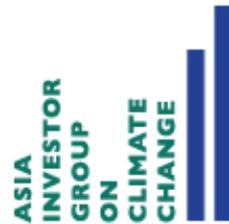


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## AIGCC announces two new board committee members from AIA Singapore and Brunswick Group

**5 April 2023** – The Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) is pleased to announce two new board committee members:

- Ms Liu Chunyen, Chief Investment Officer (CIO) at AIA Singapore, and
- Ms Pru Bennett, partner at the Brunswick Group

AIGCC’s Board, now nine people, oversees the work of the [AIGCC Secretariat](#) and [AIGCC member activities](#).

Ms Liu Chunyen is the Chief Investment Officer of AIA Singapore, a position she has held since March 2017. She is responsible for spearheading the success of the company’s investment strategies. This includes developing and enhancing AIA Singapore’s investment performances, asset and liability management, insurance product support, as well as ILP funds development.

Since joining AIA Singapore in 2008, Chunyen has held numerous roles across multiple geographies including the position of Head of Financial Risk and Risk Metrics with AIA Group in Hong Kong.

Ms Pru Bennett is a Partner of the Brunswick Group, based in Sydney, Australia. Pru advises boards in the APAC region on critical governance as well as environmental and social issues.

Pru is an active participant in the public debate on corporate governance and stewardship. In 2018, Pru received the Asia Industry Leadership Award from 100 Women in Finance. In 2013, Pru was named as one of Australia’s top 10 Women of Influence in Corporate Governance.

**Rebecca Mikula-Wright, CEO, AIGCC said:** “We are delighted to welcome both Liu Chunyen and Pru Bennett to AIGCC’s board. They bring their significant expertise and networks to make up the nine-person board committee. We now have representatives from many of Asia’s leading asset owners, asset managers, and service providers.

“With a diversity and breadth of global and regional expertise and networks between them, the board’s collective expertise in ESG governance will continue to support AIGCC as it grows its presence, influence and impact in the region.

“The board’s oversight will strengthen AIGCC’s offerings to our members and our reach as a regional investor network.”

**Liu Chunyen, CIO, AIA Singapore said:** “The AIGCC plays a critical role in building investor capacity on climate change in this region. This work is of paramount importance as organisations increasingly look to incorporate and consider climate impact in their policies and practices. I am excited to partner with the rest of the board committee members to share best practices and collaborate on investment activity, risk management, engagement and policy related to climate change.

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“There are many synergies that AIA Singapore and the AIGCC have as we endeavour to help people across Asia to live Healthier, Longer, Better Lives. I look forward to working together with the rest of the board committee members to effect meaningful change and positively aid the transition towards a net-zero emissions economy.”

**Pru Bennett, Partner, Brunswick Group said:** “Climate change represents a unique challenge for those investing in the Asian region and I look forward to working with investors to navigate the risks and opportunities associated with this challenge”.

Our current Board Committee members are:

- Sophia Cheng (CHAIR), Chief Investment Officer, Cathay Financial Holding Co. Ltd.
- Dan Chi Wong (VICE-CHAIR), Head of ESG Integration, APAC, Schroders
- Dr Pei Yuan Guo, Chairman and Founder, SynTao Green Finance (ChinaSIF)
- Masahiro Kato, Head of Responsible Investment, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group
- Helga Birgden, Partner, Global Business Leader, Responsible Investment, Mercer
- Mark Mills, Partner, Global Client Team, Generation Investment Management
- Felix Lam, Head of Investment Stewardship, Asia ex-Japan, JP Morgan Asset Management
- Liu Chunyen, Chief Investment Officer, AIA Singapore
- Pru Bennett, Partner, Brunswick Group

[Learn more about our Board Committee.](#)

## About Liu Chunyen

Liu Chunyen is the Chief Investment Officer of AIA Singapore, a position she has held since March 2017. She is responsible for spearheading the success of the company’s investment strategies. This includes developing and enhancing AIA Singapore’s investment performances, asset and liability management, insurance product support, as well as ILP funds development.

Additionally, she is passionate about promoting sustainable investing and operations and engages the industry associations to uplift the relevant capabilities.

Since joining AIA Singapore in 2008, Chunyen has undertaken numerous roles across multiple geographies including the position of Head of Financial Risk and Risk Metrics with AIA Group in Hong Kong prior to her pursuing her current CIO in Singapore. Chunyen was also previously based in New York in her role as Market Risk Manager with AIG Inc.

A Chartered Financial Analyst, Chunyen holds a Master of Arts in Economics (New York University, USA) and a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Investment (Baruch College, the City University of New York, USA).

She is practitioner of mediation and yoga and a stronger believer in mental wellness.

## About Pru Bennett

Pru is a Partner of the Brunswick Group based in Sydney. Pru advises boards in the APAC region on critical governance as well as environmental and social issues. Pru also holds the following positions:

- Chair of the National Foundation for Australia China Relations
- Board member Global Compact Network Australia
- Council member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore’s Corporate Advisory Council,

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- Council member Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Council Member Oasis Capital

## Former positions

- Member of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong's Public Shareholder Group (six year term completed in 2021)
- Board member of the Value Reporting Foundation (merged with the IFRS in July 2022)

Until January 2019, Pru Bennett was a Managing Director at the world's largest asset manager, BlackRock, and Head of BlackRock's Investment Stewardship team for the APAC Region based in Hong Kong. At BlackRock, Pru was responsible for leading a team engaging with BlackRock's investee companies on ESG issues. Pru also oversaw the proxy voting process.

Pru is an active participant in the public debate on corporate governance and stewardship. In 2018 Pru received the Asia Industry Leadership Award from 100 Women in Finance. In 2013, Pru was named as one of Australia's top 10 Women of Influence in Corporate Governance.

Before taking on her role at BlackRock in August 2010, Pru was head of Corporate Governance at institutional adviser Regnan Governance and Research until 2010. From 1998 to 2009, Pru was a director of Australian proxy adviser Corporate Governance International, which was acquired by US proxy advisory firm, Glass Lewis & Co in 2006 and is now known as CGI Glass Lewis. Prior to working in corporate governance, Pru was Investor Relations Manager for Qantas Airways Limited.

Pru has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a member of the Singapore Institute of Directors, and a graduate and member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Pru is a keen sailor participating in Laser Masters sailing and yacht racing at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Newport, Sydney.

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## **About the Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)**

The Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC) is an initiative to create awareness and encourage action among Asia's asset owners and asset managers about the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and low-carbon investing. AIGCC provides capacity for investors to share best practice and peer-to-peer learning on sustainable investment, risk management, corporate engagement and policy advocacy. With a strong international profile and significant network, AIGCC represents the Asian investor perspective in the evolving global discussions on climate change and the transition to a greener economy. AIGCC has over 70 members from 11 markets and with over USD 31 trillion in assets under management. [www.aigcc.net](http://www.aigcc.net)

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