



HISTORY

GOODBYE HUTCHISON HOUSE

CK Hutchison inherited Hutchison House when Cheung Kong acquired Hutchison Whampoa in 1979. It continued to be the headquarters for the growing CK Hutchison international businesses for the 40 years that followed.



ounder Li Ka-shing and his executive team moved in and decisions affecting the Group's businesses around the world were made in these offices. At the time, the office decor combined the forward-looking vitality of the new team with a respect for the tradition of the *hong*.

Although the business was big, the experience for those working there could be very personal. The Hutchison House offices were a home away from home for many who happily worked there for decades. Group Co-Managing Director Mr Canning Fok's personal feelings embody those of many long-time Hutchison House denizens when he says, "I have been here in this office for 25 years now – really! A full 25 years! ... this will be the end of one era and the beginning of a new one. I'm looking forward to the new office – but I miss the old office."

Located in the heart of Central, Hong Kong's premier business district, the new incarnation of Hutchison House will see the 22-storey original replaced with a 41-storey building, due to be completed in 2023. Staff from headquarters are now right at home in Cheung Kong Center, just a stone's throw across Chater Garden from the old building.

Hutchison House – thanks for the memories! □





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- 1 Reception – Hutchison House was home to the Head Office of Hutchison Whampoa, and later CK Hutchison, for nearly half a century.
- 2 Guests' Waiting Area – Well-worn sofas where one could take a breather before the next meeting.
- 3 Telepresence Room – Thousands of kilometres and hundreds of hours were saved for executives with this technological marvel.
- 4 Roof Terrace – Delegates attended seminars and conferences held here.
- 5 Boardroom – Where decisions that impacted over 50 countries around the world were made.

Historical artworks which adorned the offices included:

- 6 *Harbour Scene – Hong Kong* by Edward Seago;
- 7 Portrait of John Duflon Hutchison (1855–1920). Artist unknown. Hutchison established the eponymous John D Hutchison & Co in 1877; and
- 8 *Whampoa Anchorage* – 1887. Artist unknown.
- 9 Boardroom Waiting Area – Where senior executives grabbed a minute before reporting to the Board.
- 10 Dining Room – This hosted a myriad of dignitaries and VIPs over the years.



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