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Jonathan Spear is a Technical Director at Atkins in Hong Kong with over 20 years' experience leading, managing or supporting studies in transport and mobility policy, strategy development, technology and practice, governance and delivery mechanisms. Jonathan's global experience is extensive with involvement in Europe, Asia, Southern Africa and the Middle East, either directly in-country or through the investigation of benchmarking activities and case studies. He has undertaken transport strategies, institutional studies and implementation planning in the UK, Kuwait, Qatar, Brunei and Abu Dhabi. He was the principal author of the United Arab Emirates National Transport Plan, completed in 2010, and recently was a key member of the Atkins technical team supporting the World Bank in developing a National Transport Strategy for Malaysia.

In 2012 – 2013, Jonathan was Policy and Regulation Leader in the Qatar Central Planning Office, advising on the development of the functions, powers, structures and other aspects of governance and organizational support. He was closely involved in Atkins' team for the Commission for Integrated Transport's Benchmarking of European Transport Best Practice, as well as the Wuhan and Beijing Transport Demand Management Studies for the World Bank. He is currently playing a lead technical role in the development of a Land Transport Master Plan for Brunei Darussalam, and undertaking research for Dubai Airports into the future potential and potential development paths for automated, driverless vehicles. Following three years based in Dubai, Jonathan is now based in Hong Kong and travels extensively in Asia. He has represented Atkins on the Council of the Association of European Transport and is closely involved internationally in technical activities for the World Road Association, currently focusing on institutional integrity, governance and performance.