

E-learning webinar:

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Best Corporate Governance Awards series: Recent ESG developments and their impact on credit

About the topic

These days, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices and reporting are increasingly in the spotlight and more and more institutional investors are giving ESG factors significant attention in their investment decisions and allocation of funds. On the other side of the coin, companies with poor sustainability practices and disclosures will find it more difficult to attract substantial long-term investment, however successful their business may have been in the past. This is a trend that cannot be ignored and which will have an impact on various aspects of the market, including credit ratings.

In this seminar, the speaker, who is global head of ESG Research, Sustainable Finance at Fitch Ratings, will cover the following:

- Key ESG Trends influencing credit in 2021, with a focus on Asia-Pacific region
- How the low carbon transition will vary for sectors and regions up to 2050
- How Fitch considers ESG in Credit Ratings

The Institute's prestigious [Best Corporate Governance Awards](#) (BCGA) have just celebrated their 20th anniversary. They are regarded as very exacting and accurate benchmark of corporate governance standards among listed companies and public sector organisations in Hong Kong. Recognition of good sustainability and social responsibility reporting has been a key part of the Awards since 2011.

About the event

Date & Time	4 March, 2021 Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Format	Live webinar
Language	English
Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HKICPA member or student, and IA: Free• Non-member: HK\$330
HKICPA CPD credit	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)
Rating	Intermediate Level*
Competency	Corporate governance*
Participant	Those with responsibilities for, or interest in, sustainability
Application deadline	Registration opens at 9am, Thursday 4 February 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online enrolment by 1 March 2021 (offline enrolment by 25 February 2021)

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Speaker

Mervyn Tang

Senior Director, Global Head of ESG Research, Sustainable Finance, Fitch Ratings

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Director, Business and Financial Instrument Valuation, Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited

* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings.



About the speaker

Mervyn Tang

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Mervyn Tang is a senior director and global head of ESG Research in Fitch Ratings' Sustainable Finance division, based in Hong Kong. Mervyn oversees a global research team of five which focuses primarily on thematic and cross-sector ESG research.

Mervyn re-joined Fitch Ratings in March 2019 from MSCI Inc., where he was head of Fixed Income in their ESG Research department, based in Hong Kong. Mervyn has worked with fixed income investors globally supporting them on integrating ESG into their investment process. Prior to joining MSCI in 2017, Mervyn was a director in Fitch's Sovereign Group, with the Asia Pacific team. He has also worked as an international economist at the Bank of England in London, a diplomat at the British Embassy in Washington DC, and an equities analyst at Citigroup.

Mervyn earned an MSc in Economics with distinction from Birkbeck College, University of London, and a BA in Economics and Management from Oxford University. He is a CFA Charterholder.

Registration

- **Registration starts from 9am, Thursday 4 February 2021, and seats are on first-come-first-served basis.**
- **Online enrolment by 1 March 2021; offline enrolment (by post or fax) by 25 February 2021:**
Complete the enrolment form and return it to the Institute by 25 February 2021, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants" or "HKICPA". Fax registration will be accepted for payment by any VISA/ Master card or the BOC HKICPA UnionPay card.

You may consider your registration to be successful unless you receive notification from us to the contrary.
- Upon successful enrolment, the meeting URL and login password will be provided nearer the event date.
- **Contact Ms. Karina Yeung at 2287-7386 or Ms. Ki Wong at 2287-7017 for enquiry.**