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Founding Director, [World Digital Chamber, Malaysia](#)

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Senior Adviser/Guest Lecturer, [Tanri Abeng University, Indonesia](#)

Member, DFAT/[IA-CEPA](#) Indonesia Review Group

50 years 'hands-on' experience as a Strategy Consultant/Trusted Adviser in SE Asia & Australia working at the highest levels of Business & Government & including 30 years as founding regional head of US strategy & national security firm [SRI International](#) & then as Lead Partner/first elected APAC Chair of [Booz Allen Hamilton](#)

Summary

- After a Masters in Quantum Chemistry at Oxford I won a Thouron Scholarship to Wharton where I Graduated 2nd in the 1972 MBA class of 412 MBA's & joined the prestigious World Bank Young Professionals Program. I was granted an LoA to lead SE Asia's first reverse take-over¹ of an ailing SES/[KLSE](#) listed group. This high profile rescue increased value by 400+% in a year & the LoA was extended to allow me to advise regional VC/PE/Family groups, SoE's & MNC's on similar restructurings around the region.
- In 1984 I joined [SRI International](#) to establish, & lead, their regional operations. Over the next 10 years I built a world-class team, led many complex, & often politically sensitive, rescues of high profile SoE's (eg [Bank Bumiputra](#) & Thai Airways) & became a trusted adviser to regional leaders on the restructuring of SoE's & Government Agencies. This trust led to, often sensitive, requests to 'intermediate' both between Governments² & with MNC's, including eg Jack Welch at GE³ where I helped create, & sat on, their first APAC Advisory Council.
- In 1994 I was recruited by NYSE listed Consulting firm [Booz Allen Hamilton](#) as Lead Partner & was elected first APAC Chair. I built a strong pan-regional team & a positioning as 'Trusted Advisers' at the highest levels of Business & Government, including key Defence & National Security agencies. Early successes included the creation of Indonesia's first Ministry of State Owned Enterprise(MSoE) & then supporting the new Minister, [Tanri Abeng](#), to wrest control of 270 SoE's from 17 Ministries & to design/lead multi-year transformations to enhance both national infrastructures & public services while increasing their value by over US\$250+Bn.
- In 2000 I led the [relocation of the Booz Allen APAC RHQ to Sydney](#) & on September 11, 2001 was at our Global Partner Meeting in NYC. The death of our colleagues in the Pentagon attack & the Firm's close links with key [USG Agencies](#) led to the creation of strategic response teams to support these Clients. I was tasked to lead the Firm's initiatives in APAC and the 56 [OIC](#) Nations. To do this I helped create new pan-regional NGOs including [The World Islamic Economic Forum](#) (WIEF) where I was a founding member of its [International Advisory Panel](#), wrote the Chapter on the APAC region for its 'launch' [book](#) & spoke at many WIEF events.
- Post 9/11 Booz Allen prioritized US Defense/National Security & in 2004 moved Strategy Consulting into a separate subsidiary, [Booz & Co.](#) which in 2013 was sold to [PwC](#). As Senior Executive Adviser to the new [Strategy&](#) unit I supported the integration process & managed VIP client relationships until my retirement in 2018.
- I remain active as an INED/Adviser to Government & Private leaders, mentor to former colleagues & clients - & informal mediator during tensions involving Australia & the region.

¹ An extension of my 1971 internship on the Reverse Takeover of [Kay Corporation](#) by Ralli International

² In 1994 I was part of an SRI/IAP-led mission to Hanoi where I worked directly with the PM & Cabinet

³ I worked directly with Jack Welch on the FA18 program & to create GE's first Regional Advisory Council

Career History

- 2014-Present: *Executive Chair* [Asean Development Co Pty Ltd](#) (Investment & Advisory)
- 2014-Present: *Emeritus Chair* [AusPECC](#)
- 2014-Present: *INED*, [Nantien Institute](#)
- 2023-Present: *Founding Board Member*, World Digital Chamber of Commerce
- 2014-Present: *Adviser/Visiting Lecturer* at Indonesia's [Tanri Abeng University](#)
- 2014-Present: *Senior Adviser*, [Gaofeng Consulting](#), PRC
- 2014-Present: *Advisory Council, Co-Chair*, [Global Chinese Economic & Technology Summit](#) (formerly World Chinese Economic Forum)
- 2014-2018: *Senior Executive Advisor*, [PwC Strategy&](#) (Formerly Booz & Co.)
- 2004-2014: *Senior Executive Advisor*, Booz & Co. (formerly [Booz Allen Hamilton](#))
- 1994-2004: *Lead Partner/APAC Regional Chairman*, Booz Allen Hamilton
- 1984-94: *Regional VP*, [SRI International](#) (formerly Stanford Research Institute),
- 1972-84: *Executive Director*, Asean Development Finance Company Ltd (& related firms)
- 1972-74: *Executive Director/Joint CEO*, General Lumber Holdings (KLS/SES Listed)
- 1972-75: [World Bank, Young Professionals Program](#) (Washington/SEA - LoA)

