



ASIAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ASSOCIATION

INVESTOR MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET 2024



ACGA – A quarter century at the forefront of CG reform in Asia

- Since 1999 the Asian Corporate Governance Association (ACGA) has played a unique and constructive role in the evolving Asia-Pacific corporate governance (CG) ecosystem.
- We are a not-for-profit membership association founded in Hong Kong shortly after the Asian Financial Crisis. We remain headquartered in Hong Kong and operate in 12 markets around the region.
- ACGA's goal is to promote systemic improvements in CG regulation and practice in Asia through independent research, advocacy, and education.
- ACGA is entirely funded by its members and does not receive government grants or sponsorship.
- We view good public and corporate governance as key to healthy, long-term capital market and economic development, including sustainable development.
- We believe there is a need to put a firmer governance foundation under ESG, sustainability, and corporate net-zero efforts in Asia.

ACGA Member Network

100+ member firms*

79% are investors:
\$40 trillion in global AUM

Foreign and Asian
asset owners and
managers

Leading Asian
companies

Top 4 global
CPA firms

3 regions: Asia-
Pacific, Europe/UK,
North America

**Membership is by company. For a full list of members, go to our website [Member](#) page.*

ACGA offers two membership categories for investors – **Standard** and **Premium**:

- **Standard:** an entry level category for those who support our objectives, are seeking up-to-date information on CG in Asia, and wish to participate in ACGA events. You also help to shape our advocacy work.
- **Premium:** a higher level category for investors who wish to be actively involved in ACGA advocacy and utilise our information resources and expertise more broadly. Additional benefits:
 - Participation in Working Groups on China, Japan, and Korea.
 - ***New in 2024: India Working Group**
 - Invitations to exclusive dialogues with financial regulators in major markets. ACGA advocacy draws upon both our own research and member input.
 - Help to shape and lead company engagements. Each working group has an annual program.
 - Bespoke guidance from ACGA on governance rules and best practices in different markets.
 - ACGA presentations to your in-house team.

Category	Annual fee
Standard Member	US\$10,350
Premium Member	US\$17,250

Topics	Key Markets
1. Gender diversity in boards and management	Japan, China, Hong Kong, Korea
2. Board renewal	Regionwide
3. Independent director quality	Regionwide
3. Capital efficiency/management	Japan, Korea
4. Sustainability reporting/governance	Regionwide
5. Shareholder rights	Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea
6. Cross-shareholdings	Japan, Korea
7. Virtual/hybrid AGMs	Regionwide

Current advocacy focus areas

ACGA Exchange

A new initiative launched in 2023, **ACGA Exchange** brings our investor and corporate members together for a regular dialogue on practical issues of corporate governance and ESG in Asia. ACGA Exchange seeks to bridge the gap between investors and corporates, providing an informal platform for deeper discussion of issues of concern to both sides.

We believe ACGA Exchange comes at an opportune time, as corporates face greater demands from investors and the latter face increased regulatory pressure to display tangible stewardship outcomes.

We held our first ACGA Exchange meeting in April 2023 in Hong Kong on the theme of “communicating board effectiveness”. A second was held mid-year to discuss the new Hong Kong Stock Exchange proposals on climate disclosure. A third took place in Mumbai before our annual conference in late October and focused on board effectiveness and sustainability governance in India. The latter event was organised in conjunction with Norges Bank Investment Management, an ACGA member.

We are planning at least three ACGA Exchanges in 2024. The first will take place in Hong Kong on 11 April 2024, with the remaining two in different Asian cities.

