

# In Conversation with the Lord Mayor of the City of London



## **Speakers:**

Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Lord Mayor of the City of London 2021-2022

Nick Heath, Director General for Trade and Investment at British Consulate-General Hong Kong

## **Moderator:**

Peter Burnett OBE, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

## **In Conversation with the Lord Mayor**

The Chamber Chairman, Peter Burnett, will be hosting a special fireside chat with Vincent Keaveny, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Nick Heath, Director General for Trade and Investment at British Consulate-General Hong Kong.

This discussion will seek to address both Hong Kong and UK perspectives on the important topic of sustainable finance which is developing rapidly in each of these global hubs. Innovation and technology is a key component of these developments, amongst many others. Join this webinar to hear more about how the UK and Hong Kong are navigating these changes and where there are opportunities for collaboration.

## **About the speakers**



**Alderman Vincent Keaveny** took office as the 693rd Lord Mayor of the City of London on 12th November 2021. He previously served as Sheriff of the City of London in 2018-19 and in that capacity supported the then Lord Mayor, undertaking numerous engagements and activities at home and abroad.

Vincent is a partner in the international business law firm, DLA Piper.

He advises on debt capital markets, structured finance and securitisation transactions in the UK and banks, financial institutions and corporate clients in the UK and internationally on banking, finance and capital markets transactions. He is listed as a leading practitioner in his area of practice by all of the principal legal directories and

is included in the legal '500' Hall of Fame for securitisation practitioners. Until May 2019 he was International Co-Chair of the Financial Services Sector at DLA Piper. In 2014/15 he served as President of the City of London Law Society. He is an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn. Since his election to the City of London in 2013 as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within, Alderman Keaveny has served on a number of City Corporation Committees. He is currently a member of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-committee. He also a Governor of the City of London School. Vincent is also Co-Chair of the HM Treasury & BEIS Socio-Economic Diversity Taskforce.

A Liveryman of the City of London Solicitors', the Woolmen's, Distillers', Spectacle Makers', Stationers', Framework Knitters', Upholders' and Security Professionals' Companies, Vincent served as Master Solicitor in 2014/15. He is also a member of the City Livery Club, the City Pickwick Club and the Royal Society of St. George (City Branch) and the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society. Vincent is the Senior Patron of the Farringdon Ward Club.

Vincent graduated from University College Dublin with a BCL and subsequently obtained an MLitt from Trinity College, Dublin. He was recognised in 2018 by UCD as their Law Alumnus of the Year. Since his admission as solicitor in England & Wales in 1992 he has worked in private practice in the City. Vincent's interests include

theatre and the arts. He is a trustee of the Sir John Soane's Museum, where he is the Independent Director on the Board. He chairs the board of the vocal ensemble, Exaudi, and is a director of Actors Touring Company. Vincent is married to Amanda, an Intensive Care Nurse and in what spare time he has, he enjoys tennis and walking their Labrador.



**Nick Heath** took up the role of Director General Trade and Investment at the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong in April 2021. He leads the large Department for International Trade team in Hong Kong and Macao and

supports the Consul General to drive the commercial and financial relationship between the UK and the two SARs. Nick arrived in Hong Kong in August 2019 and has served as Temporary Deputy Consul-General. Between 2015 and 2019, he was Deputy Ambassador at the British Embassy in The Hague. Earlier in his career, Nick worked on a range of issues including EU Exit negotiations and Middle East affairs. He also served as Private Secretary to a number of UK Government Ministers.

Nick has a first class degree in History from the University of Oxford. He is married with two children and enjoys cooking, cricket and reading.

About the moderator



**Peter Burnett OBE** is responsible for Standard Chartered's Greater China and North Asia Corporate Finance business covering Greater China, Korea and Japan. This encompasses all Term Lending, Loan Syndications, Leveraged and Structured Solutions, Shipping and Aircraft Finance, M&A and Project & Export Finance. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd, and serves as the Chairman of the "One Belt, One Road" Committee for the Hong Kong Association of Banks. Peter was Vice Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce from 2016,

and became Chairman in 2018. Prior to joining Standard Chartered in April 2013, he spent a career of some 24 years with UBS, including, Head of Asian Equity Capital Markets, Head of Asian Investment Banking, Chief Executive of UBS Middle East and most recently Chairman of Global Capital Markets, Asia. Peter first came to Asia in 1994 to work on a large financing in Indonesia. He settled in Hong Kong in 1996 where, apart from three and a half years in the Middle East, he has lived ever since. He has a long association with the region and has worked with a large number of Hong Kong and Hong Kong based corporate and Government entities.

He is a graduate of Oxford University and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. Peter, who was born in India, is married with three daughters.

## **Pricing**

- Member: HK\$140
- Non-Member: HK\$250

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