

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for completing the survey from our previous newsletter. If you haven't had the chance yet, we encourage you to do so [here](#) - we're eager to hear your feedback.

Many of you expressed a desire for more updates on Current Affairs & Trade Insights, and we've listened! We've taken immediate steps to bring you the latest trends. Below this newsletter, you'll find a dedicated section for this, including:

- Current Affairs & Trade Insights
- An overview of our events
- News from our members

If you're interested in collaborating, want to learn more about how to be featured in our newsletters, or are excited to sponsor one of our signature events, such as the **ANZ Melbourne Cup**, the AustCham team looks forward to working with you.

I hope to see you all very soon.

Kind regards,

Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee will deliver his third annual policy address on Wednesday. He is expected to announce measures to boost the economy, especially for innovation and new industries – you can read AustCham's 2024 submission [here](#).
- China will restart imports of Australia's live rock lobster trade by the end of this year. **An agreement** was reached at a meeting held between Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Chinese Premier Li Qiang on the sidelines of last week's ASEAN summit, marking the end of more than four years of trade bans introduced by China. Albanese stated that the imports will restart in time for Chinese New Year celebrations and will boost export businesses in Australia.
- Hong Kong and the Mainland have amended the Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to facilitate easier expansion for Hong Kong businesses and service suppliers into the Greater Bay Area (GBA). This includes measures like "Hong Kong Law for Hong Kong Investment," which is expected to attract more foreign companies and professional service firms to use Hong Kong as a base for entering the mainland market. You can find out more [here](#).
- The 2025 schedule for the Australian Federal Parliament shows that the Australian Federal Budget for 2025-26 has been moved from its traditional early May slot to March 25. This adjustment could allow for a May election; while not listed on the sitting schedule, elections are usually called after the budget. You can read [here](#) for more information.

QUICK EVENT OVERVIEW

AUSTCHAM EVENTS

- THU 17 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Mix at Six: Networking Drinks](#)
- FRI 18 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Women in Business Network Executive Lunch](#)
- FRI 25 OCT | IN-PERSON | [GBA Spotlight: Shenzhen Trip with CAANZ](#)
- TUE 5 NOV | IN-PERSON | [ANZ Melbourne Cup Lunch](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (Members Only)

- WED 23 OCT | HYBRID | [AustCham People Forum Committee](#) - Meeting on Generative AI in the workplace
- THU 31 OCT | IN-PERSON | [Innovation & Technology Committee](#) - casual networking lunch
- TUE 12 NOV | HYBRID | [Finance, Legal & Tax Committee](#) - HKEX on IPOs and Peter Hutchins of property advisory firm Charter Keck Cramer

AUSTCHAM EVENTS THIS WEEK



Mix at Six Networking Drinks

Thursday
17 October 2024
Ashurst office, 43/F, Jardine House



Join us for our AustCham Networking Mix at Six hosted by our member Ashurst on Thursday 17 October from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Ashurst offices, 43/F, Jardine House, Connaught Place 1.

Expect a great night making valuable connections, expanding your professional network while connecting with old and new friends over drinks and nibbles.

Members can bring a guest at Member Price. **Tickets are selling quickly!**

Tickets include free flow refreshments and nibbles. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Register Here](#)



Women in Business Network

EXECUTIVE LUNCH

AustCham's Women in Business Network Proudly Sponsored by:



Join AustCham's Women in Business Network senior executives for a networking lunch at the Australian-led, Michelin-starred restaurant [Arcane](#).

This event offers an excellent opportunity for the Chamber's most senior and influential female business leaders to connect and expand their professional network in an elegant and relaxed atmosphere.

This event is open to female members and guests of the Chamber at a senior-executive level. Tickets include a three-course meal, tea/coffee and networking. Additional beverages, including wines, are available for purchase by the glass.

Almost sold out!

The [Women in Business Network](#) is proudly supported by [Ambition](#) and [Macquarie](#).

[About Arcane](#)

Multi-award winning chef, Shane Osborn, the first Australian Chef to achieve one and two Michelin stars at Pied-a-Terre in London, opened his solo venture, Arcane in Central, Hong Kong November 2014.

[Register Here](#)

COMING UP THIS MONTH



GBA SPOTLIGHT

SHENZHEN TRIP WITH CAANZ

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

Business Visits and Networking Lunch



Join AustCham to explore the dynamic Greater Bay Area for a one day visit to Shenzhen Friday 25th October.

