



Hong Kong Institute of
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Financial Services Interest Group Cocktail Reception

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Join us for an inspiring and engaging cocktail reception!

2026 marks a defining year for financial services, as the industry navigates rapid digital transformation and evolving global market. Hosted by the HKICPA Financial Services Interest Group, this special reception brings together an exceptional lineup of local and international thought leaders, who will share forward-looking insights on the future of finance.

Join us for fine wine, engaging conversations, and a unique opportunity to meet the Presidents of HKICPA and ICAEW in person. We are also honoured to have Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission, Dr. Kelvin Wong, SBS, JP, deliver the keynote address.

Don't miss this chance to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and be part of the dialogue shaping the future financial landscape.

About the programme

Date & Time	Thursday, 12 March 2026 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktail 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sharing
Venue	Hong Kong Institute of CPAs 27th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
Language	English
Fee	Free of charge (HKICPA member) \$240 (exclusive offer to ICAEW members)^ \$410 (non-member)
CPD hour	1 hour (for the sharing session only)
Competency*	Industry Knowledge, Corporate and Strategic Finance
Rating*	Foundation level
Enrolment Deadline Registration	12:00 noon, 10 March 2026 Only online registration is accepted for this event. Registration will open at 9:00 a.m., 3 March 2026 and will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

(^ please register directly with ICAEW for the exclusive offer)

Speakers

Welcome address

Mr. Stephen Law, JP
President, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Keynote address

Dr. Kelvin Wong, SBS, JP
Chairman, Securities and Futures Commission

Remarks

Mr. Derek Blair
President, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Industry perspective

Mr. James Liu
Group CFO, Guoco Group Limited

*Details of [Competency and Rating](#) information

About the speakers



Mr. Stephen Law, JP
President, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Mr. Stephen Law, JP is the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). He first served as a co-opted Council member in 2010 and 2011, and elected Council member in 2012 to 2017, and since 2022. He was Vice-President of the Institute from 2024 to 2025. Mr. Law holds the CPA (practising) designation and is a Justice of Peace (JP), a member of the CPPCC National Committee, and has also been appointed by the Ministry of Finance in Chinese Mainland as an expert consultant, proactively serving society with his profession.

Mr. Law has actively contributed to the development of the accounting profession through his leadership and participation in a wide range of HKICPA committees and groups. He is currently the Chairman of the Branding and Communication Committee, member of the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee, the Corporate Finance Committee and the Nomination Committee. He also participated in over ten committees and panels of the Institute, including chairing the Corporate Finance Committee and the Professional Accountants in Business Committee.

Mr. Law is the Managing Director of ZhongYi Investment Managers Limited. He is a multi-skilled business and finance professional with expertise in executive management at board and C-level of large enterprises. He also has extensive experience in private equity and asset management.

He was previously an Executive Director of MTR Corporation Ltd (MTR) responsible for finance, investment control, treasury, investor relations, information technology and materials & stores. He was instrumental in leading the team to assist the Government to resolve the over-budget issue of the High-Speed Rail Construction Project. Prior to MTR, Stephen was a managing director of TPG, one of the world's largest private equity firms, responsible for private equity investments in Asia. During his service in TPG, He was leading key deals across different industries and also executed many successful IPOs in HK, US and Vietnam. Besides, Mr. Law was a director of Morningside Ventures and focused on corporate finance and development for the Wheelock and Wharf Groups.

Mr. Law advocates good corporate governance and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG). He is a Deputy President of the Hong Kong Independent Non-Executive Director Association and the chair of its Corporate Governance Committee. He is a member of HKSAR Green Tech Fund Assessment Committee. Also, he is an independent director of few companies listed in Hong Kong.

Mr. Law also contributes to the society in other fields in addition to finance, accounting and investments. He is a board member of Hong Kong Cyberport, Hong Kong Dance Company, a member of the Agricultural Park Advisory Committee, a board member of the University of Birmingham Hong Kong Foundation Limited, and a board member of SOW Asia. He was an Adjunct Professor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and a member of the Investment Task Force of the Construction Industry Council.

Mr. Law holds a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Birmingham, the United Kingdom and received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hull, the United Kingdom.



Dr. Kelvin Wong, SBS, JP
Chairman, Securities and Futures Commission

Dr. Kelvin Wong is the Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission, the Chairman of the Corruption Prevention Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and a member of its Advisory Committee on Corruption.

Dr. Wong is also a Director of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance, a member of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Exchange Fund Advisory Committee and Banking Advisory Committee and a member of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's Listing Nominating Committee.

Previously, Dr. Wong was the Chairman of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council from 2018 to 2024. Prior to joining the SFC, Dr. Wong was an Executive Director and a Deputy Managing Director of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited, a company listed in Hong Kong. He was also a Non-Executive Director of the SFC, the Chairman of the Investor and Financial Education Council, the Chairman of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, a member of the Main Board and GEM Listing Committees of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform and a member of the Operations Review Committee of the ICAC. He was an Independent Non-Executive Director of companies listed in Hong Kong and/or Chinese Mainland.

Dr. Wong holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Andrews University in Michigan, USA, and a Doctor of Business Administration degree from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.



Mr. Derek Blair
President, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Mr. Derek Blair has been a Chartered Accountant since 1994. He is one of two partners at Pinkham Blair, a general practice which he co-founded in 2004. The business specialises in assisting "corporate refugees" – those who have left large organisations to set up their own business.

Graduating from Essex University in Accountancy, Finance and Economics, Mr. Blair joined BDO in 1990 as an audit trainee, before moving to a small firm, Charles Rippon & Turner, based in Willesden Green, London, where he qualified as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant. From there, he moved to Morgan Brown & Spofforth (MBS) in Clerkenwell as an Audit Manager and became a partner in 2001, focusing mostly on corporate finance projects.

MBS subsequently became the founding firm of Vantis plc, an AIM-listed consolidator, where Mr. Blair remained until co-founding Pinkham Blair.



Mr. James Liu
Group CFO, Guoco Group Limited

Mr. James Liu is Group Chief Financial Officer of Guoco Group Limited, overseeing all financial operations and IT across the group. His remit covers M&A, strategy, treasury, board and management reporting, financial planning and analysis, as well as statutory and operational finance. He brings a pragmatic approach to complex board environments and is recognised for leading finance transformation, digitalisation, and organisational change.

Prior to joining Guoco Group, Mr. Liu was Finance Director for IKEA's franchise business in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and Indonesia, where he was responsible for strategic planning, business partnering, and operational finance. His earlier career spans media, property, and retail, building a track record of delivering results across diverse sectors and geographies.

Mr. Liu has worked in London, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan. He read Engineering Science at the University of Oxford and trained as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte in London.

In 2025, Mr. Liu was elected to the ICAEW Council representing the Greater China Constituency. He is a Fellow of ICAEW and HKICPA.