



**A DISCUSSION FORUM IN CONNECTION WITH THE RGC PROJECT:
Enhancing Hong Kong's Future
as a Leading International Financial Centre**

CHAIRER BY: Prof. David C. Donald

The Trust Structure as Investment Vehicle

Tuesday 8 October 2013, 12:30pm – 2:00pm

LTL, The CUHK Graduate Law Centre, 2/F Bank of America Tower, 12 Harecourt Rd, Central, Hong Kong

Speakers:

- **Prof. Dr. Francesco A. Schurr**, *University of Liechtenstein*
Business Trusts in Liechtenstein and similar jurisdictions - a comparative analysis
- **Mr. Hubert Chak**, *Director (Finance), The Link REIT*
The development of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) in Hong Kong and the impact of the growth of retail market on retail focused REITs

Abstract:

An important aspect of any financial centre is the selection of vehicles through which investment can be made. In this Project Forum, Prof. Francesco Schurr and Mr. Hubert Chak will undertake a comparative analysis of the business trust and the real estate investment trust as channels for investment on international financial markets.

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About the Speakers:



Prof. Dr. Francesco A. Schurr, *University of Liechtenstein*

Francesco A. Schurr is a Professor of Law and head of the Chair for Company, Foundation and Trust Law at the Institute for Financial Services, as well as Program Director of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Company, Foundation, and Trust Law (www.uni.li/llm-gesellschaftsrecht) at the University of Liechtenstein.

Francesco is the Academic Director of the Liechtenstein Annual Convention on Foundation Law (www.uni.li/stiftungsrechtstag) as well as the Liechtenstein Annual Convention on Trust Law (www.uni.li/trustlaw) at the University of Liechtenstein.

Previously Francesco was Professor for Private Law and Comparative Law at the Law School of the University of Innsbruck/Austria and Deputy Director of the Department of Italian Law.

After completing his law studies at the Universities of Regensburg, Saarbrücken and Perugia he was admitted to the bar in Italy and Germany and obtained his PhD summa cum laude as well as his Habilitation from the University of Innsbruck.

Francesco has published numerous articles and books on Consumer Protection Law, Law of Foundations, Trust Law, Contracts and European Private Law.

He had numerous visiting and adjunct professorships including those at the University of Padova/Italy, the Free University of Bolzano/Italy, the Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia, the University of Bucharest/Romania as well as the Victoria University of Wellington/New Zealand.



Mr. Hubert Chak, *Director (Finance), The Link REIT*

Mr. Chak oversees the finance, capital markets and investor relations functions of The Link REIT. He is one of the responsible officers of the Manager for the purpose of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Mr. Chak joined the Manager in June 2010. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Wales (now known as Cardiff University). Before joining the Manager, he was the Group Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director of CSI Properties Limited. Mr. Chak held various senior management positions at PCCW Limited between 1999 and 2007 and was an executive director of Pacific Century Premium Developments Limited until February 2007. He is currently an independent non-executive director of Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited and a member of the Financial and Treasury Services Committee of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

