



Press Release

Appointment of Executive Director of the Financial Services Development Council

Hong Kong, 21 July 2020 - The Financial Services Development Council (FSDC) today announced the appointment of Dr Au King-lun as the Executive Director of the FSDC for a three-year term with effect from 4 August 2020.

The Chairman of the FSDC, Mr Laurence Li SC, commented, “I am delighted that Dr Au is taking up the Executive Director role. His extensive background in the financial services industry and his passion for public service would add impetus to the FSDC in engaging the industry and making policy recommendations to the Government.”

“Dr Au is actively involved in many aspects of the organisation’s operation as a Board Director. I look forward to continuing working with him to build on the FSDC’s policy research, market promotion and human capital development efforts with a view to strengthening and promoting Hong Kong’s competitiveness as an international financial centre.”

Dr Au said, “I am deeply honoured to be appointed and given the great opportunity to contribute towards the success of Hong Kong’s financial services industry.”

Dr Au brings a wealth of global experience, an excellent reputation and proven leadership track record in the financial services industry. Prior to joining the FSDC, he was President of Value Partners Group Limited. Dr Au also served as CEO of Eastspring Investments (Hong Kong) Limited and CEO of BOCHK Asset Management Limited. He also held various senior management positions at other financial institutions including Baring, GMO and HSBC Global Asset Management.



Dr Au was named CEO of the Year in Hong Kong by Asia Asset Management in 2012 and 2014. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by the HKSAR Government in 2008 for his valuable contributions to the securities and asset management industry. In addition, Dr Au was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute (HKSI) from 2006 to 2008 and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Investment Funds Association in 2004/2005.

Dr Au is currently serving as a Council member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Public Accountants and an Index Advisory Committee member of China Securities Index Co., Limited among other public services.

Dr Au is a CFA Charterholder and a Senior Fellow of HKSI. He received his BA in Physics from the University of Oxford and PhD in Theoretical Particle Physics from the University of Durham.

About the FSDC

The FSDC was established in 2013 by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government as a high-level, cross-sectoral advisory body to engage the industry in formulating proposals to promote the further development of the financial services industry of Hong Kong and to map out the strategic direction for the development.

The FSDC has been incorporated as a company limited by guarantee with effect from September 2018 to allow it to better discharge its functions through research, market promotion and human capital development with more flexibility.

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