Key benefits of membership: All members

	Publications / services	Frequency	Content
RESEARCH	Timely research products	Ongoing	ACGA produces timely and focussed briefings for members, including commentary and “deeper dive” analyses of ongoing CG and ESG issues in the region.
	CG Watch	Biennial	ACGA’s flagship report ranking 12 major Asia-Pacific markets, including Australia, on their CG ecosystems. 11 th survey to be published in December 2023.
	Specialist reports	Ad hoc	Eg, “AGMs: Keep it real”, published in February 2023; “Down to earth: Climate governance case studies in Asia Pacific”, published in December 2022.
EVENTS	ACGA Investor Discussion Group	Quarterly	Confidential forum for members to discuss ACGA advocacy initiatives and collaborative engagements. Two meetings held quarterly for members in Asia/Europe and North America/Australia.
	Member Briefings	Twice a year in the Spring and Autumn	Updates on ACGA research, exclusively for members. Held in-person in Hong Kong, Singapore and London. Held virtually for members in other countries, including Australia.
	Annual Conference: Asian Business Dialogue on Corporate Governance	Each November	ACGA’s signature conference bringing companies, investors, regulators and others together for practical discussions on CG and ESG reform in Asia.
	Webinars / seminars	Ad hoc	ACGA organises ad hoc webinars for members and works with other organisations where appropriate. In September 2023, we held an in-person “Gender Diversity Roundtable: 30% by 2030” in Japan.

Premium members benefits:

	Publications / services	Frequency	Content
ADVOCACY	Working Groups: China, Japan, Korea	Three calls per year for each working group	<p>Chaired by members, the Working Groups allow members to become more deeply involved in our regulatory advocacy and to help shape ACGA's policy work in these markets.</p> <p>ACGA also facilitates company engagement for members. We have a programme of medium- to long-term engagement with 5-7 systemically important firms in each market. <i>(See next page for more details.)</i></p>
	Member Delegations	<p>Annually/biannually for each working group.</p> <p>Most recent: Japan, September 2023</p>	Organised with the support of our Working Groups, these delegations offer members an opportunity to meet with a large number of regulators, government officials, corporate executives, domestic investors and CG/ESG leaders in an action-packed trip.
EDUCATION	In-house training, seminars	Once per year (upon request)	ACGA will tailor a presentation on CG in Asia to meet the needs of your investment and/or ESG teams.
	Bespoke advice	Upon request	ACGA regional and market experts are ready to provide guidance on specific company and regulatory issues raised by members.

Working Groups (for Premium members)

	Market	Established	Current advocacy focus areas	Virtual engagements 2022/In-person 2023
ADVOCACY	Japan	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory engagement on key Japanese CG and ESG policies. Current campaign: gender diversity on TSE Prime companies. Corporate engagement focused on board independence and effectiveness, board diversity, capital management, cross-shareholdings, climate governance and sustainability goals 	<p>Engagement (2x p.a.) with the following companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Corporation Toyota Motor Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group <p>Virtual Delegation in September 2022 In-person Delegation in September 2023 (26-29), including a “Diversity Roundtable” on Sept 29</p>
	Korea	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board diversity, including gender issues Promoting ESG reporting standards Capital structure Meeting board members Mandatory takeover rule (lack of) RPTs – must become a shareholder meeting agenda and should be voted on by independent shareholders 	<p>We have arranged dialogues with the following companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samsung Electronics SK Innovation Hyundai Motor LG Chemical SoftBank Group (in collaboration with JWG)
	China	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESG reporting guidance Executive compensation Sustainability strategies Data privacy 	<p>We have started engagement with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tencent Meituan Zijin Mining Recently added BYD and CATL

