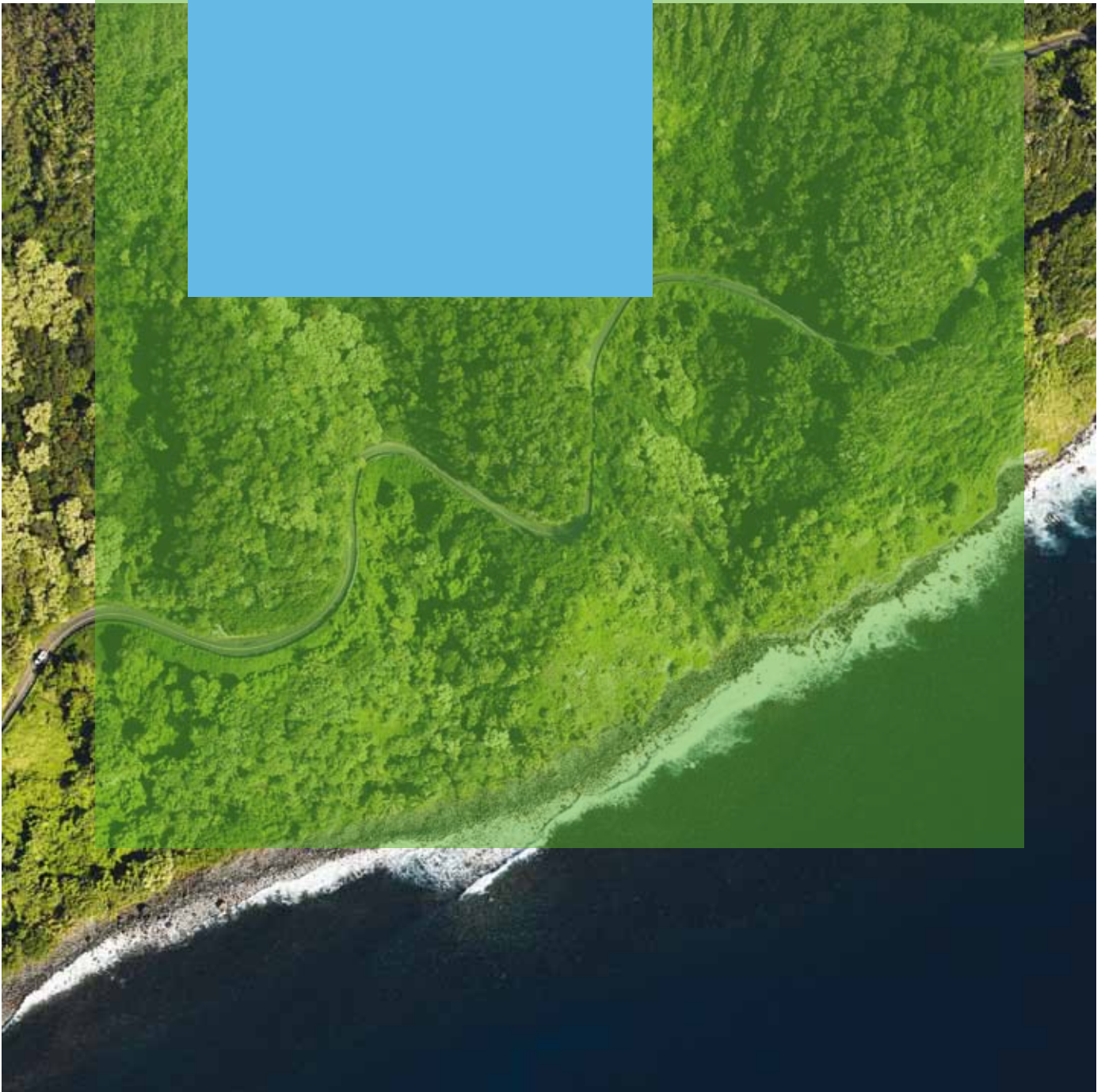


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ALB – Asian Legal Business

Core strengths

Established in 1979 in Hong Kong, we are one of the leading international full service law firms in Asia. In 1995 we were awarded our licence to become one of the first foreign firms to open an office in Shanghai. Our China offices work and function as a completely integrated team in all aspects.

With one of the largest practices among the international firms with operations in the region, we provide a full range of legal services to multinational companies, international investment banks, government agencies and local companies.

