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Roles:

Global Chair, KPMG Global China Practice
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Deputy Chair and Director of AustCham Beijing (China-Australia Chamber of Commerce in Beijing)

Qualifications:

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Experience

Vaughn Barber is the Global Chair of KPMG’s Global China Practice; Co-Head of Infrastructure, China; and Deputy Chair of the China-Australia Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

Vaughn joined KPMG Hong Kong from Australia in 1996 and became a partner in July 2000. After working in Hong Kong for nearly 15 years Vaughn relocated to Beijing in early 2011 where he continues to work with Chinese outbound investors. A fluent Mandarin speaker, Vaughn has extensive experience leading global teams to assist Chinese state-owned and privately-owned companies conduct large-scale overseas M&A transactions in various sectors including energy and power, mining, financial services, manufacturing and infrastructure.

Vaughn is a regular author and contributor to publications and articles on China outbound and inbound investment matters. Recent examples include:

- “Demystifying Chinese Investment in Australia: Update May 2017” by KPMG in Australia and the University of Sydney’s China Studies Centre
- “The 13th Five-Year Plan – China’s transformation and integration with the world economy: Opportunities for Chinese and foreign businesses” by KPMG’s Global China Practice and launched in October 2016
- “China Outlook 2016” by KPMG’s Global China Practice and launched in March 2016
- “China has diversified its bet in Latin America” published in the Expansion journal (Madrid) on 4 May 2015
- “China Outlook 2015” by KPMG’s Global China Practice and launched in January 2015
- 《警惕“走出去”的税收风险》 a tax technical article which was published in the SAFE Magazine in October 2014
- “Demystifying SOE investment in Australia” a report which was co-authored by KPMG and the University of Sydney for the Business Council of Australia and launched in August 2014
- “The Dream Goes On: Rethinking China’s Globalization” 《大潮汹涌，梦想可及——再思中国企业全球化》 by KPMG’s Global China Practice.

In 2016, Vaughn led a team of foreign experts from 10 leading foreign companies and organisations to provide a Foreign Expert Policy Recommendation to the State Council on the actions that the Chinese government may be able to take directly and through international institutions to ensure the success of the “Belt and Road” (B&R) Initiative.

Vaughn is also a regular speaker and commentator on China outbound matters. Recent speeches which he has delivered, and panel discussions in which he has participated include:

- At The Eighth International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum in June 2017, Vaughn moderated a closed-door panel discussion on the impact of recent geopolitical developments on Chinese overseas investment, particularly in infrastructure
- At The Seventh International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum in June 2016, Vaughn delivered remarks during the Keynote Forum: Status-quo and Future: New Models and Opportunities for Construction-finance Cooperation (现状与未来: 探索产融合作的新模式、新机遇)
- At The Sixth International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum in June 2015, Vaughn delivered remarks during the Keynote Forum: "One Belt and One Road" Initiative Opens up a New Vista for Regional Infrastructure Cooperation ("一带一路" 开启区域基础设施合作新里程)
- At The Fifth International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum in May 2014, Vaughn co-moderated a joint China International Contractors Association (CHINCA)-KPMG Parallel Session on "Investment in infrastructure markets in developing economies" (投资发达国家基础设施市场的战略选择和实施) and delivered a presentation on: "International co-operation in global infrastructure development"(全球基础设施建设: 促进合作, 取得双赢)
- At the same forum in 2013, Vaughn co-moderated a joint CHINCA-KPMG Parallel Session on "Risk Control in Diversified Financing for International Infrastructure" (国际基础设施多元化投融资风险管控) and delivered a presentation on the key findings of "The Dream Goes On: Rethinking China's Globalization" 《大潮汹涌, 梦想可及-再思中国企业全球化》 which was produced in co-operation with CHINCA and launched during the forum
- On 22 September 2014, Vaughn delivered a speech at the opening of The 6th International Trade in Services (Chongqing) Summit on "中国企业在海外开拓新市场的必要性, 以及应采取哪些策略以应对新挑战" (why Chinese companies need to enter new markets and strategies for overcoming the challenges faced)
- On 6 November 2014, Vaughn participated in a panel discussion on "The Australia-China Free Trade Agreement: Challenges & Opportunities" at AustCham Hong Kong's Access China Forum
- On 10 December 2014, Vaughn participated in a panel discussion on 新机遇之互联互通 (中国企业国际化及跨国公司竞合之道) at a high profile event organised by Takungpao in Beijing



- On 20 January 2015, Vaughn delivered a speech and participated in a panel discussion during a workshop on “Trends and Strategies of Chinese Enterprises’ Overseas Investment and Financing” at the Asian Financial Forum in Hong Kong.

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