

James Wong
Chairman, Chinney Group

James Wong is the Chairman and CEO of the Chinney Group. The Group's four publicly listed Hong Kong subsidiaries: Hon Kwok Land (HKSE 0160), Chinney Investments (HKSE 0216), Chinney Alliance (HKSE 0385), and Chinney Kin Wing (HKSE 1556) are focused on high-tech Engineering and Real Estate. The businesses range from building their own 80-storey Hon Kwok Tower in Shenzhen to developing and operating one of Hong Kong's largest data center, and to installing the air traffic control radar at the Hong Kong Airport.

Mr. Wong sees great potential in the low-altitude economy. The Chinney Group has began strategizing in the Greater Bay Area as early as 2020, venturing into the drone and low-altitude flying car sectors. His company, Chinney Alliance Engineering (CAE), is working with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department as well as China's Air Traffic Management Bureau to design the air navigation infrastructure for the low-altitude economy. In addition, CAE has built three experimental drone cargo airports in Southwest China in collaboration with SF Express. Mr. Wong is also an early-round investor in ALEF Aeronautics Inc, a leading low-altitude flying car enterprise.

In the field of property technology (PropTech), his various companies have deployed green solutions across projects around the Greater Bay Area: ranging from solar panels in Hong Kong water reservoirs to cladding remodelled the group's flagship Bauhinia Hotel into Hong Kong's first hotel project equipped with building-integrated photovoltaic (BIPV) solar-panel curtain walls. His company Chinney Alliance Group incubated a construction robot that is currently working in 12 countries. Another company Chinney Investments is an early round investor in 3D printing contractor ICON Builders, who recently won an award from NASA to build modular spaces on the lunar surface.

The Group has now expanded its \$20+ billion portfolio across the US, Canada, and Greater China, delivering above-market returns through flagship projects and strategic investments in residential, office, and hospitality sectors. This 2300+ person family business was founded by his great grandfather in Nanjing in the 1920's to build China's railway system.

After graduating from the University of Washington (Seattle), he went on to earn a master's degree from the Florida Institute of Technology in Information Systems

Engineering as well as Juris Doctor from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly known as University of California San Francisco, Hastings College of Law).

Before joining his family business in 2010, James held positions variously as a lawyer on Toyota's eDiscovery team in Torrance, California, and as a tax lawyer at Baker and McKenzie (Los Angeles/Hong Kong) and Price Waterhouse Coopers (San Francisco). He has over 30 years of experience in economics, law, management, and information systems. He has served previously as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference for Jiangsu Province.

He previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Florida Institute of Technology (commonly known as "NASA U"), where he is an adjunct professor teaching Business and Healthcare Law and received the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award. He recently completed his term as a Global Governing Trustee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and continues to serve actively as ULI GBA Chair and President of the Hong Kong PropTech Association. He also currently serves on the International Board of ESSEC Business School in Paris.