Investor Membership – Approval Process

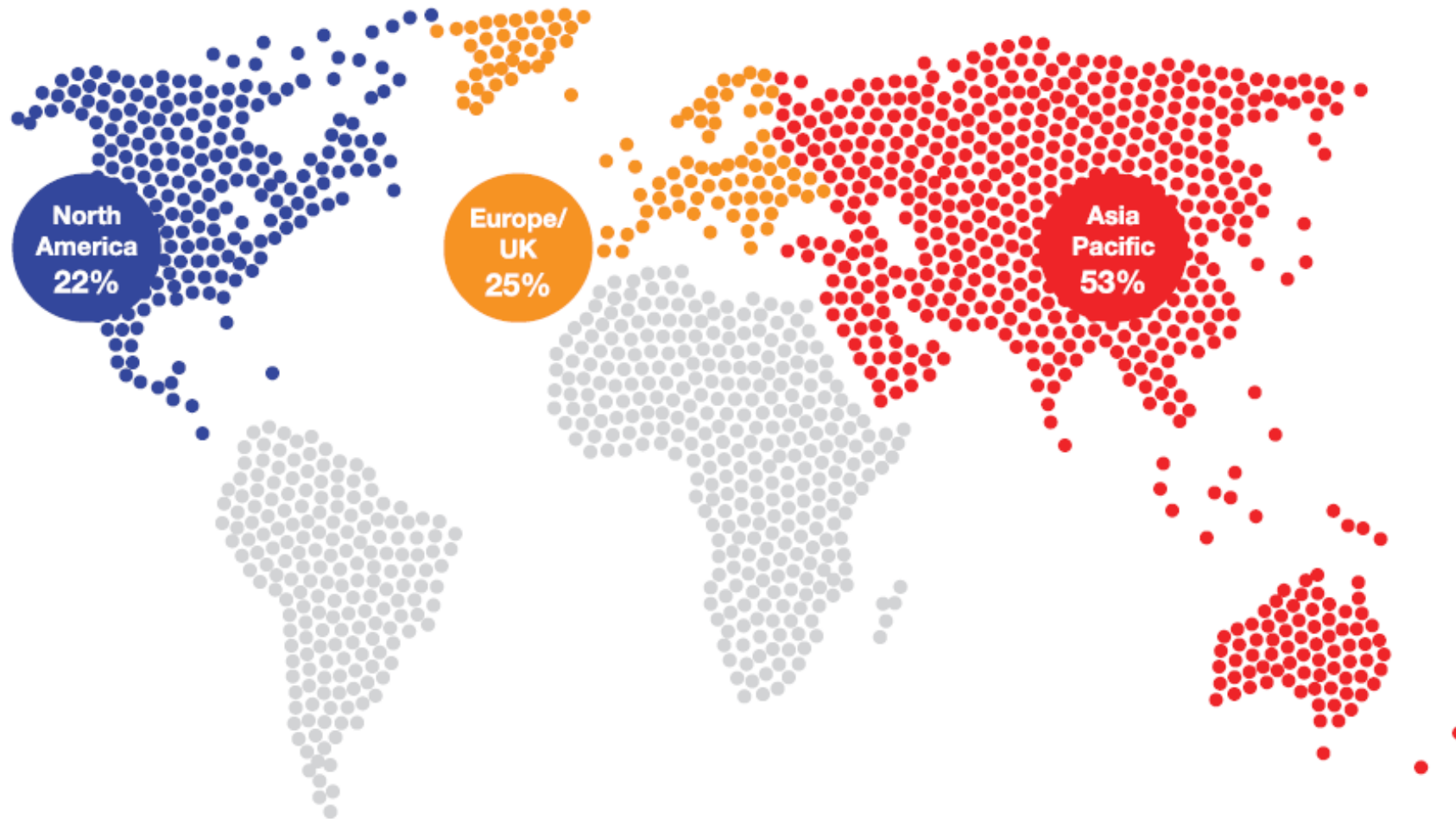
1. Under ACGA’s articles, our Council is required to approve each new membership application.
2. The criteria for investor membership are principles-based:
 - A clear commitment to the spirit of corporate governance.
 - Support for ACGA’s objectives and principles.
 - Evidence of efforts made to improve your internal governance and/or the governance of portfolio companies.

The ACGA Secretariat ascertains the answers to these questions through discussion with prospective members and independent due diligence. We report our findings to the Council’s Membership Committee.

