

# **Press Release**

# Strategic Risk Institute (CSRI), Free World Investment (FWI) and Visual Artist Guild (VAG) Announce the Parallel APEC CEO Conference 2023 –

Assessing Business Risks in China & Hong Kong (ABC-HK)

San Francisco, CA – November 5, 2023

In the midst of heightened geopolitical tensions and shifting economic landscapes in China and Hong Kong, the ABC-HK - Assessing Business Risks in China and Hong Kong conference is set to take place on November 15, 2023, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. This crucial forum will be held within the same security zone of APEC CEO Summit 2023, providing a platform for business leaders to analyze the changing business dynamics and re-evaluate their investment strategies in China and Hong Kong.

Co-hosted by Free World Investment (FWI) and the China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI), the ABC-HK conference will explore the escalating investment and geopolitical risks that the business community is facing in China and Hong Kong following the implementation of the National Security Law.

The conference will convene esteemed speakers from academia, think tanks, and the private sector. These experts will guide attendees through the changing business landscapes, offering insights for navigating China and Hong Kong's complex investment terrain amid shifting global politics and domestic policies.

## **Conference Highlights:**

Date: November 15, 2023

**Venue:** San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103 (5-min walk from Moscone Center)



### **Panel Dicussions:**

## • Panel I: Investment Risks in China and Hong Kong

John Morrell – Regional Director, Asia & The Pacific, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Eric Hontz – Director, Center of Accountable Investment, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Prof. Chenggang Xu – Senior Research Scholar, Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions / Visiting Professor, Imperial College London

Andrew Yeh – Deputy Director, China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)

## • Panel II: The Future of Hong Kong as Asia's Financial Hub

Fred McMahon – Resident Fellow, Fraser Institute

Edward Chin – Hedge Fund Manager from Hong Kong

Ann Lau - Visual Artists Guild

Andrew Yeh – Deputy Director, China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)

## • Panel III: Business Responses to Developments in China and Hong Kong

Daniel Wong – Co-Founder, Free World Investment (FWI)

Dr. Richard Rikoski – Chief Economist, Democracy Investments

More Coming Soon



### Who Should Attend:

ABC-HK welcomes stakeholders across the spectrum – from corporate leaders to investors, policymakers to scholars – who are committed to understanding the shifting geopolitical dynamics and business environment in China and Hong Kong.

## **Registration Information:**

To secure your participation, please visit our official website: <u>www.abc-hk.org</u>

## **About China Strategic Risks Institute:**

<u>China Strategic Risks Institute (CSRI)</u> is an independent, non-partisan global policy think tank addressing the challenges posed by the rise of the People's Republic of China across economics, security and technology.

#### **About Free World Investment:**

<u>Free World Investment (FWI)</u> is an asset management firm that integrates wealth management with human rights and democracy.

### **About Visual Artist Guild:**

Established in 1985, <u>Visual Artist Guild (VAG)</u> is a non-profit organization that promotes freedom and democracy.

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