ACGA plays an influential and constructive role in the evolving Asia-Pacific governance ecosystem. We are a not-for-profit membership association founded in Hong Kong in 1999, shortly after the Asian Financial Crisis. For two decades we have been working to promote systemic improvements in corporate governance regulation and practice in Asia through independent research, advocacy and education. ACGA is entirely funded by its members and does not receive government grants or sponsorship.

We view good public and corporate governance as foundational for capital market and economic development, including sustainable development. In recent years, our research has evolved to encompass ESG reporting and the role of the board in sustainability. Our events are expanding to focus on issues such as energy transition and the governance underpinnings of ESG.
ACGA Member Network

114 member firms*

70% are investors: $30+ trillion in global AUM

Leading Asian companies

Top 5 global CPA firms

Foreign and Asian asset owners and managers

3 regions: Asia-Pacific, Europe, North America

*Membership is by company. For a full list of members, go to our website Member page.
Investor Association Membership

ACGA works closely with numerous investor and governance-related associations around the region and worldwide. Recognising their important role in enhancing systemic governance standards and practices in their respective markets, ACGA offers such organisations a 50% discount on our Premium Investor Membership fee. This allows them to enjoy most of the benefits of Premium membership at a more reasonable price.

We do, however, seek a commitment from such organisations that they will utilise the services received from ACGA for internal purposes only and that they will not share such information or benefits with their members.

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<td>Investor Association</td>
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## Key benefits of membership: All members

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<td>Asia Regional Briefing</td>
<td>Bimonthly newsletter</td>
<td>Analysis of key CG issues in 11 Asian markets by the ACGA research team. Each issue is around 40 pages.</td>
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<td>CG Watch</td>
<td>Biennial survey</td>
<td>Key publication on CG developments in Asia ranking 12 major Asia-Pacific markets, including Australia. Nine reports since 2003.</td>
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<td>ACGA Investor Discussion Group</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>Confidential forum for members to discuss ACGA advocacy initiatives and collaborative engagements.</td>
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<td>Member Briefings</td>
<td>Twice a year in HK and Singapore; from time to time elsewhere</td>
<td>Updates on ACGA research, exclusively for members. Held regularly in HK and Singapore; and in other cities around the world during our travels.</td>
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<td>Annual Conference: Asian Business Dialogue on Corporate Governance</td>
<td>Each November</td>
<td>ACGA signature conference that brings companies, investors, regulators and others together for discussions on next steps towards CG / ESG reform in Asia.</td>
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<td>Investor-Auditor Roundtable</td>
<td>Coincides with our annual conference</td>
<td>Invitation-only discussion between ACGA investor and accounting firm members on systemic auditing and financial reporting issues.</td>
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<td>Post-Conference Delegation</td>
<td>The two days following our annual conference</td>
<td>Meetings with key financial regulators and companies in the same city or country as the conference. Also site visits.</td>
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### Additional benefits: Association members

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| Working Groups: China, India, Japan, Korea | Three calls per year for each working group | Chaired by members, the Working Groups allow member firms to become more deeply involved in a particular market and to help shape ACGA’s policy work. Each call takes forward our advocacy plan for that market, with a set of action points shared with members afterwards. Implementation is carried out by the ACGA Secretariat with input from members.  

*See over for an outline of the issues that each Group is addressing.*

| Member Delegations              | Annually for each working group       | Organised with the support of our Working Groups, these delegations offer members an opportunity to meet with a large number of regulators, government officials, corporate executives, domestic investors and CG/ESG leaders in an action-packed trip.  

*See over for more details on our past and future delegations.*
“At ACGA we engage in regular dialogue with financial regulators, institutional investors, listed companies, auditors and others on key corporate governance and ESG issues around the region. We take a practical, long-term view and work towards making lasting and systemic improvements.

“An important differentiator of ACGA is the original and independent research that underpins all we do.”

Jamie Allen, Founding Secretary General, ACGA
### Working Groups

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<td>China</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>The group has chosen three core policy areas to focus on in China: ESG reporting; use of idle cash; and related-party transactions (RPTs). It is also gathering data on vote rejections at A-share AGMs and engaging with the CSRC.</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>Three submissions on regulatory consultations in 2019: differential voting rights and auditor resignations. Other core focus areas in India include: disclosure of executive compensation; ESG reporting; RPTs; auditing; and director independence.</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>16-19 July 2019</td>
<td>The main task of the Japan Working Group in 2020 is to publish our new “Japan White Paper”. This aims to set an agenda for CG reform in Japan for the next decade.</td>
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<td>Korea</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>8-10 April 2019</td>
<td>The Korea Working Group works actively to engage with major companies, in particular Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, and the SK Group. Core policy issues include: dual-class shares; 5% rule; lack of a mandatory takeover offer rule; investor stewardship; and AGM accountability.</td>
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# ACGA delegations: Past and future

