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Oct. 24 -- US-based Baker & McKenzie issued the following news release:

Highly respected corporate lawyer and a former general counsel of the Daily Mail and General Trust Group Peter Ickeringill will join global law **firm**Baker & McKenzie as a partner in its Melbourne office

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Peter has advised boards, CEOs and other senior executives on major mergers and acquisitions, particularly in the manufacturing, media and financial services sectors, for more than 30 years.

He has been based in some of the world's major commercial centres including London, **Hong Kong**, Beijing and Melbourne, where he has been a partner of first-tier law firms and also a director and general counsel for one of the largest global media groups.

"Peter's joining is a significant move for the **Firm** as we continue to grow our corporate practices," said Chris Freeland, Baker & McKenzie's Australian national managing partner. "Peter is one of the most experienced lawyers in his field in Australia. He brings with him an unrivalled depth of knowledge of the local **M**&A;, manufacturing, media and financial services markets, as well as a strong international perspective having worked in the UK and **China** for many years."

On his appointment, Peter said: "Baker & McKenzie is the global **firm** against which all others are measured. It sets the bar for brand recognition and reputation, worldwide service, industry knowledge and practice depth. These qualities, together with the **Firm**'s vast international network, will enable me to meet the growing demands of my clients with the world's best practice capabilities".

Peter's most recent deals include some of the largest in the country such as the establishment of Orora Group and its demerger by scheme of arrangement from Amcor; Sinopec's **acquisition** of joint venture interests in the East Timor Sea from AED **Oil**; the establishment of Daily Mail Australia by joint venture between DMGT, Nine Entertainment and Mi9; and the **acquisition** of Nova Entertainment by interests associated with Lachlan Murdoch.

Additionally, Peter volunteers for various community groups such as the Deafness Foundation, a public charity devoted to the interests of the deaf and hearing impaired in Australia, and where he is chairman and president.

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