

The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute

Dialogue between the Board and Company Secretaries/ Governance Professionals

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Speaker:

Mr Gilbert Ho

Mr Gilbert Ho is the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of NWS Holdings Limited.

Mr Ho, aged 46, has been serving as Executive Director since July 2018 and was appointed as Chief Operating Officer in February 2022. He is a member of the Executive Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Sustainability Committee of the Company. Joining the Company in January 2018, he is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Group and is responsible for overseeing the business development and merger and acquisition affairs, and certain businesses of the Group. Mr Ho has extensive experience in the area of corporate management, investments, corporate finance, merger and acquisition transactions and international brand and retail management.

Prior to joining the Group, Mr Ho was a director and/or senior executive in several Hong Kong listed public companies. He was the senior investment director of New World Development Company Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, and an executive director of New World Strategic Investment Limited. He was also a partner of an international law firm Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. Mr Ho is an independent non-executive director of Asia Allied Infrastructure Holdings Limited and Kam Hing International Holdings Limited, and a non-executive director of Shoucheng Holdings Limited and Wai Kee Holdings Limited, all being listed public companies in Hong Kong. He was an independent non-executive director of Hailiang International Holdings Limited (resigned on 1 September 2020), a listed public company in Hong Kong.

Mr Ho is the Deputy Chairman of the Greater Bay Area Committee of CPA Australia, a member of the China Committee of Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the General Committee of The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies, a standing committee member of the Youth Federation of Inner Mongolia and the Vice Chairman of Inner Mongolia & Hong Kong Youth Exchange Association. He was a committee member of the Industry Advisory Committee of Insurance Authority from June 2020 to May 2022 and a committee member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Shenyang from December 2007 to December 2021.

Mr Ho holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Sydney, Australia and was admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales, Australia and England and Wales and as a solicitor and barrister in the High Court of Australia. He is also a fellow member of CPA Australia.