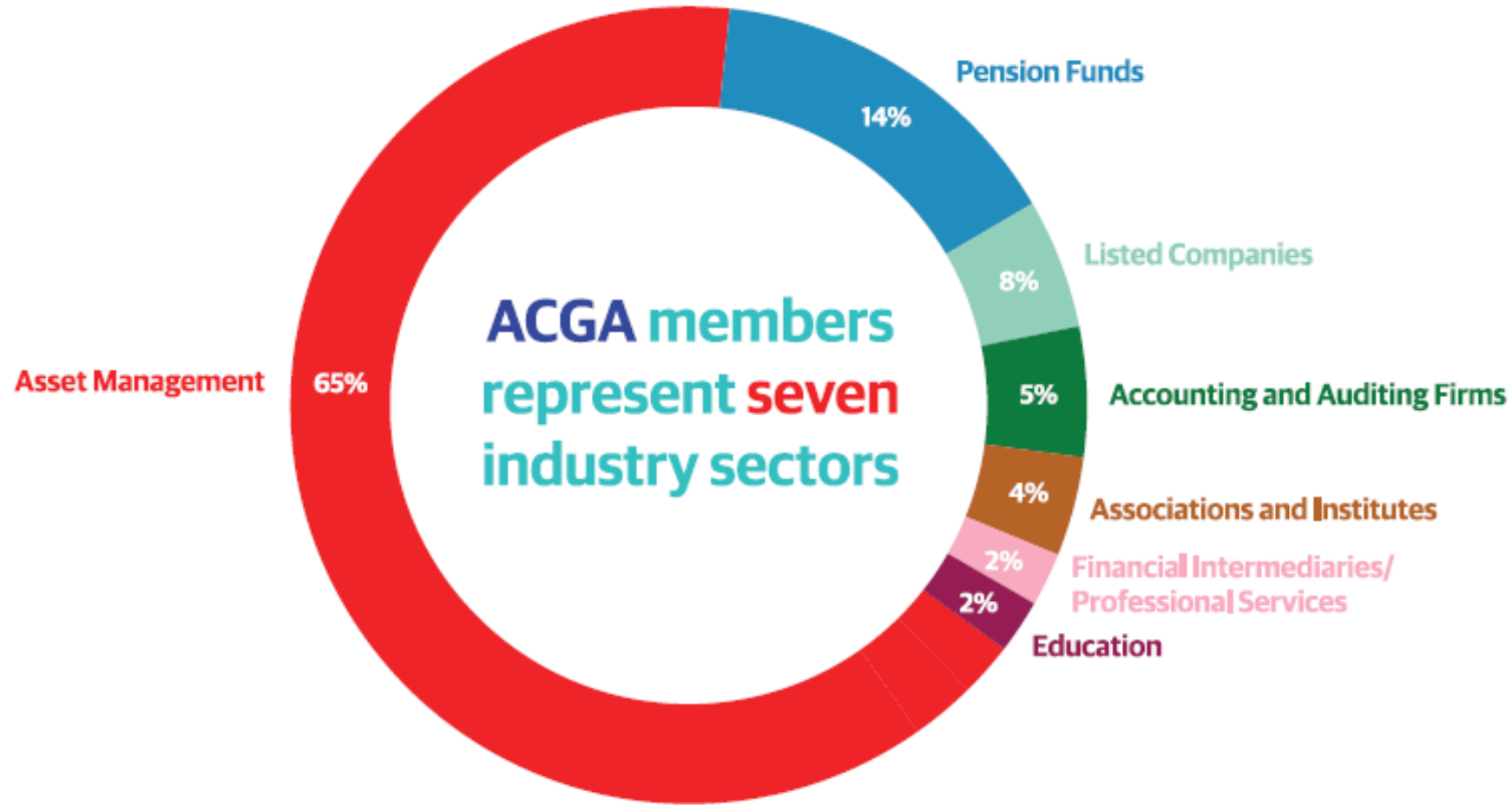
3. Following a review, the Membership Committee may wish to seek clarification of information provided by an applicant.
4. Membership approval will be given if the Council believes that an applicant meets the criteria for membership and will add value to the Association’s member network. Approval will not be given if the Council believes otherwise or sees any potential conflict of interest.
5. The Council reserves the right to expel any member from the Association if it believes that the member no longer upholds the required standards of membership.

Appendices

Membership by region – **100+ members from 18 markets**
Total assets under management – **more than US\$40 trillion**