Our services

We focus on the following core areas:

Capital markets

- equity raisings including global offerings and listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, “H” share offerings by PRC companies, placings and rights issues
- a wide range of debt capital markets instruments, both on an institutional and retail basis

Corporate

- all aspects of M&A and FDI into China (public and private company takeovers, mergers, acquisitions and disposals), joint ventures, private equity investments, MBOs and LBOs, strategic alliances, privatisations, regulatory compliance, corporate governance and general investment advice

Dispute resolution

- commercial litigation (including Judicial Review), international arbitration and ADR, with a particular focus on insurance, banking and financial services litigation (regulatory inquiries) and energy disputes

Employment

- contentious and non-contentious advice on all aspects of the employment relationship, including advice on employee entitlements and protections, documentation, termination disputes, redundancies and restructurings, data protection laws, discrimination claims, training, and regional projects

Finance

- a wide variety of financial markets work, with particular experience in acquisition and project finance, secured lending on a syndicated and bilateral basis, Islamic finance, debt capital markets, structured debt products covering a wide variety of asset classes, derivatives, prime brokerage, asset repackagings, treasury management, trade finance, asset management, hedge funds, private equity funds, property funds, ETFs, SFC authorised funds, REITs, regulatory and licencing advice

Information, communications and technology

- IT, ecommerce and the Internet, broadcasting and media, telecommunications, fibre optic network, venture capital related transactions, outsourcing and regulatory issues

Insolvency and restructuring

- all aspects of corporate restructuring, pre and post-insolvency, workouts, distressed debt and assets

Intellectual property

- contentious and non-contentious work including copyright, patent, trade mark, anti-counterfeiting and licensing issues, IP due diligence and IP related dispute resolution

Major projects

- project development, project finance, construction and other transactional aspects of energy, power, water, infrastructure, transports and other major projects

“widely praised for the ‘quality and consistency of its work’”

Chambers Asia 2009

Firm of the Year 2009 for Labour

Asian Counsel

Awarded Asian Counsel 2009 Deal of the Year for the Bank of East Asia Renminbi Bond issue

Awarded ALB M&A Deal of the Year 2009 and Asian Counsel 2008 Deal of the Year for advising JP Morgan in relation to the US\$2.48bn acquisition by China Merchants Bank of Wing Lung Bank

Awarded ALB Debt Market Deal of the Year 2009 for advising HSBC Trustees in relation to the Champion REIT

Awarded Asian Counsel 2008 Deal of the Year for the Cathay Pacific Judicial Review against the Hong Kong Privacy Commissioner

Expertise in practice

Barclays Global Investors, Société Générale/Lyxor and Deutsche Bank

- on the SFC authorisation and listing of iShares, Lyxor and db x-tracker ETFs on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including the first 'A' Share ETF, first commodities ETF and the first corporate ETF

Cathay Pacific Airways

- on its successful Judicial Review of the decision of the Privacy Commissioner and the Administrative Appeals Board regarding the company's procedure of collecting certain medical information under the Attendance Monitoring Programme for cabin crew – Asian Counsel 2008 Deal of the Year
- on major licensing and commercial transactions, including in respect of a new in-flight entertainment system, supply of in-flight entertainment content and advertising and publishing services agreements

China Mobile

- on the outsourcing of its mobile roaming clearing and related back office functions to a stand-alone entity (Advanced Roaming & Clearing House Ltd)

Citigroup Global Markets Asia, JPMorgan, Deutsche Bank and China International Capital Corp Securities

- as joint bookrunners and joint lead managers on a US\$500m guaranteed exchangeable bond guaranteed by China Overseas Holdings

CLSA

- as sponsor on the listing of RCG Holdings, the first company with shares admitted to trading on AIM to list on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Datang International Power

- on potential overseas acquisitions
- on coal-chemical and coal-natural gas projects in Inner Mongolia

GlaxoSmithKline

- on the establishment of a research and development facility in Shanghai, one of the largest projects of its kind undertaken in China, including many corporate structuring issues and involving detailed dialogue with regulatory authorities on a wide range of issues

HSBC Trustees

- on the acquisition of the Langham Place Mall and Office Tower by Champion REIT and the capital raising of Champion REIT which involved a HK\$2.96bn unit placement and a HK\$4.68bn convertible bond issue in early 2008

JP Morgan

- as financial adviser to China Merchants Bank on its US\$2.48bn takeover of Wing Lung Bank including advising on the structuring and various regulatory issues of the deal – Asian Counsel 2008 Deal of the Year and ALB M&A Deal of the Year 2009

Lacoste

- on its anti-counterfeiting campaign, prosecution work in trade mark and design matters including taking pre-emptive measures in Hong Kong and China

Media Chinese International

- formerly known as Ming Pao Enterprise Corporation on its US\$450m merger with Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad and Nanyang Press Holdings Berhad, which created one of the largest Chinese media groups

Parkson Retail Group

- on the acquisition of various stores in the PRC and on its US\$200m high yield notes and its subsequent US\$125m high yield notes

SPARX Asset Management

- on its US\$226m acquisition of PMA Capital Management Ltd, then the largest hedge fund manager in Asia (ex-Japan). This was the first major hedge fund/alternative investment M&A transaction in Asia

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