MD, Century Properties Group



(Left to right) Ruben Emir Gnanalingam, CEO, Westports Malaysia; William Adamopoulos, CEO/Asia, Forbes Media



(Left to right) Sammy Wong, Founder & CEO, Whale Capital; Danel C Aboitiz, Vice President, Corporate Services, Aboitiz Power Renewables; Mariana Zobel de Ayala, Corporate Strategy Associate, Ayala Corporation; William Adamopoulos, CEO/Asia, Forbes Media



(Left to right) Shinta Widjaja Kamdani, CEO, Sintesa Group; Melvyn Pun, CEO, Yoma Strategic Holdings; Kevin L. Tan, Executive Director, Alliance Global, First Vice President & Division Head, Megaworld Corporation



(Left to right) Selwyn Chow, Director and Equity & Fixed Income Analyst, Transocean Capital, Senior Advisor, Zentrum Capital; David Lin, Director, Credit Suisse; Ronnie Wu, General Partner & Chief Investment Officer, Epiphany Asset Management; Norris Lam, Managing Partner -Global, Forbes Financial Centers Development



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(Left to right) Li Ning, Executive Director, Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings), Director, Henderson Land Development; Peter So, MD, Credit Suisse



(Left to right) Lam Gee Yu, Executive Director, High Fashion International; Li Keng Yan Kristine, Assistant General Manager - Investment Properties, Henderson Land Development; Andrew Lo, Director of Development, Langham Hospitality Group



(Left to right) Kuok Meng Ru, CEO & Co-Founder, BandLab; Rachel Poon, Marketing Manager, Asia Standard Hotel Group, Asia Standard Intl Group; Lau Hing Yee Amanda, Ting Shao Kuang International Arts Centre; Zhong Ming, Assistant of General Manager, Yanlord Land Shanghai, Director, Yanlord Land Group



(Left to right) Cyrus Pun, Director, SPA Group; Jaime Urquijo, Corporate Strategy Associate, Ayala Corporation, Business Development Head, AF Payments



(Left to right) Russell Flannery, Senior Editor & Shanghai Bureau Chief, Forbes Asia; Tan Mei Sian, Alternate Director, Goldis



(Left to right) Yeoh Pei Teeng, Public Relations Manager, Special Projects, YTL Resorts, Executive Director, Syarikat Kemajuan Perumahan Negara; Benjamin Cavalli, MD, Market Area Head Southeast Asia, Singapore Location Head, Credit Suisse

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