

An aerial photograph of Hong Kong, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings along the coast, with the Victoria Harbour in the center. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

Hong Kong, nuove opportunità per le aziende italiana. Presentazione dell'evento “Think Business, Think Hong Kong”

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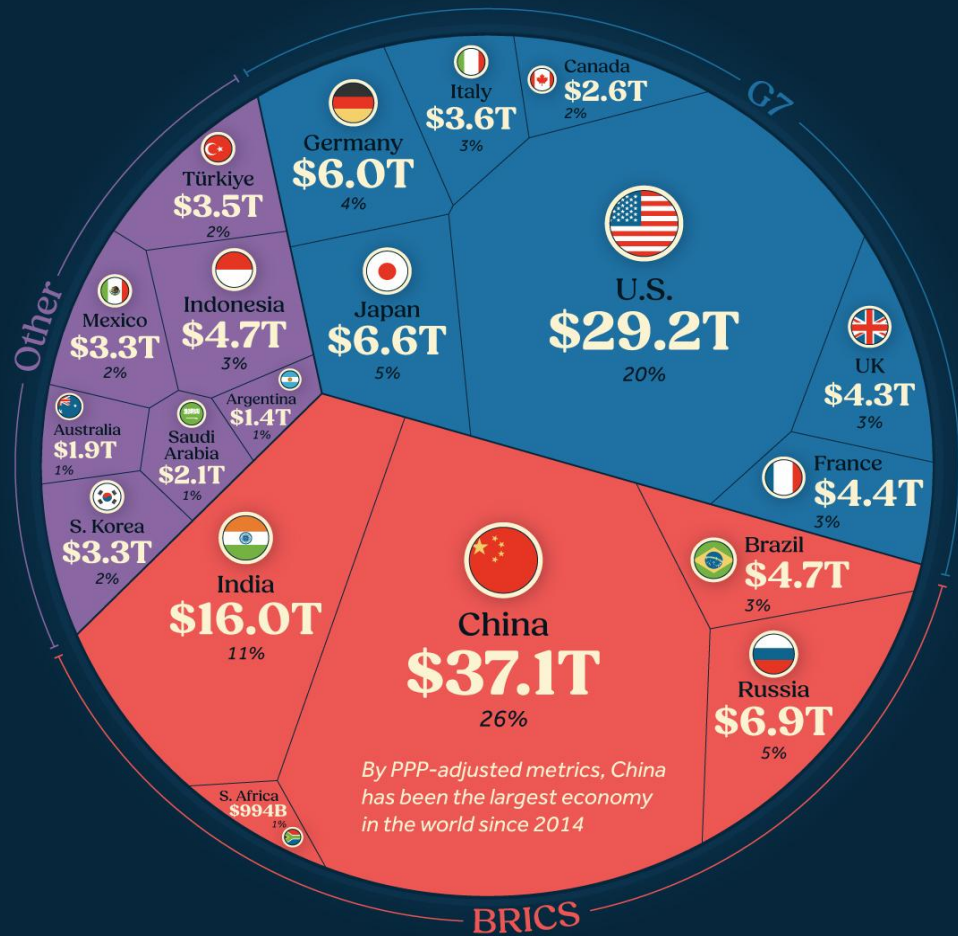
Hong Kong's Global Connectivity under the dynamic of International Order



G20 GDP

Purchasing power parity-adjusted GDP (2024) in International dollars

PPP-adjusted GDP measures a country's economic output based on local purchasing power, adjusting for differences in cost of living.



Asia: International growth

- World's backbone in supply chain resilience
- Allocation share of global assets
- Fast-growing consumption cluster of high and middle class, GenZ and millennial population
- Digital, lifestyle, culture, urban
- High adoption of tech and innovation

China Growth Beats Expectation in 2025

- **GDP +5.4% (Q1 2025)**
- **US\$4.4 Trillion**



Asia Opportunities: Strategic Gateway for Mainland China, Asia and the World



Hong Kong World-class business environment



- **1st international air cargo hub**
- **4th** busiest and most efficient seaports
- **9,960** multinational companies in Hong Kong
- 73 of the world's 100 largest banks operate in Hong Kong
- Market capitalisation: **€4 trillion AUM (2025)**
- **3rd / 5th** in the world for foreign direct investment
(UNCTAD: World Investment Report 2025)
- **2 700+** Single Family Offices, **12,545** UHNWIs (Asia's 1st)
- 2/3 of mainland China's inward & outward investment is through Hong Kong (China's Ministry of Commerce)

Hong Kong The 2025 “coming back”

- GDP growth: +3.1%
- Freest economy in the world
- Global Innovation Cluster: 2nd -> 1st
- Global Competitiveness Ranking: 7th -> 3rd
- Global Financial Centre: 3rd with a narrowing gap to London
- Trade resilience: 10th -> 8th top merchandise trading partner
- +10.9% in export (Jan-Aug 2025)
- Energised IPO market (1st in 2025*)
- Top Global Wealth Management Centre
- Bank deposit: around 2.4 trillion HKD (+8%)
- Inflation: 1.4%
- 230K talents moved to Hong Kong
- ~45M inbound visitors (2025*, +12%, +16%)

