

Asia Research & Engagement Appoints Donald Chan as Chief Operating Officer

14 August 2024, Singapore — Asia Research & Engagement (ARE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Donald Chan as our new Chief Operating Officer (COO). With a distinguished career spanning senior leadership roles across non-profit, private, and public sectors, Donald brings wide-ranging experience in building and managing organisations across the Asia-Pacific region. As we continue to expand our impact and reach, the new COO role will be critical to success.

“We are delighted to welcome Donald,” said ARE Managing Director Benjamin McCarron. “Donald’s extensive experience across multiple sectors and his proven ability to lead and operationalise organisations will be invaluable as we expand across key markets in Asia. His leadership will be crucial in driving the next phase of our growth and ensuring that ARE remains at the forefront of sustainable development in the region.”

In his new role at ARE, Donald will hold key organisational and strategic leadership responsibilities. He will collaborate closely with the senior leadership team to set ambitious targets for ARE’s programmes. His role will also include developing and refining operational processes and policies to ensure structured and consistent performance, impact, and growth for ARE.

“I am excited to join Asia Research & Engagement at a time of significant growth and opportunity,” said Donald Chan. “I look forward to working closely with the team to enhance our operational capabilities and drive the strategic initiatives that will strengthen our impact across the region. Together, we will continue to build a sustainable and compassionate Asia.”

Donald joins ARE with an impressive track record of leadership and operational excellence. Most recently, he served as Managing Director, Asia-Pacific at CDP, where he was responsible for strategic oversight across CDP’s offices in Delhi, Beijing, Singapore, Jakarta, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. His two decades of experience also include key roles at Temasek, where he established the internal capabilities to operationalise and scale several high-impact ventures such as Climate Impact X, Partior, and GenZeo.

At Clifford Capital, Donald was instrumental in conceptualising and raising funds for the company, later serving as its COO, where he built its finance, treasury, and human resources functions. His leadership extended to international expansions at CirclesLife and strategic roles in mergers & acquisitions with major banks in Australia, Japan, and Hong Kong. Donald also holds significant experience in public sector strategy, having worked with the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Australian Trade and Investment Commission.

About Asia Research & Engagement (ARE)

Creating change through investor-backed engagement.

ARE's pioneering approach fills an engagement gap by bringing leading investors into dialogue with Asian-listed companies to address sustainable development challenges and help companies align with investor priorities. With decades of Asia experience, our cross-cultural team understands the region's unique needs. Our high-quality independent research, robust investor network, and engagement expertise, provide corporate leaders and financial decision makers with insights leading to concrete action.

Our work focuses on thematic priorities to promote a sustainable and compassionate Asia.

Our current programmes and goals are:

- Energy Transition: Credible transition pathways in alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- Protein Transition: Transition pathways working towards our investor-aligned 2030 vision.

Founded in 2013, ARE is headquartered in Singapore and has a presence in India, China, and Japan.