

### **HONG KONG**

**Business Opportunities** and the Sector Market Outlook

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+3.2%



Private Consumption



**Import of Services** 



**Investment Expenditure** 



**Population** 



In 2024:

Up to +3.5%

GDP growth

**During 2024-2028:** 

+3.2%
Annual GDP growth







Return of travelers



Global interest rate cut



Developing infrastructures



Attracting Strategic Enterprises



Talent attraction







### **Strong Global Business Community**

#### Major sources of the parent companies



China









Japan

US

UK

**Singapore** 

#### Major lines of business



Import/export trade, wholesale and retail



Financing and banking



Professional, business and education services



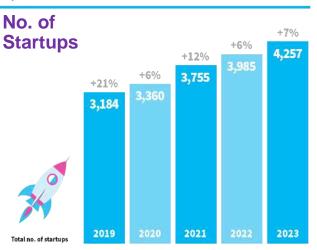
Transportation, storage and courier services

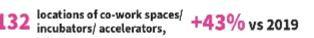


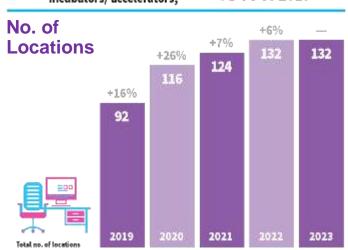


### **Dynamic Startup Ecosystem**

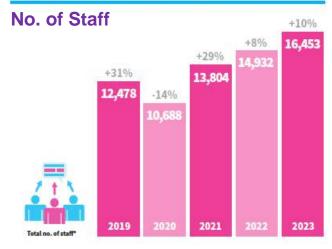








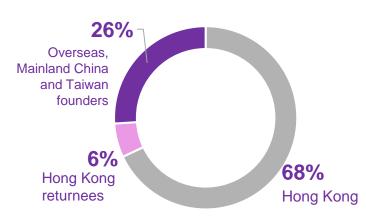
#### 16,453 employees, +32% vs 2019



#### **Top 5 Industries of Startups**

- FinTech
- E-Commerce/ Supply chain management/ LogTech
- Information, computer and technology
- Education and learning
- Data Analytics

#### **Origin of Founders**



#### **Home-grown Unicorns**







### Hong Kong's Distinctive Status and Advantages

#### 'One Country, Two Systems'

Hong Kong
is the ideal gateway for
international companies
to access China



"There is no reason for us to change such a good policy and we must adhere to it in the long run."

President Xi's keynote address on 1 July 2022



An international financial, shipping and trading centre



**Common law legal system** 



Free, open, and regulated business environment



Close connection with the world market and strong support from the motherland





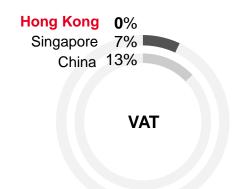
### **Competitive & Simple Tax System**

Reducing tax burden on enterprises and fostering a favourable business environment with two-tiered tax system

16.5% Profits above HK\$2M

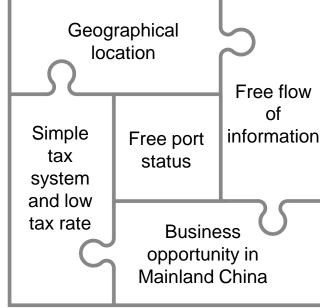
8.25% First HK\$2M of profits

#### Hong Kong 16.5% | Hong Kong 15% | Singapore 22% I 17% Singapore China 45% 25% China **Personal** Corporate tax rate tax rate





