

## Nominated new candidates and alternates to Sweden-China Trade Council Board of Directors 2023/2024

### Nominated candidates:



**Mats Harborn, President, Scania China Group**

Mats Harborn is a China veteran with 30 years' experience of working and living in China. He has been Chief representative for Scania and Handelsbanken, Trade Secretary at Business Sweden (former Exportrådet), General Manager for Scania China Sales Co Ltd, Executive Director for Scania Strategic Office and since 2020 he represents Scania China Group as its President.

An important part of Mats work is to actively influence the business environment.

From 2017 to May of 2019, Mats was elected President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China. He has served on the Chamber's Executive Committee since 2013, as Vice President and as States' Representative.

He is the initiator of the China Commercial Vehicles Board of ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturers' Association) and served as its chairman for seven years.

In 2005, he was elected Chairman of Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China, a position he held for eight years.

Mats is an active speaker for Swedish and foreign audiences on matters relating to China as well as in various Chinese industry fora. Mats speaks and reads Chinese.



**Magnus Sahlholm, Vice President Business Development, Volvo Trucks**

Magnus Sahlholm, born in Gothenburg in 1980 and VP Business Development in Volvo Trucks. Magnus leads strategy development and strategic initiatives in the Volvo Group, most recently in China. He lived in Beijing during 2019-2022 and has gained business experience working with China since 2007.

Magnus has held different roles in the area of strategy, governance, product strategy and commercial development at Volvo Group, as well as in management consulting with McKinsey & Company. He has a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from Chalmers University of Technology, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the School of Business, Economics and Law at University of Gothenburg. He has international experience from living and working in China, Middle East and European countries. Magnus lives in Gothenburg with his wife and four children.



**Daria Yan, Senior Associate, Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå**

Originally from Shanghai, legally trained in Hong Kong with a master degree from Stockholm, Daria Yan has worked at Mannheimer Swartling since 2012. For the first seven years she was based in Shanghai and Hong Kong and worked with a wide range of China/APAC matters, such as project structuring, contract negotiation, dispute resolution, intellectual property issues, export control and sanctions etc. across various industries. Since 2019 Daria is based in Malmö and has broadened her practice to include Swedish and international matters with primary focus on corporate commercial, mergers and acquisitions.

In addition to her native Chinese language (Mandarin and Shanghainese), Daria also speaks and works in English and Swedish. She began learning Swedish out of a random choice of elective course when studying law in the University of Hong Kong and has enjoyed the decade-long journey towards finding a home in Sweden every step of the way.

Daria Yan was elected alternate Board Member of SCTC in 2023.

**Nominated alternate candidates:**



**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.



**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.