Candidate Motivation Letter

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Chapter: Shanghai
Position: Local Board Member

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I have been an active member of EUCCC since its early days in Shanghai, acting as the Construction Working Group's founding Chairman between 2003 and 2006, and then again from 2010-12. I was recently elected Chair of the Private Equity and Strategic M&A Working Group, and have been a Local Board Member over the last year.

Having helped the Chamber to represent Europe's construction industry and latterly its private equity and strategic M&A interests for so long, I am convinced of its effectiveness at promoting and protecting European business interests in China. I would be pleased to continue to continue to support the Chamber as a Local Board Member and lend it the benefit of my twelve years of experience of living and working in Shanghai, firstly in construction and then latterly in M&A advisory.

Furthermore, having worked in a multinational organization, in an SME and started my own business in Shanghai, I have a breadth of experience relevant to all our members.

Biography

A professionally qualified civil engineer, I have a degree in Engineering from Cambridge University and an MBA from INSEAD.

I first worked in Greater China in 1981 when I moved to Hong Kong for the design of its new airport. I have spent nearly my entire career in the region since, living and working in Hong Kong for 15 years and then moving to Shanghai in 2002.

I've had a varied career. Starting as a consulting engineer, I then moved into infrastructure financing and development. Moving to Shanghai I ran the local office of Gammon Construction (a joint venture between Balfour Beatty and Jardines), which I left after 4 years to start my own consulting business. I subsequently sold the business 3 years later to my current employer, Somerley, a British owned, Hong Kong headquartered boutique investment bank. There, I run its Shanghai office, advising on inbound and outbound M&A.