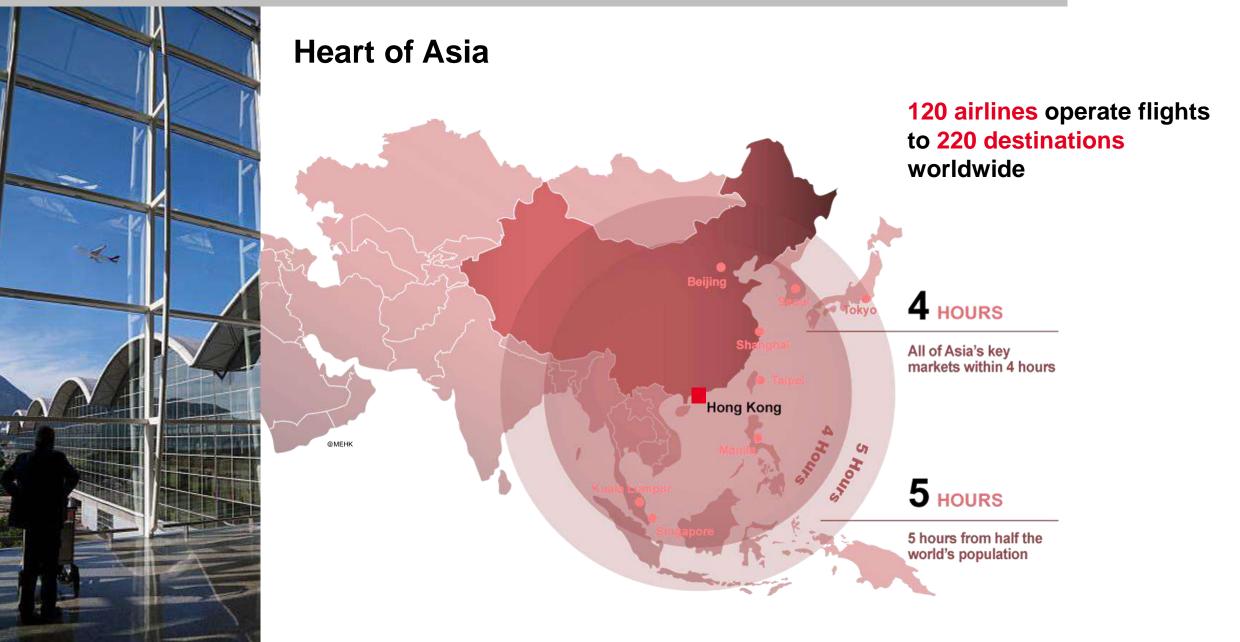




#### NO

- VAT/GST/Sales tax
- Capital Gains tax
- Withholding tax on investments
- Estate duty
- Global taxation
- Wine duty







### **Vibrant Lifestyle**



A nature-filled city with many stunning yet easily accessible hiking trails and beautiful beaches



A global foodie feast with a diverse array of international cuisines and options



World-class events of sports, arts and culture

#### **AN ACCESSIBLE CITY**



Transit System\*, and well-established

network of roads, ports and airport

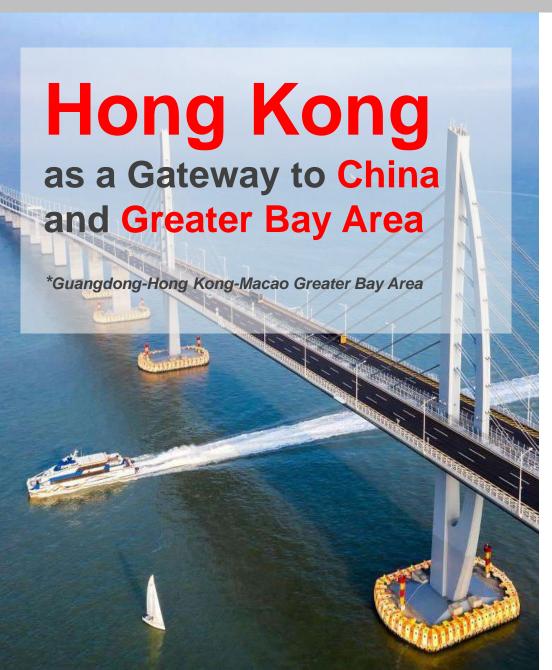




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different ethnicity, religion and





An important economic cluster comprises of 9 Cities + 2 Special Administration Regions



Population<sup>1</sup>
86 million



Land Area<sup>2</sup> **56,098km**<sup>2</sup>



GDP<sup>3</sup>
US\$1.9 tr
(~11% of China's total)

- <sup>1</sup> Larger than that of Germany
- <sup>2</sup> Greater than Ireland, Latvia, Panama
- <sup>3</sup> Larger than Australia, Spain





## Hong Kong's Sector Market Outlook

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Hong Kong reclaimed its position as No.1 in per capita spend on luxury goods in 2023, followed by Switzerland and Singapore

## Hong Kong was the largest spender on luxury goods in 2023



Clothing and Footwear

5.2 billion USD Retail sales

+41% YoY market growth from 2022

+5% CAGR 2024-2028



Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and valuable Gifts

7.7 billion USD Retail sales

+54% YoY market growth from 2022

+4% CAGR 2024-2028

### **Hong Kong's Sector Market Outlook**





Hong Kong market is full of opportunities for Vietnamese premium food and pet food products

### **Opportunities for Premium Food and Pet Food**



**Food and Beverage** 

4.8 billion USD Market value

+4.2% YoY market growth from 2022

+4.8% CAGR 2024-2028



**Pet Food and Pet Care** 

billion USD Market value

+4.9%

YoY market growth from 2022

+3.5% CAGR 2024-2028

### **Hong Kong's Market Outlook**





Hong Kong is open and inclusive towards the global community of innovators engaging in Virtual Assets (VA) businesses.

