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Mihály Varga

Hungary's Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Finance

Mihály Varga has been Hungary's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance since 2018. He served previously as the Minister of National Economy, Minister without Portfolio (not being in charge of affairs of one specific ministry but being responsible for special important affairs which are not under the jurisdiction of other ministers), Minister of the Prime Minister's Office of the Second Orban Government, Chairman of the Committee of Budget Finance and the European Court of Auditors, Minister of Finance of the First Orban Government, Lecturer of the School of Economics in Szolnok University and Member of the European Court of Auditors, etc. He graduated from Budapest University of Economics in 1989.

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe, with a total area of 93,000 square kilometers and a population of about 9.764 million. Budapest is its capital and Mr. Adair Janos serves as the current president and Mr. Viktor Orban the current Prime Minister. Hungary is a moderately developed country and a member of the OECD. Its level of economic development ranks among the top in Central and Eastern Europe. In 2019, its GDP reached USD 163.47 billion, a year-on-year increase of 4.6% which is among the highest in the European Union, up from the lowest ten years ago. The GDP declined by 5.2% in 2020, including 1.1% quarter-on-quarter growth in the fourth quarter, showing signs of recovery. Hungary is a typical export-dependent economy. In 2019, its dependence on foreign trade was 163%, ranking 10th in the world. The government has implemented an active policy of introducing foreign investment. There are more than 30,000 foreign-invested companies nationwide with its added value accounting for about 1/3 of Hungary's GDP and its export volume accounting for over 70% of Hungary in total. Hungary is the first European country which has signed the "Belt and Road" cooperation document with China, and it is also China's largest investment destination in Central and Eastern Europe region.



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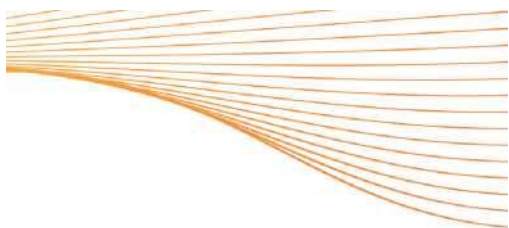


## Aiwanger

Deputy Governor of the German State of  
Bavaria and Minister of Economic Affairs,  
Regional Development and Energy

Aiwanger has been the Deputy Governor of the German State of Bavaria and Minister of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy since November 2018. His political positions include President of the Free Voters Party in Bavaria, Member of the State Assembly, Member of the Rothenburg City Council, Member of the Landschut District Council, and President of the Free Voters Party in the German Federal Government. In addition, he also serves as the chairman of the hunting association in the Rothenburg region of Bavaria. He received a master's degree in agricultural engineering from the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences and won a scholarship from Hanns Seidel Stiftung.

Bavaria has a strong economic foundation, complete infrastructure and reasonable economic structure. Munich, its capital, is the largest city in southern Germany and one of the most prosperous cities in Europe. In 2019, the GDP of Bavaria reached EUR 632.9 billion, up by 0.5% yearly, marking the tenth consecutive year of growth and accounting for 18.4% of Germany's total, second only to NRW. China is Bavaria's largest trading partner in the world. In 2019, the total trade volume between China and Bavaria was EUR 33.89 billion, accounting for 16.5% of the total trade volume between China and Germany. At present, more than 2,000 Bavaria enterprises have maintained trade relations with China, more than 100 Bavaria enterprises have set up production lines in China and more than 600 companies have set up branches or trade representative offices in China, including Siemens, Audi, BMW, Allianz, Airbus, Munich Re's ERGO Group and other Fortune Global 500 companies as well as industry leaders such as Knorr Bremse and Diehl. About 300 Chinese companies have set up businesses in Bavaria, including Huawei, Alibaba and Weichai Power. In July 1987, Bavaria and Shandong established sister-state relations and over the past 30 years, the two sides have conducted fruitful cooperation and exchanges in various fields.





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### Wuttke

President of European Union Chamber of Commerce in China  
Vice President of BASF Global and Chief Representative of  
BASF (China) Co., Ltd.

Wuttke was elected President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China in 2007, 2014 and 2019 respectively. He currently serves as the Vice President of BASF Global and Chief Representative of BASF (China) Co., Ltd. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the German Chamber of Commerce in China and before joining BASF, he worked at ABB for 11 years. He is also Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Exchange and Foreign Enterprise Committee of the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation, Advisory Board Member of the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Berlin, Chairman of the China Working Group of the Business Advisory Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and a Member of the Rotary Club of Beijing and the **Bahá'í Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation** in Europe. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from the University of Mannheim. In 2008, he was featured in the book *My 30 Years in China* as one of 13 prominent expatriates in China.

Founded in October 2000, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China now has about 1,700 members with its purpose to serve member companies by speaking for European enterprises in China, to provide a channel for Chinese leaders to communicate with the European political and business communities, and to track and report on the Chinese market, China's and EU's compliance with WTO obligations and other international commitments. Headquartered in Beijing, the chamber has branches in Shanghai, Nanjing, Southwest China (Chengdu, Chongqing), South China (Guangzhou, Shenzhen), Shenyang and Tianjin. It has published *Proposals for European Enterprises in China* for years in a row and the president of the Chamber will present the Proposals directly to the European Commission during his annual trip to Brussels, and report the relevant information to senior EU officials regularly to ensure that relevant policy makers keep abreast of the situation of European enterprises in China.