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<td>China</td>
<td>2013, 2017</td>
<td>We are exploring virtual meetings in 2020.</td>
<td>In 2017, we took members to Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Three cities in five days. Meetings with Sinopec, Huaneng Power, AMAC, CAPCO, China Asset Management, the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, China Vanke and Country Garden, and others.</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>2010, 2014</td>
<td>February 2021 (February 2020 visit cancelled)</td>
<td>Our next delegation will include the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, SEBI, Serious Fraud Office and other regulators. We will meet leading corporates as well as some mid-caps. Roundtable discussions with business associations also planned.</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019</td>
<td>We are exploring virtual meetings in 2020.</td>
<td>Each trip includes major regulators (METI, FSA, JPX), a dialogue with domestic investors, and roundtables with leading CG groups. Company meetings selected depending on issue (eg, Toyota, Toshiba, Kobe Steel, Toray, MUFG, Japan Tobacco, KDDI). In 2018 and 2019, we also held discussions on renewable energy in Japan.</td>
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<td>Korea</td>
<td>2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019</td>
<td>We are exploring virtual meetings in 2020.</td>
<td>Each trip includes major regulators (FSC, MOJ, KRX) and leading CG groups (KCGS, SER). Company engagement focuses on systemically important groups (Samsung, Hyundai, SK, LG, Lotte), banks such as KB and Shinhan, former state enterprises (KEPCO, KT&amp;G), and newer tech firms (Kakao).</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>Hong Kong: 2013 Indonesia: 2015 Taiwan: 2009 SE Asia: 2011</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Hong Kong meetings included SOEs (China Mobile), local energy (CLP) and aviation (HAECO) firms. Indonesia trip included a series of meetings with coal companies. In Southeast Asia, we visited Singapore, KL and Bangkok in the space of one week.</td>
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“Aberdeen, our clients, and the wider investment community have benefited tremendously from the hard work of the team at ACGA over the years.

“I have absolutely no doubt that markets are less treacherous for minority investors in the region, investors better equipped for navigating Asian markets, and regulators more informed about the needs and concerns of investors, as a consequence of the work done by Jamie and his team.”

David Smith
Head of Corporate Governance
Aberdeen Standard Investments
Singapore
Membership by region – 114 members from 19 markets
Total assets under management – more than US$30 trillion
ACGA members represent eight industry sectors
ACGA Members Value Our Services

- 10+ Years: 32%
- 7-9 Years: 18%
- 4-6 Years: 17%
- 1-3 Years: 23%
- Joined in 2018: 10%
Recent ACGA research

- Each of the reports above is hyperlinked for easy download.
Recent ACGA advocacy submissions

2020

- **Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing** on Corporate WVR
- **Ministry of Finance Japan** on the final Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act regulations
- **Financial Services Agency Japan** on revised Stewardship Code

2019

- **Ministry of Finance Japan** on amendments to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** on Auditor Resignations
- **Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing** on amended ESG Reporting Guide
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** on issuance of shares with Differential Voting Rights (ie, dual class shares)

2018

- **China Securities Regulatory Commission** on new “Code of Corporate Governance for Listed Companies in China,” which replaces the first CG Code from 2002
- **Singapore Monetary Authority** on amended CG Code
- **Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing** on “Weighted Voting Rights for Emerging and Innovative Sector Companies”
- **Hong Kong Legislative Council** on proposed bill for an Independent Audit Regulator

2017

- **Singapore Exchange** on “Possible Listing Framework for Dual-Class Share Structures”
- **Financial Services Agency Japan** on revised Stewardship Code
- **Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing** on “Third Board Concept Paper” (which paved the way for dual-class shares)

➢ **For all ACGA advocacy submissions, white papers, and presentations since 2004, go to our website Advocacy page.**
Recent ACGA conferences

➢ For the programmes of all ACGA conferences since 2001, go to our website Conference page.
# ACGA – Governing Council

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**Anthony Muh:** CEO, H.R.L Morrison & Co Capital, Hong Kong

**Vice Chairman:**  
**Steven Watson:** Partner, Capital International Investors, Hong Kong

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**Pru Bennett:** Principal, Guerdon Associates, Sydney  
**Stephen Fuller:** Head of Int’l Government Affairs, Travelers’ Insurance, Washington  
**Ka Shi Lau:** Managing Director & CEO, BCT Group, Hong Kong  
**Ronnie Lim:** Senior Engagement Specialist, Robeco, Asia-Pacific, Hong Kong  
**Stan Shih:** Co-founder, Acer Group; Group Chairman, iD SoftCapital, Taipei  
**Elizabeth Sun:** Former Director of Corporate Communications, TSMC, Hsin Zhu  
**Jeffrey Williams:** Director, UBS SDIC Fund Management Company, Shanghai  
**Yuelin Yang:** Deputy Group Managing Director, IMC Industrial Group, Singapore

- For biographies of each Council member, go to our website [Council page](#).
- For our Articles of Association, Council nomination guidelines, Council committee structure, and a full set of AGM materials and audited accounts since our formation, see the [Governance](#) pages.
ACGA Secretariat – Leadership & Research

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Chief Operating Officer: Padma Venkat*

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Research Associate (Korea): Jeehee Moon#
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*Denotes full-time staff.  # From Asia Research & Engagement (ARE), an ACGA partner.
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**ACGA Secretariat – Operations**

**Administration / events staff (alphabetical)**

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<td>Office &amp; Events Manager:</td>
<td>Mikky Li*</td>
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<td>Conference Manager:</td>
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1. Under ACGA’s articles, our Council is required to approve each new membership application.

2. The criteria for investor association membership are principles-based:
   • A clear commitment to the spirit of corporate governance.
   • Support for ACGA’s objectives and principles.
   • Evidence of efforts made to support the development of higher standards of corporate governance in your market.

   The ACGA Secretariat ascertains the answers to these questions through discussion with prospective members and independent due diligence. We report our findings to the Council’s Membership Committee.

3. Following a review, the Membership Committee may wish to seek clarification of information provided by an applicant.

4. Membership approval will be given if the Council believes that an applicant meets the criteria for membership and will add value to the Association’s member network. Approval will not be given if the Council believes otherwise or sees any potential conflict of interest.

5. The Council reserves the right to expel any member from the Association if it believes that the member no longer upholds the required standards of membership.
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