

## **Mr Martin Sabine**

**Mr Martin Sabine** was born in 1948 in the United Kingdom. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in classics from the University of Oxford in July 1969. He was awarded a Thouron Scholarship to attend the Wharton Graduate School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania in that year. He received a Master's Degree in Business Administration and was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma honour society in April 1971.

After graduation from Wharton, Mr. Sabine worked in the Treasurer's Department of Exxon in London and subsequently for a London-based merchant bank before coming to Hong Kong in 1977 to join HSBC. He worked in the corporate finance department of Wardley Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC, until the end of 1983, latterly as a director. At the beginning of 1984, he set up the Somerley group.

Since that time, Somerley has developed into one of the most active firms in the corporate finance advisory field in Hong Kong. Mr. Sabine has acted as a Responsible Officer in respect of Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) licences from the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") and since October 2013 as a Principal in relation to Hong Kong IPOs.

Somerley Capital Holdings Limited ("SCHL"), of which Mr. Sabine is Chairman and controlling shareholder, was listed on the GEM board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 8439) in March 2017.

In December 2018, SCHL became a 74.8% shareholder of Environmental Investment Services Asia Limited ("EISAL"), holder of Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) licences from the SFC, specialising in 'green' investment. Mr. Sabine is a director of EISAL.

Mr Sabine has given numerous seminars on corporate finance topics and written a book published by Lexis Nexis entitled Corporate Finance: Flotations, Equity Issues and Acquisitions, which is in its 3rd edition and has been translated into Chinese, Italian and Spanish. Mr. Sabine is a member of the Takeovers and Mergers Panel of Hong Kong, a member of the Main Board and GEM Listing Review Committees of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and a fellow of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute.