



Ho Kwon Ping

Current Positions

Ho Kwon Ping is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings and Laguna Resorts and Hotels, and Executive Chairman of Thai Wah Public Company. He is also the founding and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Singapore Management University, Chairman of The Singapore Summit and a Board Director of Diageo plc, the UK-listed spirits company.

Background Information

Educated in Tunghai University, Taiwan, Stanford University, California and the University of Singapore, Ho Kwon Ping was the Economic Editor of the Far Eastern Economic Review in Hong Kong before joining Thai Wah family business and then starting his own companies.

Former directorships include Independent NED, Standard Chartered plc (1996 - 2006), independent Director, Singapore Airlines (July 2000 to August 2007). Ho Kwon Ping was also an Advisory Board member at Moelis & Company between 2011 - 2016.

Other Notable Interests

Ho Kwon Ping is the recipient of a number of awards including London Business School Entrepreneurship Award; CEO of the Year at the Singapore Corporate Awards; Lifetime Achievement Awards of the American Creativity Association. He has been conferred honorary doctorates by Johnson & Wales University and from Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

For services to the country, he has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Order by the Singapore Government.

Mr Ho is also the author of two books: Asking Why (reflects his journey in journalism and entrepreneurship over a period of 40 Years) and The Ocean in a Drop: Singapore in the Next Fifty Years.

Ho Kwon Ping is based in Singapore.