Organised with CAANZ and AustCham's Innovation and Technology Committee this is the Chamber's first trip to the GBA for a number of years. Delegates will have an exclusive opportunity to visit benchmark companies and make business contacts with local business leaders. AustCham South China will also be joining us with their community!

Ticket options for the full-day tour are now sold out, but please consider joining us for the networking lunch at The Langham Shenzhen.

[Register Here](#)

SIGNATURE EVENT - DON'T MISS OUT!



2024 ANZ MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024
10AM - 3PM
THE MILLIONS, HAPPY VALLEY RACECOURSE

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The ANZ Melbourne Cup Lunch brings the excitement of Australia's iconic race to Hong Kong in a spectacular fashion. A unique blend of Australian tradition and Hong Kong flair, this event provides an exceptional opportunity for client hospitality and high-quality business networking.

Sponsorship opportunities including Premium Tables, Networking and Fashions on the Field are available [here](#).

Secure your table now at this once a year event! For all enquires, contact bookings@austcham.com.hk

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This event is brought to you by AustCham in partnership with The Australian Association of Hong Kong (OZHK) in celebration of their 70-year Anniversary.

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MEMBER NEWS

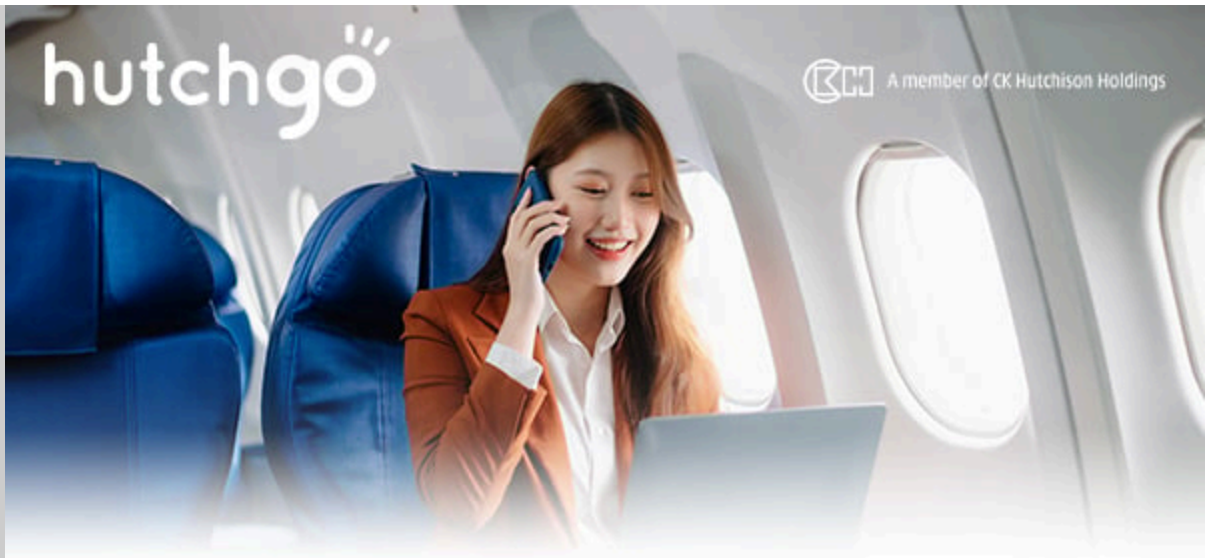


Colliers hosted the Colliers Leaders' Forum, which brought together some of the brightest minds in real estate and urban development. Titled **"Hong Kong's Future Accommodation Market: Capitalising on Demographic Shifts from the Land Supply and Investment Perspectives"**, the event welcomed Ms. Bernadette Linn, Secretary for Development, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, as keynote speaker. It was attended by more than 100 selected guests from urban planning, residential operators, investment, and academic sectors.

The Colliers Leaders' Forum featured two panel discussions that delved into Hong Kong's demographic changes and housing shortage. The first panel explored how Hong Kong can adapt its accommodation market to meet the needs of an ageing population, growing student numbers, and a new talent pool. It focused on leveraging private sector opportunities and government support to develop suitable housing for the mass affluent market. The second panel discussed the growing demand for senior living and student housing in Hong Kong, focusing on required amenities, investment and operational needs, and government support. It also explored strategies for attracting institutional investment, leveraging future land supply, and end-user engagements.

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