Mr. Guneet BANGA
Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Parinama Ventures
General Partner, Aera VC
Executive Director, The Caravel Group

Biography
Mr Guneet Banga is an Executive Director at The Caravel Group, a position he has held since founding the company with his father and brother. Guneet has over the last 6 years, significantly increased the company’s presence and involvement in sustainability, climate change and impact investing. 

Currently, Guneet heads Caravel Sustainable Investments (CSI), under which all the Groups public and private investments in the sustainable, impact, ESG and climate change focused are held. CSI makes investments in public markets, through equities, ETFs, thematic baskets and fixed income via green and blue bond baskets and single issuer instruments. Within CSI, there are also distinct private investment entities, which are part of the Group, but are operated by professional investors.

In September, Guneet co-founded Parinama, an Indian entity which is focused solely on solving issues around climate change and the environment as they exist in India, and then scaling and syndicating solutions to other developing countries who face similar problems. Parinama is a key entity in the Indian Climate Impact Investing Tech Ecosystem (ICIITE) which was formally announced publicly in November, but groundwork for this first of a kind, and only such ecosystem in existence had been ongoing for the last several years. In conjunction with this, Guneet has been appointed to the Indian Governments Climate Task Force, which is the central entity for climate investment strategy, assessment, policy formation and investments.

Guneet is also a GP and LP in Aera VC, a Singapore registered private investment firm. Aera is an early-growth fund that invests in deep tech ventures that accelerate the world towards a sustainable future, Aera VC defines its purpose as “investing today for a better world tomorrow.” Aera VC is a portfolio company of CSI.
Guneet is a World Economic Forum Impact Circle member, and sits on the Board of the Sustainable Finance Initiative in Hong Kong. He also serves on numerous Working Groups at both The Impact and the Global Impact Investing Network. Separate from his professional roles, Guneet devotes his time as a member of the Board for the Zubin Foundation, a Hong Kong-based think tank and charity committed to improving the lives of Hong Kong’s ethnic minority community.

Prior to establishing The Caravel Group with his family, Guneet was a Vice President in the Capital Markets Origination division with Citi, where he was responsible for primary equity and equity-linked origination and execution from India, Korea and Southeast Asia markets.

Guneet received an AB in Economics and a Certificate in East Asian Studies and Finance from Princeton University and an MBA in Finance and Strategic Management from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. He has also received his GRI Certification, PRI Certification, completed the ESG Specialization Program from the Corporate Finance Initiative, and has completed numerous certifications in ESG, Impact and Sustainability from institutions including Cambridge, Harvard, Stanford and Wharton.
Mr. Alexander BENT
Co-founder and Managing Partner, Undivided Ventures

Biography
Alex started his career at John Swire & Sons working in the United States, China & Hong Kong. Since 2004 he has been an entrepreneur in many different areas of the real estate investment space, co-founding a serviced apartment business, Kush Serviced Apartments, a boutique neighbourhood retail brand called Warehouses on West and a real estate investment and asset management business, District15. District15 co invested with large real estate institutions and funds and was responsible for repositioning, asset managing and exiting these real estate assets and portfolios.

Alex also has a long history of mentoring and investing in start ups and technology companies in the proptech and real estate space and has sat on a number of committees and boards in this space including the ULI Technology Committee, the Proptech HK POC Committee, the Negawatt Sustainability Committee, the Gentian Board and the Spacious Advisory Committee.

He is a co-founder and managing partner of Undivided Ventures which invests in companies looking to solve for sustainability challenges in the built environment. The establishment of the platform is, he sees, as the culmination of the years of experience he has had investing in real estate and related technologies.
Mr. Kenneth HUI
Executive Director (External), Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA)

Biography
Kenneth Hui is the Executive Director (External) of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), responsible for promoting the development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre, advancing Mainland-Hong Kong financial cooperation, and overseeing the HKMA's participation in international forums and organisations.

Mr Hui joined the HKMA as Senior Manager (Market Development) in February 2017 and took up the role of Head (Market Development) in March 2020 with responsibilities in the formulation and implementation of various initiatives to promote the development of Hong Kong's financial sector.

Prior to joining the HKMA, Mr Hui was a Senior Manager in Investment Products Division of the Securities and Futures Commission, where he specialised in regulatory policies on retail funds and innovative retail investment products.
Ms. Bonnie SO (蘇婉嫻)
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary General
Hong Kong Red Cross

Biography
Bonnie holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master's Degree in New Media, and a Diploma Certificate in Social Work from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). She also completed an Executive Master of Business Administration program at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and attended a Strategic Perspectives in Non-profit Management Course at Harvard Business School.

With extensive experience in humanitarian services, management, and fundraising, Bonnie joined the Hong Kong Red Cross and progressed to the position of Chief Executive Officer/Secretary General in 2015. She has actively participated in numerous disaster relief and reconstruction projects worldwide, including areas affected by war in Afghanistan, the South Asian tsunami, cyclones in Bangladesh, earthquakes in Pakistan, as well as flooding and earthquakes in mainland China.

Bonnie is deeply committed to the social service sector and holds various influential positions. She is one of the founding members of the Asia Pacific Fundraisers Network of the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, founding Chairperson of the Face-to-Face Monthly Giving Alliance in Hong Kong, Chairman of the Steering Committee on Work in Mainland China, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. She also serves as an advisor for the Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women and the InspiringHK Sports Foundation.

Recognized for her outstanding contributions, Bonnie was awarded The Ten Outstanding Young Persons of Hong Kong in 2006 and received the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service in 2022.
Mr. WONG Kam-sing, GBS, JP
Former Secretary for the Environment of The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Distinguished Department of Architecture Fellow at The University of Hong Kong

Biography
KS Wong is an architect, and currently Distinguished Department of Architecture Fellow at The University of Hong Kong, Honorary Professor at Hong Kong Chu Hai College, and Chairman of Wu Zhi Qiao (Bridge to China) Charitable Foundation. He graduated from The University of Hong Kong, and further conducted postgraduate study on sustainable built environment at UBC, Canada. Since the 1990s, he has become a registered architect and developed expertise on sustainable architecture and research. He also volunteered in community service as the Founder Chairman of the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council, Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, etc. Between 2012 and 2022, he was appointed as the Secretary for the Environment, Hong Kong SAR Government. During his 10-year tenure as the Secretary for the Environment, he launched a number of sustainability policy blueprints on climate actions, energy saving, clean air, popularisation of electric vehicles, waste reduction and recycling, and biodiversity, leading Hong Kong towards carbon neutrality before 2050.
Ms. Nicole WONG
Chief Executive Officer, WWF-Hong Kong

Biography
Nicole Wong has been leading the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WWF-Hong Kong since July 2021. Nicole is a widely experienced senior executive with track record spanning more than 20 years career at WWF-Hong Kong. She started in the education section and became Director, Education in 2010, developing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) programmes and supporting the establishment of wetlands and marine education centres; at the same time, leading the development of WWF-Hong Kong’s local and regional education programmes. She has been serving as Director, Corporate Affairs since 2014, responsible for organisational operations and corporate affairs. Connecting with the local community, Nicole also serves on the advisory committees for several universities and government departments.