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Our Hong Kong SAR office forms an integral part in supporting our clients' inbound and outbound investment strategies across key sectors such as real estate, infrastructure, energy & natural resources (with a focus on renewable & sustainable energy), financial services, sports & entertainment and food & agribusiness.

The team is focused on providing international, regional and local legal services. A significant proportion of the team is fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese. The majority of lawyers are Hong Kong SAR qualified, with many also qualified in other jurisdictions such as England and Wales, New York and PRC. The team has extensive knowledge of the cultural and legal systems that affect business and investments in Asia and getting "deals done" and matters settled.

Supported by over 700+ top real estate lawyers globally, our award-winning team offers Asian investors considering high-value acquisitions or developments leading insights in asset classes such as data centers, logistics, mixed-use developments, hospitality & leisure and office & retail, whether into local markets or internationally across the US, UK, Europe and Middle East.

Whether you are an international organization looking to expand your global footprint throughout Asia or a local business buying, selling, investing or developing a major capital asset in Greater China, we provide strong services across the entire life cycle incorporating advice on corporate, commercial, finance and disputes.

INTRODUCING OUR KEY PRACTICE AREAS

CORPORATE & FINANCE TRANSACTIONS

We combine the breadth of our Asian practice and resources with a keen understanding of the global transactional environment. We provide corporate and legal services for Asian matters in areas including joint ventures, mergers & acquisitions and complex cross-border transactions.

Complementing our corporate legal services, our firm offers comprehensive advice on employment, competition, data privacy & security and general corporate matters and commercial contracts. Our clients include local and international companies doing business in Greater China, as well as Asian companies doing business throughout the US, UK, Europe and Middle East.

On the finance side, we represent all types of entities including lenders and borrowers, funds and a variety of other non-bank financial institutions in finance, refinance and special situations. Our team possesses a formidable depth of sector-specific experience, enabling us to provide strategically sound and commercially meaningful advice on the most complex transactions.

LITIGATION & INVESTIGATIONS

Our team includes a broad mix of litigators experienced in handling disputes across a wide variety of industry sectors, able to offer clear and concise advice on a full range of issues. Our team has advised plaintiffs and defendants in numerous cases in Hong Kong, and has detailed experience of all aspects of court procedure, having acted on some of the largest and most complex matters throughout Hong Kong.

We also regularly advise our clients on all aspects of the arbitration process, from the drafting and negotiation of an arbitration agreement to the ultimate enforcement of an award locally or internationally. Our experience covers both domestic and international arbitration as well as other forms of alternative dispute resolution. We pride ourselves on our ability to use our knowledge and experience to help our clients achieve a successful resolution of disputes.

We also regularly act for clients in matters related to competition and anti-trust, data protection and privacy law as well as employment law.

REAL ESTATE

Our award-winning real estate team has experience in dealing with all aspects of development from conception through funding, construction, leasing and occupation. Our track record in complex and challenging international markets enables us to assist our clients in making a success of their development opportunities.

We are committed to staying broad and deep across the real estate sector globally and therefore adopt a sector strategy, which means we have teams focused on all other core areas including real estate funds, finance, private equity and disputes.

ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Our multidisciplinary team brings together highly experienced locally based practitioners with deep understanding in Asian urban development, social and economic infrastructure, and public procurement.

We advise sponsors, lenders, developers and procuring authorities on all aspects of energy developments and investment with a particular focus on offshore and onshore wind, solar and energy from waste projects. We support clients through every step of their project pipeline, from consenting and competition issues, through to financing, structuring and eventual delivery and exit.

MEET THE TEAM



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HK releases Guideline concerning Generative AI

On 15 April 2025, the Hong Kong Government's Digital Policy Office published the Hong Kong Generative Artificial Intelligence Technical and Application Guideline ("Guideline")[1], which aims to provide operational guidance for various stakeholders in the application of generative artificial intelligence ("AI").

Insights

May 13, 2025

Fake legal authorities – AI hallucination or professional negligence?

Artificial intelligence ("AI") has the potential to make significant changes to various aspects of the practice of law. It is possible that many lawyers will incorporate AI in doing legal work, one way or the other and to some degree or other, in the foreseeable future. However, while AI is a powerful tool at lawyers' disposal, work generated by AI can

contain errors, and AI has the potential to “hallucinate”, i.e. make up false information or something that does not in fact exist. In two recent court cases in Canada and the UK, the lawyers submitted to the courts case authorities that did not exist, leading the other side’s lawyers and the court to suspect that those cases had been (mis-)generated by the use of AI.

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Abolition of MPF Offsetting Mechanism in Hong Kong

From 1 May 2025, in respect of Hong Kong’s MPF scheme, the MPF offsetting mechanism will be abolished, meaning that employers no longer will be able to use the accrued benefits of their mandatory contributions under the Mandatory Provident Fund (“MPF”) scheme to offset employees’ severance payments (“SP”) and long service payments (“LSP”).

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HK proposes changes to the “continuous contract” rule under Employment Ordinance

The Hong Kong Government has proposed to change the “continuous contract” requirement under the Employment Ordinance (Cap 57) (“EO”) from the current “4-18” requirement to a more relaxed “4-17” or “4-68” requirement.

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“Battle of the Forms” in the Hong Kong Construction Industry

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Does “back to back” mean “pay when paid” in construction contracts?

In *Sze Fung Engineering Limited v Trevi Construction Company Limited* [2025] HKCA 278[1], the Hong Kong Court of Appeal (“CA”) ruled that the “back to back” wording in that case was not a “pay when paid” clause, but governed only the timing of payment.

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Does Without Prejudice Privilege apply to reports prepared by third parties?

The without prejudice (“WP”) rule generally prevents statements made in a genuine attempt to settle an existing dispute from being put before the court as evidence. Usually, these statements are made in communications between the opposing parties to a dispute. Can WP privilege attach to documents produced by third parties who are not parties to the dispute? This was a question before a deputy judge of the English High Court (“Court”) in *BNP Paribas Depository Services Ltd v Briggs & Forrester Engineering Services Ltd* [2024] EWHC 2575 (TCC)[1].

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Hong Kong Court makes security for costs order against Mainland parties with no assets in Hong Kong

In *Y and Another v GI and Another* [2025] HKCFI 1317[1], the Hong Kong Court of First Instance (“Court”) allowed the defendant’s application for security for costs against the plaintiffs in respect of the plaintiffs’ application to

set aside an arbitral award. In doing so, the Court found that the plaintiffs were resident outside Hong Kong, had no assets available in Hong Kong and the setting aside application had little prospect of success.

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