

AESC Announces 2019 Representatives from Leading Executive Search and Leadership Consulting Firms to its Council of Asia Pacific and the Middle East

AESC, the global association representing quality standards in the executive search and leadership consulting profession, today announced new appointments to the [AESC Council of Asia Pacific and the Middle East](#), which consists of elected officers from AESC Member executive search and leadership advisory firms from across the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions.

Nobi Kaneko, President of Kaneko & Associates and based in Tokyo, will serve as Council Chair. **Louisa Wong**, Executive Chair of Global Sage and based in Hong Kong, will serve as Council Vice-Chair, while **James Young**, Managing Partner at Morgan Young and based in Sydney, will serve as Council Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition, AESC would like to welcome the following new members to its Council of Asia Pacific and the Middle East: **Alison Gaines**, Chair of Regional Nominations & Governance and CEO at Gerard Daniels, based in Perth; **Darryl Mills**, Head of Research at Hattonneale and based in Sydney; **Cesar Ginete**, Partner & Philippines Country Manager at The People at Work and based in Manila; **K Sudarshan**, Managing Partner, India & Regional VP at EMA Partners International and based in Mumbai; **Phillip Osborne**, Managing Director, Asia Pacific at Kincannon & Reed and based in Sydney; **Neil Morrison**, Partner & Founder at Stones International/IIC Partners and based in Hong Kong.

Nobi Kaneko, AESC Asia Pacific and the Middle East Council Chair, commented: “As AESC celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, we are proud of the rigorous commitment to the quality standards AESC represents, not only in the Asia Pacific and the Middle East but throughout the world. I look forward to working with my fellow Council members and the AESC Global Board of Directors to ensure we pave the way for the next 60 years of excellence in this profession.”

Karen Greenbaum, AESC President and CEO, commented: “I would like to thank our Councils for their local market insights and commitment to ensuring our association represents the very best in the profession. Our Councils play a critical role in combining regional expertise with global innovation on behalf of our association, ensuring clients—no matter where in the world—receive exceptional quality and results when working with an AESC Member.”

The complete 2019 AESC Council of Asia Pacific and the Middle East includes:

- **Nobi Kaneko**, Kaneko & Associates, **Chair** – Tokyo
- **Louisa Wong**, Global Sage, **Vice Chair** – Hong Kong
- **James Young**, Morgan Young, **Secretary and Treasurer** – Sydney
- **Karen Greenbaum**, AESC, **Ex-officio** – New York
- **Sonal Agrawal**, Accord | India/AltoPartners – Mumbai
- **Catherine Andersen**, Omera Partners – Sydney
- **Nairouz Bader**, The Envision Partnership/IIC Partners – Dubai
- **Charles Bien**, Signium – Hong Kong
- **Mark Braithwaite**, Odgers Berndtson – Shanghai
- **Uday Chawla**, TRANSEARCH, **Co-Chair, India** – New Delhi
- **Jacinda Davies**, Fisher Leadership – Melbourne
- **Fabrice Desmarescaux**, Eric Salmon & Partners, **Chair, ASEAN** – Singapore
- **Malcolm Duncan**, The Insight Group – Sydney
- **Alison Gaines**, Gerard Daniels, **Chair, Regional Nominations & Governance** – Perth
- **Cesar Ginete**, The People at Work – Manila
- **Thomas Hofer**, Hofer Tan & Partners – Singapore
- **Stephen Leavy**, Hobson Leavy Executive Search/Panorama Search, Chair, **New Zealand** – Auckland
- **Allan Marks**, Boyden – Sydney
- **Stephen McAlinden**, Heidrick & Struggles, **Chair, Hong Kong** – Hong Kong
- **Darryl Mills**, Hattonneale – Sydney
- **Neil Morrison**, Stones International/IIC Partners – Hong Kong
- **Phillip Osborne**, Kincannon & Reed – Sydney
- **Sonia Pechner**, Academic Search International – Auckland

- **Shane Phillips**, The Phillips Group – Dubai
- **Sachin Rajan**, Russell Reynolds Associates – Mumbai
- **Ramgopal Rao**, Steinbach & Partner – Pune
- **K Sudarshan**, EMA Partners International – Mumbai
- **Mohamad Turk**, Rasd Executive Search, **Chair, Middle East** – Dubai
- **Atul Vohra**, TRANSEARCH, **Co-Chair, India** – New Delhi
- **Simon Wan**, Cornerstone International – Shanghai
- **Jim Whittle**, RSR Partners, **Chair, Japan** – Tokyo
- **Amanda Williams**, Korn Ferry, **Chair, Australia** – Sydney
- **David Wu**, GMPTALENT International – Shanghai
- **Victoria Xiang**, Spencer Stuart, **Chair, China (excl. HK)** – Shanghai
- **Edwin Yeo**, Stanton Chase – Singapore

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