Listed Company Board/Advisory Council Experience

- 2014-2022: ASX listed [Newcrest Mining](#) - Indonesian Advisory Council
- 2004-2006: ([Bursa Malaysia](#) Listed) [Southern Bank Bhd](#), (Malaysia) – INED, M&A Special Committee negotiating the sale of the Bank in 2006 for RM18Bn
- 2001-2005: (ASX listed) [IAG](#) – Asian Management Advisory Council (AMAC)
- 1993-2000: (NYSE listed) [GE](#) – Designed/served on GE first Asian Advisory Board
- 1993-1995: (ASX listed) [Computer Power Group](#), INED, Audit Committee
- 1987-1994: (NASDAQ listed) [AB Volvo Cars](#), Founding Member, East Asian Advisory Board
- 1972-1974: ([KLSE/SGX](#) listed) General Lumber Holdings (Finance Director/Joint CEO)

Education/Advanced Study Programs

- [Aspen Institute](#), Aspen, Colorado (1995 & 1996) – Advanced Leadership Training
- [Kiel Institute for the World Economy](#), FRG (1990 & 1992)
Trade & Development Strategies for LDCs – ([Anne Kruger](#) & [Deepak Lal](#))
- Wharton Graduate School, MBA (1970-1972)
(Beta Gamma Sigma/[Thouron Fellow](#); 2nd in a class of 412 MBAs)
- [Magdalen College](#), Oxford, MA (Chemistry/Quantum Chemistry 1966-1970) - University, State & RAF Scholarships; College Demyship; Jex Blake & Turbutt Prizes
 - **Publications:** “ESR Spectra from Free Radicals in Solution”, Chemical Comms (Com 372/1970); “Czochralski Growth of Single Crystals” (IRD – 1966)

Personal Information

- Australian & British Citizen now based in Sydney, Australia
- RAF(UK/OUAS) Veteran: (Acting) Pilot Officer with Flying, Gliding & Parachuting ‘Wings’: inducted into elite [Thousand Mile per Hour Club](#) in 1968 in a Lightning T4 Interceptor Fighter
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APPENDIX

Selected Other Past Un-Listed Company plus NGO/Advisory Board Experience

- Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute ('Think-tank', Malaysia), Advisory Council
- [Australian Artificial Intelligence Institute \(AAIL\)](#), Trustee
- [Australia's National ICT Initiative](#), Advisory Board
- Australia-NZ Leadership Forum, Member
- [AUSPECC](#), Australia Country Chairman Emeritus
- [AGSM](#) (Sydney), Chair - Centre for Corporate Change
- CHAMP Private Equity: Asian Advisory Council
- ANU-College of Asia & the Pacific, Dean's Advisory Council
- [ANU-Crawford School of Public Policy](#), First Chair, Advisory Council
- [Committee for Economic Development of Australia](#), Director
- The Distillery (National Security Systems, Canberra), Director
- General Electric (GE), Founding Member SE Asia/Indochina Advisory Board
- [Great Barrier Reef Foundation](#) (GBRF), Director
- [Insurance Australia Group](#), Founder/Member Asian Advisory Council
- Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Founding Member Asian Advisory Board
- Melbourne Business School, Centre for Ethical Leadership, Advisory Board
- [NICTA](#) (Australia's National ICT Initiative), Adviser
- [Pacific Asia Travel Association](#) (PATA), Adviser-Asia Division
- [PECC International](#), Chair-Finance Committee
- [Rio Tinto Alcan](#), Founding Member, SE Asia Advisory Council
- [Saab AB](#) (Defence/Aerospace), Founding Chair, SE Asia Advisory Council
- [Singapore Economic Committee](#) (IT Working Group)
- Singapore [National Computer Board](#)
- [Tanri Abeng University](#)/Executive Centre for Global Leadership(Indonesia), Director
- UNSW-AGSM Accelerated Learning Laboratory, Advisory Council
- UNSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre (IRMRC), Director
- [UQ Global Change Institute](#), Director
- Volvo Car Asia, Founding Member, East Asia Advisory Board
- [World Chinese Economic Forum](#), Founding Member, International Advisory Panel
- [World Islamic Economic Forum \(WIEF\)](#), Founding Member, International Advisory Panel