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The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area

- Huge consumer market, **dual circulation economy**, trendsetting lifestyle
- Gateway for China's “**New Quality Productive Force**”
- Prototyping and R&D powerhouse
- Tech IP and professional services
- International collaboration



HKTDC New Initiatives

- **Deepen international exchange and cooperation**
- **Connect business opportunities related to Hong Kong's development in**
 - 1) life and health tech industry**
 - 2) AI and data science**
 - 3) Green cooperation**
- **“Economic and Trade Express” programme to support HKSMEs to grow in Europe**
- **Taskforce on supporting mainland enterprises in Hong Kong to go global**
- **HKTDC E-Commerce Express**

The Northern Metropolis

Accelerate the development of Hong Kong's Innovation Hub leveraging on the city's international connectivity and synergy with Shenzhen



Vibrant Ecosystem in Life Sciences



- **Lead in life sciences research**
- **Dynamic innovation ecosystem**
- **HK\$10 billion: research, academia and industry to accelerate research transformation, and development outcomes**
- **Clinical trial Centre**

Clinical medical research

- Policies to promote “cross-border” cooperation in the GBA where Hong Kong plays unique and strategic role
- Data from Hong Kong clinical trials recognized for drug registration purposes by the FDA, EMA, and NMPA
- Several medical institutions in Hong Kong can accept the order for medication registration
- An ideal test base for global clinical technologies before being adopted in other GBA cities



InnoHK: International Research Centers

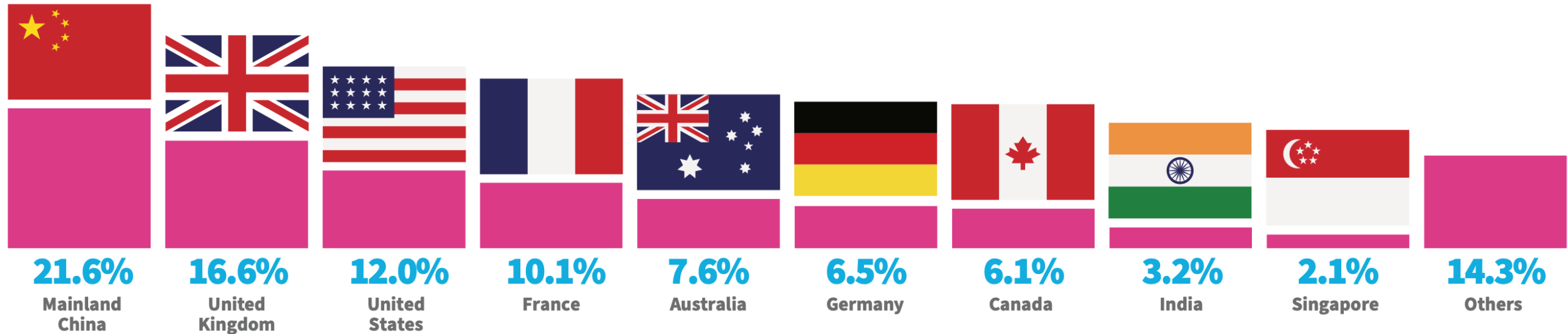
- **Hong Kong Centre for Brain and Cardiovascular Health Engineering**
Hong Kong Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases
- **Synthetic Chemistry and Chemical Biology Laboratory**
- **New Diagnostics Center**
- **I-Microbiota Center**
- **Center for Advanced Biomedical Instrumentation**
- **Centre for Immunology and Infection**
- **Centre for Virology, Vaccinology and Therapeutics**
- **Eye and Vision Research Center**
- **Chinese Herbal Drug Development Center**
- **Center for Regenerative Medicine and Health**



Hong Kong Continues to Attract the World

Major origin countries/ territories of non-local founders

While 68% of the startup founders who provided origin information were Hong Kong locals and 6% were Hong Kong returnees, 26% of the startup founders were non-locals. Mainland China continued to have the largest share this year, followed by the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Australia.





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Think Business, Think Hong Kong - Programme Overview

TBTHK Symposium at Palazzo Mezzanotte			
	Main Forum / Breakout Room 1	Breakout Room 2	Throughout the Symposium
08:45 – 09:30	Registration and Networking, VIP Photo-taking		• Business Support Zone with Hong Kong Service Providers
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Session		
10:00 – 11:20	Plenary Session		
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee Break		• Business Matching Meetings • InnoVenture Salon • Missions
11:40 – 13:00	Thematic Session 1 Finance / Investment	Thematic Session 2 Innovation & Technology	
13:00 – 14:15	Networking Luncheon		
14:30 – 15:50	Thematic Session 3 Supply Chain Management	Thematic Session 4 Creative Industries & Brands	
Hong Kong Dinner			
19:00 - 22:00	Hong Kong Dinner (by invitation only)		

Speakers for Opening Session

Welcome Remarks



Professor Frederick Ma, GBS, JP
Chairman
Hong Kong Trade Development Council
(confirmed)

Opening Remarks



The Hon Chan Mo-po, Paul. GBM, GBS, MH, JP
Financial Secretary
The Government of the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region of the People's Republic of
China
(confirmed)

