

## HKVCA Luncheon Talk – 19 April, 2018

### Identifying Off-balance Sheet Red-flags: Pre-Transaction and Post-investment

#### Speakers' bios



**Stuart Witchell**

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Stuart Witchell is a Managing Director in BRG's Global Investigations and Strategic Intelligence practice. He is responsible for directing BRG's business and operations in Asia-Pacific. His role at BRG requires him to manage investigative, business intelligence and risk mitigation consulting assignments on behalf of major companies doing business in the Asian region and globally.

Mr. Witchell has over 25 years of experience in the field of business intelligence, investigations, bribery and corruption, asset searching and litigation. His assignments have included non-financial due diligence investigations for foreign companies considering investment in Asia; major fraud investigations in the PRC and the Asia-Pacific region; business intelligence assignments; and crisis management projects. He has led many investigations and reviews into suspected accounting irregularities, bribery and corruption issues and misconduct on behalf of regulators and corporates operating in Asia-Pacific, including supporting the special audit committees on a number of Chinese listed firms which have been the target of short-seller action.

Mr. Witchell has been involved in investigation work throughout his career, conducting sensitive investigations in the Asian region and the former Soviet Bloc, including 17 years as a diplomat in the British Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



**Ben Yeung**

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Ben Yeung is the Head of Strategy and Business Intelligence, Asia-Pacific and a Director in the Global Investigations + Strategic Intelligence Practice of BRG. He is based in Hong Kong.

Mr. Yeung has extensive experience managing business intelligence projects on behalf of major international investment banks and global law firms, as well as public and private corporations. These confidential assignments have included information-gathering exercises in support of investment and business decision-making, in-depth reputational due diligence, corporate and fraud investigations, asset searching, corruption and bribery issues, and other fact-finding studies. He has also worked on a large number of projects looking into suspected business irregularities. Before joining BRG, he was a managing director at a global consulting firm, specializing in business intelligence, risk management and investigations.

Whilst much of Mr. Yeung's work has been Greater China focused, he also has experience in managing projects in jurisdictions including the US, the UK, Australia, India, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Myanmar, where he has worked on numerous occasions.

Mr. Yeung has a Ph.D. in politics, an M.A. in international relations, and a B.A. in war studies and history. His doctoral thesis examined the concept of economic security and policymaking in China.

Mr. Yeung is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.