

W. Charles Blocker
CEO, IC Partners Limited
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A leader with broad based knowledge of real estate development and project finance in ASEAN and on-line start-ups, Charles brings more than two decades of experience in capital raising, corporate finance and commercial real estate to IC Partners Limited. Established in January 2011, and based in Bangkok, Thailand, IC Partners serves as a financial advisor and investor for a number of hospitality and industrial related joint venture investments and a handful of tech startups. IC Partners also serves as asset and investment manager for four (4) family offices in Southeast Asia. IC Partners works with various capital partners, venture funds, and international hotel operators to advise investors on development planning, capital raising, deal structuring and contractual matters.

Charles earned an MBA at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, with honors. He currently serves as a Trustee of The Kenan Foundation Asia and is a member of its Executive Committee. Charles served as a Governor and Vice President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand from 2004 through 2007, numerous co-chair committee positions over the years and is currently one of its Governors for 2023-24 and serves as Board liaison for the Tax Committee, Aerospace Council and Tourism & Hospitality Committee.

Date 20 September 2023

Brief Bio: Frank Timmons

Frank Timmons is a Senior Manager with Tractus Asia, where he and the Tractus team help multinational companies make strategic decisions regarding where to locate and how to structure direct investments worldwide.

Frank has a BS in Aerospace Engineering from Penn State, an MBA from the Sasin Graduate School of Chulalongkorn University in partnership with the Kellogg and Wharton business schools, and Directors Qualifications from the Thailand Institute of Directors. Prior to joining Tractus, he has had full P&L responsibility for several Thailand based manufacturing and industrial service companies.

Frank has lived full time in Thailand for 27 years and holds dual US / Thai nationality.



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BARRY CRAWFORD

Barry Crawford has been a Supply Chain Director from 2013 to the present, with management and oversight responsibilities for purchasing, logistics, and warehouse functions for his facilities within Thailand. He has resided locally since 1994 after completing service with the U.S. Navy in Japan and Singapore, and presently serves as the AMCHAM Aerospace Committee Co-Chairman.





BILLY AUER

Billy Auer currently leads Fulfillment in Asia Pacific for Baxter Healthcare. He is responsible for international transportation, import/export operations, warehousing, and distribution across 14 markets in the region including at Baxter's Rayong, Thailand manufacturing facility.

Previously, Billy spent over 13 years at Johnson & Johnson where he held multiple supply chain and business development roles. Billy holds an MBA in Supply Chain from the University of Tennessee and a BA in Economics and Asian/Middle Eastern Studies from Dartmouth College. He is based in Thailand.



Veeraya Kaewwilai

Senior Director, Operations for Kenvue Thailand

Veeraya Kaewwilai is the Senior Director, Operations for Kenvue Thailand, responsible for the overall manufacturing operations in Thailand.

A Thai national, Veeraya has lived and worked across five countries (Thailand, China, Singapore, England, and United States). Over the past 20 years, her professional experience has been focused on End-to-End Supply Chain across Global, Regional and Local roles in the Consumer Health, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device sectors. Previously, Veeraya served as the regional Supply Chain Director for Johnson and Johnson, responsible for all segments across Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar markets.

Veeraya has progressed through roles of increased responsibilities in Supply Chain, including Planning, Project Management, Contract Management for External Manufacturing, Production Start-up, Regional Franchise Supply Chain, Logistics & Distribution Operations, as well as Strategic support lead for the Global Medical Devices Leadership team. Prior to joining Kenvue (previously Johnson and Johnson), Veeraya spent 2 years at ExxonMobil in Finance and Accounting.

Veeraya holds a MSc in Business Economics from University of Manchester, a MSc in Finance and Management from University of Exeter in England and an Executive MBA in Global Supply Chain from the University of Tennessee in the United States. She is a certified Flawless Project Execution SME.

During her free time, she loves scuba diving and traveling. Veeraya is currently based in Thailand.



SEBASTIAN ROBERTSON –

General Manager Global Sales at RMA Automotive.

Seb has been in the automotive industry for over 23 years, starting out his career in the UK at Siemens VDO (now Continental) as Resident Engineer based at the customer locations of Jaguar Land Rover, International Truck & Engine and Cummins in the USA. He then moved to CNH Industrial which took him to Chongqing, China as Platform Director on Engines at Fiat Powertrain.

In 2014 Seb started work at Ford Thailand in the program team setting up the process of calculating Regional Value Content (RVC) to take advantage of the applicable Free Trade agreements as well as setting up the Special Vehicle Engineering function in Thailand. Here he worked closely with RMA on various projects before moving over to RMA in 2018.

Seb has a diverse international background having lived across the globe, as a dual national and is bilingual in English and French.



Catherine Spillman joined the U.S. Department of Commerce in 2003. A member of the Senior Foreign Service, she is currently the Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. Prior to this assignment, Catherine was the Principal Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul. She served as the Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur from 2015-2019 following assignments at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, and the U.S. Consulate General Osaka-Kobe. Catherine received her BA from Brown University and her MBA from Trinity College, University of Dublin.