

Speaker Biography



Duncan Fitzgerald

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Duncan is a Financial Services Partner with PwC in Hong Kong with specialization in the areas of Corporate Governance, Internal Control Consulting, IT related controls work, Internal Audit and Regulatory Compliance. He has worked with numerous clients helping establish and/or review their Corporate Governance frameworks, risk management structures, internal audit functions and internal controls. Duncan also leads PwC's internal controls and governance teams that work on IPOs and ICOs. Issues that Duncan has advised clients on recently in Hong Kong include the assessment and implementation of controls required to comply with various Regulatory Compliance requirements including those related to the HKMA, SFC and other HKEx requirements. He has also advised on implementation of controls to address emerging international regulations. More recently, Duncan has also been advising clients on the Governance requirements and constitution documents applicable to ICOs and the related projects or platforms which are being designed and launched through ICO funding. He has also led reviews and implementations of enterprise wide Risk Management frameworks, the effectiveness of audit committees, the roles and responsibilities of management and board executive committees, and the use and setting up of remuneration and nomination committees.

Duncan is a regular speaker at conferences on risk management, corporate governance and internal audit.

Duncan is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is also a Certified Internal Auditor and a Governor of the Institute of Internal Auditors – Hong Kong Chapter.

Before moving to Hong Kong in 1996, Duncan worked for the firm in London.

Duncan's 29 years of professional services work also covers a spectrum of other accounting, audit and business advisory experience, including:

- Partner for various SFC and HKMA mandated regulatory compliance reviews
- Engagement partner for Third Party Assurance assignments at 2 International Prime Brokers
- Partner for significant Internal Audit work at a large US based Investment Bank, a large UK based commercial bank and an Asian Life and General Insurance Company
- IT controls partner for various investment banks and large insurance companies
- Member of the PwC HK/China/Singapore/Taiwan oversight Board of Partners since 1 July 2013
- Engagement leader for Corporate Governance and Internal Audit work at various HK Government Authorities and Financial Services Regulators

Education and History

Graduated from Warwick University July 1988 – 1st Class Honours degree

Fellow of the ICAEW (also member of Hong Kong Committee of ICAEW), Member of HKICPA, CIA (Institute of Internal Auditors) and member of HK Institute of Directors.