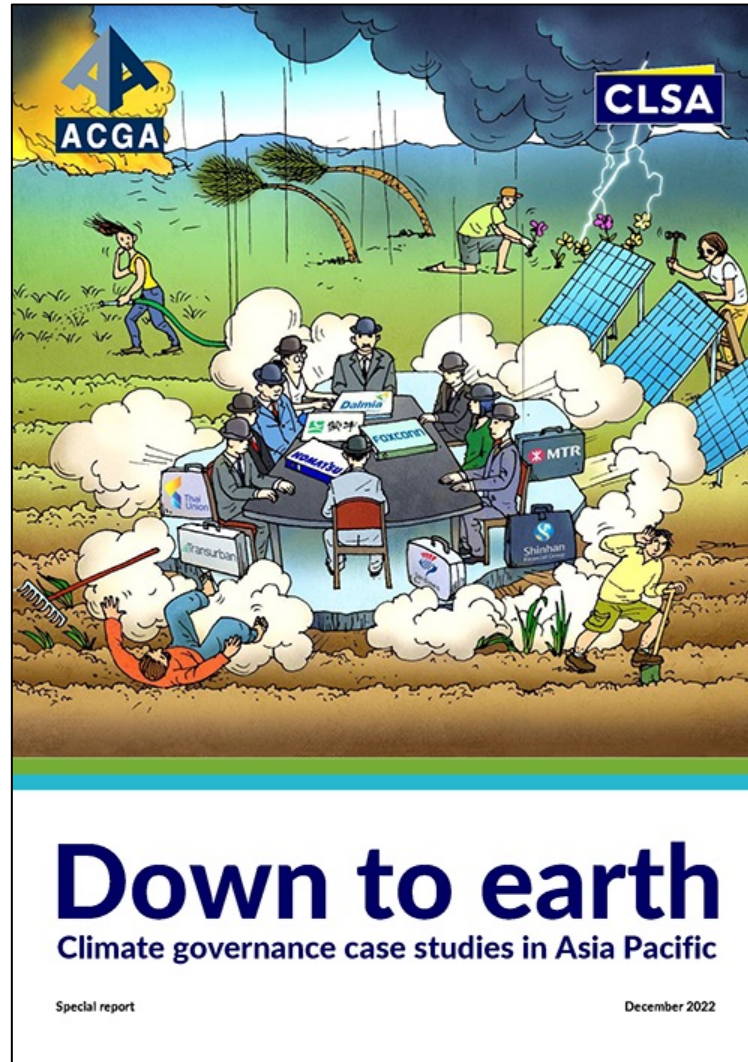
ACGA Member Composition by Industry



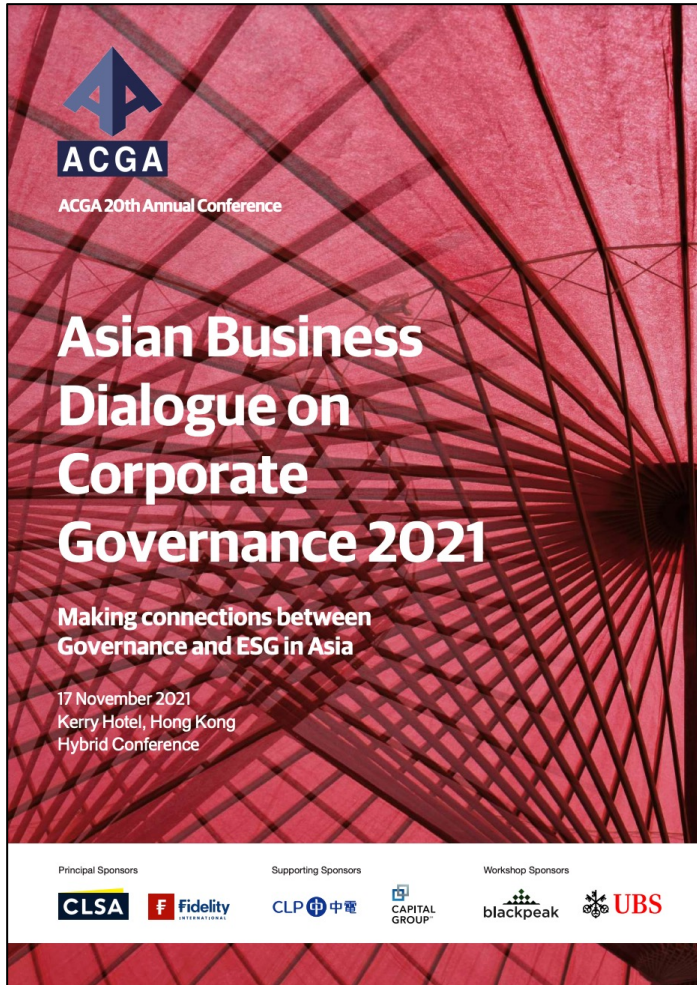
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