### Hong Kong as a Hub for Fintech Innovation

Fintech organisations operating in Hong Kong

1000+

Web3-related Tech firms in Cyberport

170+

Virtual Banks

Virtual Insurers

Licensed virtual asset trading platforms

2

Non-bank SVF licensees

13

8

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Licensed banks issuing SVFs

4

#### **Highly diverse range of Fintech companies**

- WealthTech
- Blockchain application / software
- Payments and remittance
- Digital asset & cryptocurrency software
- Fintech enterprise solutions
- InsurTech
- Fintech private investment
- Compliance & RegTech

Home to 10 Fintech Unicorns in Hong Kong

**Highlights:** 







### **Hong Kong's Market Outlook**





### Hong Kong as a Hub for Financial Innovations









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### **Green and Sustainable Finance**

- 80 billion USD green and sustainable debt has issued in Hong Kong
- The government will launch subsidy scheme for green fintech aiming to encourage more financial technology to support corporates dealing with carbon neutrality

#### Licensing Regime for Virtual Assets Service Providers

- 2 VA trading platforms are formally licensed by the Securities Futures Commission (SFC) since June 2023
- 21 Applicants waiting for approval

### Task Force on Promoting Web3 Development

- Chaired by the Financial Secretary with 15 non-official members from relevant market sectors
- To provide recommendations on the sustainable and responsible development of Web3 in Hong Kong

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### Hong Kong as a Hub for Family Office

The Government issued the **Policy Statement** on 24 March 2023 to set out its stance and measures on developing a vibrant ecosystem for global family offices and asset owners.

1. New Capital Investment **Entrant Scheme (CIES)** 

#### Min. **HK\$30M** investment

- Including HK\$3M in CIES investment Portfolio and HK\$27M in financial assets
- Open for foreign nationals, Chinese nationals, Macao SAR residents and Chinese residents of Taiwan
- Application opens from 1 March 2024

2. Offering Profit Tax **Concessions** 

### **Concessionary tax rate**

of 0% for eligible FIHVs

- · No pre-approval required
- Min AUM >=HK\$240M
- HIHV managed by SFO in Hong Kong
- Min. 2 full-time employees required
- Min. HK\$2M operating expenditure
- Max. 50 eligible FIHVs per each SFO

3. Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy

Launched in Nov 2023 as a training hub to bolster the sustainable growth of the entire family office ecosystem in Hong Kong

4. Dedicated FO team in InvestHK

FamilyOffice**K** 香港家族辦公室

#### 5. A new network of **Family Office Service Providers**

Established in June 2023, with professional service providers including private bankers, trustees, lawyers, accountants, and wealth management professionals

6. Art Storage facilities at the airport

> 7. Market Facilitation **Measures**

8. Hong Kong as a **Philanthropic Centre** 





### **Highlights of Vietnamese Companies in Hong Kong**



FPT Software



Q Fit
I&T



NTQ Solution Co., Ltd ICT



Finko Architect C&I





## We organise Flagship Event to Promote Family Office



SAVE THE DATE!

Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit 2024 **27 March 2024** 

## Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit | March 2023

- Showcased Hong Kong's appeal as a world-leading family office hub
- Well-attended by 100 influential decision makers from global family offices





### We organise Flagship Event to Promote Fintech

HONG KONG FINTECH WEEK **Save the Date:** 

**2024 Hong Kong Fintech Week** 

28 October – 1 November 2024

Asia's flagship financial technology conference brings together FinTech founders, banking executives, VCs, regulators and FinTechsavvy audiences, who are shaping the future of financial services by driving a technological revolution in the industry across Asia and globally.

#### 2023 Highlights

**Theme: Fintech Redefined** 

35,000+

From 100+ economies
Visitors

5.5 Million+

Video views

+008

Speakers

700+

Sponsors & Exhibitors

30+

Mainland & International delegations

250+

Media coverages

Learn more:







### We organise Flagship Event to Promote Innovation

### STARTMEUPHK FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!

21-25 OCTOBER 2024

A unique platform for startups, investors, industry leaders, tech enthusiasts and government officials to exchange ideas, make connections and chart a course for the future.

2023 STARTMEUPHK FESTIVAL IN NUMBERS

#### **Event Highlights:**

- 8 main activities with discussions around hot topics such as Web3, HealthTech, PropTech, sustainability, etc.
- Pitching Competitions
- Startup-investor Matchings

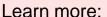


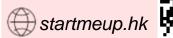


















### We help you enter and expand in Hong Kong



- Guidance in strategic implementation and evaluation of business decisions, including opportunity identification
- Connecting with relevant Consulates,
   Chambers of Commerce and business associations
- Advising on living and working in Hong Kong (bank accounts, housing, healthcare, schooling and networking, etc)



### **SET-UP**

- Providing support with business licences, visa applications, trademark registration, IP and trade regulations, etc
- Informing on tax and business regulations
- Arranging meetings with service providers, professional associations and government departments
- Advising on sector-specific industries and opportunities



### **LAUNCH**

- Connecting with lawyers, accountants, human resource specialists, consultancies, designers, interior specialists and real estate companies, etc
- Providing marketing and public relations services



### **EXPANSION**

- Tools for continuous expansion
- Support in identifying growth opportunities
- Ensuring a sustainable foundation for growth
- Continuing to support across marketing and public relations



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