

Nominated new candidates and alternates to Sweden-China Trade Council Board of Directors 2024/2025

Nominated candidates:



Markus Dahlström, Partner, Nordic Match AB

Markus Dahlström is a Partner at Nordic Match, an M&A and strategic advisory boutique with headquarters in Shanghai, China. Dedicated to Sino-Nordic M&A transactions Nordic Match represents Nordic MNCs and private corporates, financial sponsors and family offices across the Nordics with interests in the Chinese market.

Markus has a MSc in Finance and studied in Stockholm as well as in the US. He has broad experience from the financial industry, spanning from Group Treasury and Corporate Finance to Credit Management Services and banking expertise in Trading, Sales and Advisory. With a passion in financial markets and a long experience from managing financial, credit and political risk in the Asian region.

Previously in his career he worked sixteen years at the Swedish Investment bank SEB and lived in Asia having various managerial roles for the bank with responsibility for the Asian region. Markus have worked with cross-border investments between China and the Nordics for over a decade. He also hosts seminars and educational forums for Sino-Nordic transactions and China entries on various occasions.

Markus is also an active investor and board member in the Swedish community where he mainly contributes with financial expertise and funding queries. Examples of companies are in the Cleantech and AI space. He lives in Stockholm with his family and travels frequently to China.

Markus Dahlström was first elected alternate board member in 2021.



Lisette Lindahl, LisetteL

Lisette Lindahl has spent over 40 years as a diplomat in the Swedish Foreign service. During that time her postings have taken her from Sofia via Madrid, New York, Ottawa, Copenhagen, Washington DC to Beijing and Shanghai.

In Beijing, Lisette was head of the economic section with responsibilities for trade and economics ranging from direct promotion of Swedish companies, discussions with Chinese authorities regarding

trade rules and regulations, arranging for incoming delegations in this field and reporting to the Ministry in Stockholm on economic issues and trade policies.

2016 Lisette was appointed Swedish Consul General to Shanghai. The provinces of Jiangsu, Anhui and Zhejiang was included in her area of responsibilities. She primarily worked with promoting Swedish businesses and Swedish culture to China. Lisette was awarded Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China's Honorary Award in 2019 for being a "facilitator for Swedish enterprises in China"

Lisette retired last year and is constantly trying to continue being a facilitator when it comes to cooperation with China.

Lisette Lindahl was first elected alternate board member in 2023.

Nominated alternate candidates:



David Almström, Executive Director, Tiandi Scandinavia

David Almstrom is the Director of Product for Software Engineering at Northvolt and the executive director at Tiandi Scandinavia, focused on ICT and startups since 2009. With a background in technology and startups, he has a strong engagement in China and Asia. Previously, he held roles at Voi, Spotify, Telenor, and Mozilla. Mr Almstrom has been active in the mobile industry in Asia since the mid-90s and has held key positions at Ericsson, Nokia, and Trolltech. He holds an M.Sc. in telecommunications and enjoys writing and speaking engagements. He resides in Stockholm with his family.

David Almström was first elected alternate board member in 2021.



Richard Hårdänge, Partner and Chief Commercial Officer, NBH

Richard Hårdänge, born in 1985, is a Partner and Chief Commercial Officer at NBH, a digital marketing agency that supports companies with marketing, strategy, and digital setup in China.

Richard holds a degree in Arts & Cultural Sciences from Stockholm University. He first became interested in China while working with Chinese antiques at Uppsala Auction House. Later, he worked as a manager in hospitality, tourism, and travel, with a focus on the Chinese market.

Having lived and worked in China for many years, Richard is fluent in Mandarin Chinese. With his diverse background and deep understanding of Chinese consumer behavior, he helps companies navigate cultural differences while focusing on sales, marketing, and strategy to bridge the gap between the Nordics and China.

Richard Hårdänge was first elected alternate board member in 2023.



Per Westling, Managing Director, Stena RoRo AB

Per Westling has been employed by Stena since 1985. In addition to a M.Sc. degree in Naval Architecture from Chalmers Technical University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Per is trained as an Engineer within the Royal Swedish Navy. Within the Stena group he has been project manager for several newbuildings and major conversion projects but also served for five years within the Stena Line Shipmanagement division. In 2001 he moved to Stena RoRo as Conversion Manager, took on the role of Deputy Managing Director in 2008 and subsequently Managing Director in 2011. Mr Westling is since 2013 a board member of Interferry Inc.



Annika Ölme, CTO and Senior Vice President, SKF

Annika Ölme is the Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President, Technology Development, at SKF Group and a member of the company's Group management. In her role, Annika is responsible for the overall technological direction of the company. She leads the development and implementation of the company's technology strategy, provides strategic direction to the global research and development activities, and oversees the technical innovation and product roadmaps across all businesses.

Annika has more than 20 years of technology leadership and business management experience spanning mechanical and electrical engineering, tribology, software, and data science. Since joining SKF Group in 2022, Annika has held several leadership roles across various companies including Arcam, (now General Electric Additive), SAAB Radar solutions, and SKF Group. Her dedication for leadership and value-driven approach to technology have been key in driving business results and fostering organizational growth. She is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, STEM, and nurturing an enabling ecosystem to encourage more women participation in the workforce.

Annika chairs the board of directors for the Jacob Wallenberg foundation, which supports research in Materials Science. She also serves on the board of Image Systems AB, a Swedish listed company in image handling and chairs the Technology Committee as a member of the board at Grundfos. She also co-chairs the CTO Round Table hosted by the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA).

Annika holds a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, and earned her International Master of Business Administration degree from Waikato University School of Business, New Zealand.