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- Member of Global Network Leadership Team
- Asia Pacific Chairman
- China Executive Chairman

In China, Mr. Yang is currently serving as a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He is an International Senior Economic Consultant to the Shaanxi Provincial People's Government and an Honorary Financial Advisor to the Shantou University Council.

In Hong Kong, Mr. Yang is a Justice of the Peace. He served as the Treasurer and a Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of The Community Chest of Hong Kong from 2006 to 2012 and 2013 to 2015. He is now a Vice Patron of the Community Chest of Hong Kong. He is a Steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. He is a Member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Council of the Open University of Hong Kong. He is also a Board Member and the Audit Committee Chairman of the Hang Seng Management College. He is an Independent Non-executive Director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited. He is an Independent Non-executive Director of Tencent Holdings Ltd.

Mr. Yang retired from PwC on 30 June 2015. Before his retirement, Mr. Yang served as one of the five members of the Global Network Leadership Team of PwC (2009-2015) and was the Asia Pacific Chairman and the Executive Chairman of PwC China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan (2001-2015).

Mr. Yang graduated from the London School of Economics in 1978. After graduating, he stayed and worked in London to qualify as a Chartered Accountant and returned to Hong Kong joining Price Waterhouse in 1983. He became a partner in 1989.

In 2001, Mr. Yang was elected to become the Chairman and Senior Partner of PwC Hong Kong. A year later, he led the combination of PwC Hong Kong and PwC China and became the Executive Chairman and Senior Partner of PwC in Hong Kong and China in 2002. In the same year, owing to the Enron saga in the USA which affected the international accounting firm, Arthur Andersen & Co. ("Andersen"), he took the opportunity and acquired the Andersen practices in Hong Kong and China. The merger of PwC in Hong Kong and China and the acquisition of the Andersen practices in Hong Kong and China in 2002 made PwC the largest professional services firm amongst the big 4 accounting firms in Hong Kong and China, a position it still holds today. From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Yang further led the combinations of PwC China and Hong Kong with PwC Singapore and PwC Taiwan.

In his early years as a partner, Mr. Yang was actively involved with Price Waterhouse's initiatives to establish a strong presence in China. In January 1993, he moved to Shanghai to set up the founding joint venture between Price Waterhouse and the local Da Hua accounting firm. He acted as the Legal Representative and Founding Managing Partner of the Price Waterhouse Da Hua JV Firm in Shanghai which launched PW's - later PwC's - expansion in China. At the time of Mr. Yang's retirement in 2015, the China firm has over 10,000 staff members serving in 18 offices. During his three years in Shanghai, Mr. Yang's primary focus was advising multinational corporations looking to invest in China and assisting PRC corporations with their listings on the Shanghai and Hong Kong stock exchanges. On his return to Hong Kong in late 1995, he continued to provide business advisory services to a broad range of large corporations in Hong Kong, China and overseas in areas including assurance, due diligence and initial public offerings.

Mr. Yang is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.