



In-Person Seminar: Way forward for Hongkongers with expected monthly retirement income just one third of current level

The ageing population is a global megatrend that cannot be ignored. By 2030 one in six people globally will be 60+, and 60% of 65+ are expected to be in Asia. This fireside chat brings together retirement experts from industry and academia to discuss diverse demographic challenges across Asia, zooming into the retirement savings gap in Hong Kong, as well as implications of the evolving family structure and gender differences have on retirement planning. The seminar will also highlight the opportunities and solutions people in Hong Kong and across Asia can and should consider for more proper retirement planning.

Speakers & Moderator



Prof. LOU Vivian W. Q.



Mr. Elvin THARM



Ms. Danielle JOHNSEN

Event Details

Date & Time: 23 March 2023 (Thursday) 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

- On-site registration begins at 4pm
- **Drinks and refreshments will be served at 6pm**

Venue: The Accenture Office, 2/F, One Island East, Taikoo Place, 18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay

Registration: [Register now](#) or by scanning QR code

- Seats are limited and is on a first come first served basis
- **Premier Sponsors are eligible for 2 complimentary tickets**

Language: English

Fee: Member HKD350 | Non member HKD500

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Event Programme

16:00 – 16:30	Registration
16:30 – 16:40	Opening Remarks Mr. Carl WONG Head of Media Relations and Social, Asia Manulife Investment Management
16:40 – 17:40	Panel Discussion: Speakers: Prof. LOU Vivian W. Q. Professor, Department of Social Work & Social Administration The University of Hong Kong Mr. Elvin THARM Senior Managing Director, Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy & Transformation, Asia Retirement Manulife Investment Management Moderator: Ms. Danielle JOHNSEN Senior Manager, Accenture Song
17:40 – 17:55	Q&A Session
17:55 – 18:00	Closing Remarks Mr. Alfred LEE Chairman of Business Strategy Sub-committee, HKRSA
18:00 – 18:30	Networking *Light refreshment will be served*

Opening Remarks



Mr. Carl WONG
Head of Media Relations and Social, Asia
Manulife Investment Management

Carl Wong oversees the communications function for Manulife Investment Management in Asia, covering both external and internal communications. His areas of responsibility include corporate positioning, brand building, investment capabilities and product publicity, issue and crisis management, as well as staff engagement. On external communications front, in addition to traditional local and regional media, Carl also looks after content marketing for the company's official social media platforms in Asia.

Carl has about 25 years of experience in communications spanning both consultancy and corporate capacities. Prior to joining Manulife in 2016, Carl was Deputy Director of Communications at Sun Hung Kai Properties specializing in media relations and issue and crisis management. Earlier in his career, Carl has plied his trade with global public relations firms Ketchum and Fleishman-Hillard, leading key client relationships from the banking and finance, technology, real estate industries, as well as the public sector.

Panel Speakers



Prof. LOU Vivian W.Q.

Professor, Department of Social Work & Social Administration
The University of Hong Kong

Professor Lou Vivian W. Q. is the Director of Sau Po Centre on Ageing, and Professor at Department of Social Work & Social Administration at The University of Hong Kong. Her research interests focus on family gerontology, in particular family caregiving for dementia, stroke, end-of-life older adults, and social adaptation and mental health of Chinese older adults and family caregivers. She has committed to cross-sector collaboration with community partners, social enterprises, and the market. Prof. Lou has been appointed as a member of Statistics Advisory Board, Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, Senior Police Call Central Advisory Board, and Elderly Academy Development Foundation of the HKSAR Government. She is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and a Council member of Hong Kong Association of Gerontology and Consortium of Institutes of Family Limited (CIFA). Recently, Professor Lou is recognized as Healthy Ageing 50 leaders transforming the world to be a better place in which to grow older in 2022 and Woman Change Maker in STEM in 2023.



Mr. Elvin THARM

Senior Managing Director,
Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy & Transformation, Asia Retirement
Manulife Investment Management

Elvin Tharm is currently Senior Managing Director, Head of Retirement Proposition, Strategy and Transformation, Asia Retirement of Manulife Investment Management. He is responsible for creating the strategic vision for the retirement business across the Asia markets, leading the design and development of country-level retirement business propositions across products, investment platforms, distribution channels, and digital solutions.

Prior to joining Manulife, Elvin was the Head of Business Development and Client Relationship for Mercer Hong Kong's Wealth business. He was responsible for bringing together pensions and investment solutions for institutional investors (pension funds, insurance companies, endowment funds, MNC firms) and wealth management intermediaries (banks, private banks, investment funds platforms) in Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau and Taiwan.

Before that, Elvin held several senior positions with Principal Financial Group in Hong Kong and prior to that, a consultant with Towers Watson in Los Angeles, California and subsequently in China covering Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen and Guangzhou.

Elvin graduated from the University of Iowa with a master's degree in Actuarial Science and the Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong.

He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Business and Strategy Sub-committee Member and a Taskforce member of the Cross Straits Pension Forum of the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association (HKRSA). He is also a member of the eMPF Tech Committee of the Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia (IFTA).

Moderator



Ms. Danielle Johnsen

Senior Manager, Accenture Song

Danielle Johnsen is a Senior Manager from Accenture Song. She is part of the Delivery practice where she leads agile teams to build transformative digital products and platforms. She is passionate about people and is the Co-Chair for Accenture Hong Kong's I&D group and the Lead for the Gender pillar. She actively takes part in the wider HK community through gender-focused initiatives - having taken part in The Women's Foundation, Girls Go Tech and Amber Foundation mentorship programmes.

Closing Remarks:



Mr. Alfred LEE

Chairman of Business Strategy Sub-committee, HKRSA

Alfred Lee is the Managing Director and Head of Institutional Business, North Asia ex-China of Amundi Hong Kong.

He is responsible for the Institutional Business development in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong across all the investment strategies.

Alfred joined Amundi Hong Kong in 2018 as Director, Head of Institutional Business, Hong Kong & Macau. Before joining Amundi, Alfred was the Head of Institutional Business Development for PineBridge in Hong Kong, Macau and Philippines. He started his career at BlackRock in 2009 as an analyst in the institutional client service team to cover the Asia ex-Japan region before being responsible for the business development in Hong Kong, Macau and Philippines.

Alfred graduated from the University of Hong Kong, with honors, in Economics and Finance. Alfred is also a Chartered Financial Risk Manager.