Nikolai Setzer

Chairman of the Executive Board, Continental AG

Nikolai Setzer has served as Chairman of the Executive Board of Continental AG since December 2020. He is also responsible for group communications and public affairs, group total quality management, group strategy and the Co-Pace (Start-up organization). Previously, he served as Member of the Executive Board of Continental, Spokesman of the Automotive Board, Member of the Executive Board of Tire Division, Member of the Executive Board of Passenger and Light Truck Tires Division, Vice President of Business Unit PLT Replacement Europe & Africa, Executive Vice President of Business Unit PLT Original Equipment, and Vice President of Business Unit Original Equipment. He studied mechanical engineering and economics at the University of Darmstadt in Germany and the University of Bordeaux in France.

Founded in 1871, Continental AG provides safe, efficient, intelligent and cost-effective solutions for vehicles, machinery, traffic and transportation. In 2019, the sales volume reached EUR 44.5 billion, listed No. 230 in the 2020 Fortune Global 500. The year 2021 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Continental. It has been operating officially in China since 1994, serving major automotive manufacturers in various automotive segments. It also develops and produces materials, functional parts, components and systems for extensive applications in rail transit, machinery, engineering, mining and other important industries. Currently, Continental has 28 production bases and 18 R&D centers in China. There are four enterprises in Shandong, including Continental Automotive (Jinan) Co., Ltd., Road-Broad Automotive Electronics (Qufu) Co., Ltd., Contitech (Shandong) Engineered Rubber Products Co., Ltd., and Veyance Qingdao Engineered Elastomers Co., Ltd.



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### MARCO TRONCHETTI PROVERA

Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
of Pirelli & C. S.p.A. and Chairman of Marco  
Tronchetti Provera & C. S.p.A.

Tronchetti, who joined Pirelli & C. S.p.A. in 1986, has been CEO of Pirelli since 1992 and Executive Vice Chairman of Pirelli since October 2015. He serves as the Chairman of Marco Tronchetti Provera & C. S.p.A., a holding which controls Camfin S.p.A. which in turn holds just over 10% of Pirelli & C. S.p.A. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A., Chairman of Prelios S.p.A., Chairman of Telecom Italia and Chairman of the “Il Sole 24 Ore”. At present, he also serves as Director of RCS MediaGroup S.p.A., Honorary co-Chairman for the Italian Branch of the Council for the United States and Italy, Member of the Italian Group of the Trilateral Commission, co-Chairman of the Italy - Russia Entrepreneurial Committee for Economic Cooperation, Member of the General Council and the Advisory Board of Assolombarda and of the General Council of Confindustria and Board Member of Bocconi University. He received a degree in Economics and Business Administration from Bocconi University of Milan.

Founded in 1872, Pirelli & C. S.p.A. is the only company in the tire field that specializes in the consumer market (automobile, motorcycle and bicycle tires) and it is the global market leader in high value automotive tires and high-end motorcycle tires for racing. Pirelli has 19 factories in 12 countries around the world. Currently, Pirelli is involved in more than 350 two - and four-wheel competitions worldwide. Since 2011, it has been the global tire partner of the F1 World Championship and the exclusive tire supplier for the 2021-2024 World Rally Championship (WRC). It also participates in motor sports including the GT World Challenge, Ferrari Challenge, Lamborghini Super Cup and the China Auto Rally Championship. It mainly provides original factory supporting for Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, Bentley, Benz, BMW, Audi, Jaguar Land Rover, NIO and so on. In 2005, Pirelli and Hixih Rubber Industry Group set up a joint venture named Pirelli Tire Co., Ltd.





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### Javier Gimeno

Senior Vice President of the Saint-Gobain Group;  
CEO Saint-Gobain Asia-Pacific

Javier Gimeno, Senior Vice President of the Saint-Gobain Group and CEO of Saint-Gobain Asia-Pacific, is the Co-Founder and Member of the Board of Club 50. He served as President of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China from 2015 to 2019, and Chairman of the International Committee of Advisors of the Major of Jinan from 2017 to 2019. He has been awarded the title of “China Economic Leader” by the Chinese government, “Best Entrepreneur of the Year”, “Magnolia Silver Medal”, and “Best Entrepreneur Award” by the city of Shanghai, and “Jinan Outstanding Recognition” by the city of Jinan. In 2020, he was awarded Permanent Residence Permit and Magnolia Gold Medal by the city of Shanghai.

Founded in 1665, the French Saint-Gobain Group is one of the largest materials companies in the world. Its main products include automotive and building glass, piping systems, mortar, gypsum, refractory ceramics and crystals and its materials and solutions are widely used in construction, transportation, infrastructure and industrial applications and so on. In 2019, the sales revenue reached USD 47.65 billion, ranking No. 244 in the 2020 Fortune Global 500 and it has been rated as the world's 100 most innovative enterprises for 10 consecutive years. Saint-Gobain (China) Investment Co., Ltd. was established in 1985 and now it has one R&D center, 54 production bases and more than 8,000 employees in China. Saint-Gobain Sekurit ranks among the top three automotive glass makers in China with four plants in Shanghai, Qingdao, Wuhan and Meizhou. With an annual capacity of two million sets of automotive glazing, it provides products and services for domestic major automobile manufacturers including Beijing Benz, Brilliance BMW, DF Renault, CA Ford, Volvo, Great Wall Motor and BYD. Saint-Gobain has set up three projects in Linyi, Qingdao, with a total investment of nearly USD 200 million, mainly producing high-grade float glass, polyester film, polyvinyl fluoride film and refractory products.

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