Proposed Speakers for Plenary Session

Plenary Session: Think Business, Think Hong Kong

Confirmed Panel Chair

HK



Mr Jebsen, Hans Michael B.B.S.
Chairman, The Hong Kong-Europe
Business Council
Chairman, Jebsen Group

Confirmed Speakers

HK



Ms Bonnie Chan
Chief Executive Officer,
Hong Kong Exchanges
and Clearing Limited

HK

JUSTIN CHOW & DE BEDIN



Mr Claudio de Bedin
Partner, Justin Chow & de
Bedin Solicitors LLP

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Confirmed Speakers

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Insilico
Medicine

HK



Dr Alex Zhavoronkov
Founder and CEO
Insilico Medicine

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西九文化區



**The Honourable Bernard
Charnwut CHAN,
GBM, GBS, JP**
Vice Chairman, West Kowloon
Cultural District Authority
(WKCDA); Board
Member, Board of West Kowloon
Cultural District Foundation
Limited

Proposed Thematic Breakout Sessions

Trade Finance and CargoX

Co-organiser:



HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
香港金融管理局



Hong Kong's Strengths in Supply Chain Development

Co-organiser:

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Innovation & Technology / Green Tech / Smart City / Smart Manufacturing

Potential

Co-organiser(s):



Co-designing Success: Creative Collaboration Between Italy and Hong Kong

Potential

Co-organiser(s):



HKDA
香港設計師協會



Confirmed Hong Kong Partners



HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION
香港大律師公會



Hong Kong Environmental
Industry Association
香港環保產業協會



Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
香港總商會 1861



HKGFA
香港綠色金融協會
Hong Kong Green Finance Association



Hong Kong Institute of
Certified Public Accountants
香港會計師公會



Hong Kong International
Arbitration Centre



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生產力局



Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association
—— 香港創業及私募投資協會 ——
The Association for Private Capital in Asia

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The Chinese Manufacturers'
Association of Hong Kong



HKGBC
香港綠色建築議會

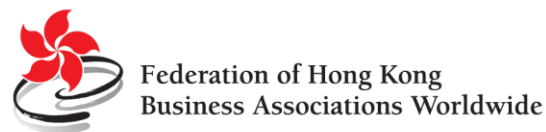


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Confirmed Supporting Organizations



Potential Missions

Food and
Wine

Innovation
and
Technology

Creative and
Design

Professional
Service

Potential Partners



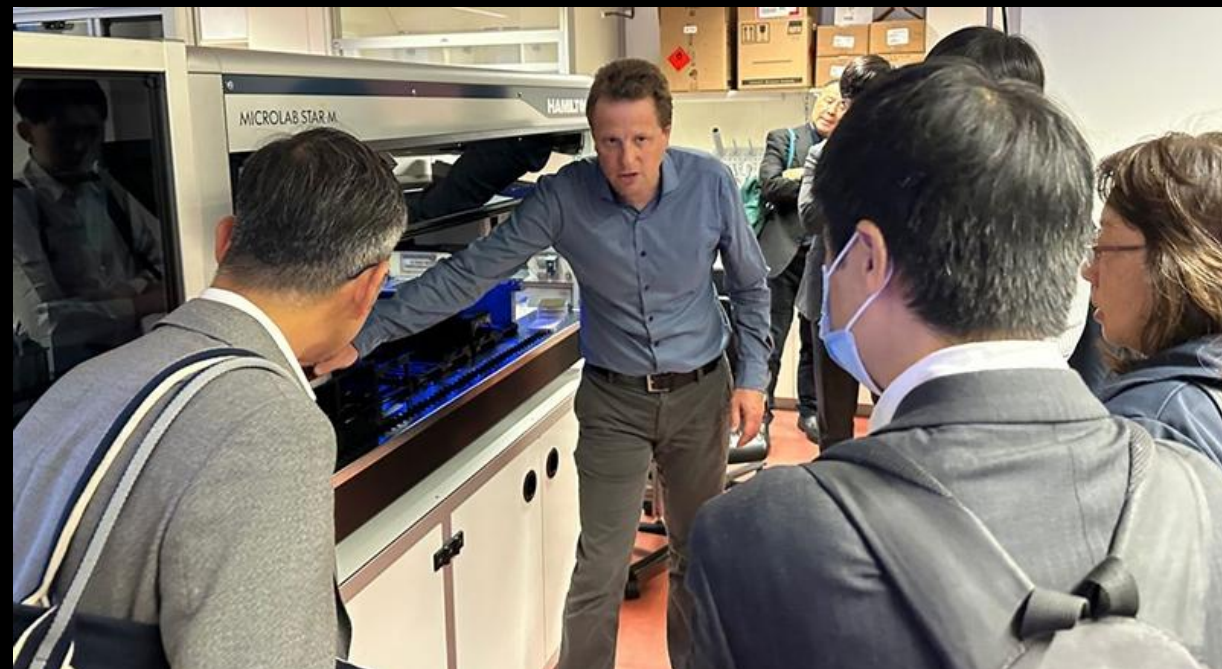
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Hong Kong Delegation to Italy



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