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DLA Piper has boosted its corporate practice in Bangkok with the hire of O'Melveny & Myers lawyer Tim Tan.

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Tan, who was previously a counsel with O'Melveny in Singapore in the **firm's** corporate finance practice, focuses on banking and leverage finance, corporate debt and restructuring and special situations investment **transactions**.

His experience includes **acquisition** finance, project finance, trade finance, **commercial** lending, corporate debt restructuring and **M&A transactions** across Asia including Indonesia, PRC, India, Thailand and Philippines.

Also in Thailand, Deacons partner Michael Turnbull has joined Tilleke & Gibbins as of counsel in the insurance **group** in the **firm's** Bangkok office.

Turnbull, who focuses on insurance **commercial** litigation, chiefly advises insurers and re-insurers on claims-related issues arising from critical policy disputes, high-stakes inter-insurance **commercial** disputes, and mediation of insurance-related disputes.

On the non-contentious side, he has also advised brokers on regulatory matters relating to doing business throughout Asia, and he has assisted international insurers to establish their **operations** in numerous jurisdictions.

He previously worked at **Hong Kong firm** Deacons, where he served as a partner for 15 years.

Clyde & Co has meanwhile ramped up its Asia employment team with the hire of Iris Duchetsmann from Eversheds and her team of three associates Lisa Li, Cynthia Zheng and Vivien Xu.

Duchetsmann, who was Eversheds' head of employment for the region, left the **firm** along with Shanghai office head Jean-Marc Deschandel in December. The **firm** subsequently made corporate of counsel Jack Cai head of the office.

Focusing on cross-border employment and international human resources issues, Duchetsmann advises on issues such as social security, tax and residency. Before joining Eversheds early 2012 she was of counsel at Salans, which has since merged with Dentons.

In **Hong Kong**, US law **firm** Winston & Strawn has added Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe partner Marco Pocci in a bid to enhance its Asia **energy** practice.

Pocci, who concentrates on cross-border **M&A** and corporate restructuring, is the first **energy**-focused partner in the **Hong Kong** office.

He will be working alongside the **firm's** corporate and litigation partners, Simon Luk, and David Hall-Jones and Adrian Yip, respectively.

**Chinese firm** Fangda & Partners has also boosted its **Hong Kong** office, with the hire of a corporate partner.

Andrew Lui, who was previously with US **firm** Edwards Wildman Palmer, specialises in capital markets, cross border **M&A** and private **equity**.

His arrival comes less than two years after the opening of Fangda's **Hong Kong** base and fourth office overall, which is headed by former Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer partner Peter Yuen.

In the dispute resolution space, local outfit Howse Williams Bowers (HWB) has also increased its capabilities in the city.

The Reed Smith Richards Butler spin-off has hired Andrew Kinnison, previously a partner with Holman Fenwick & Willan in **Hong Kong** and a partner with Greene & Greene in the UK.

Kinnison specialises in **commercial** litigation and insolvency including ADR, banking, professional negligence and **property** litigation.

Herbert Smith Freehills has meanwhile boosted its IP offering in Australia with the appointment of partner Rebekah Gay in its Sydney office and the secondment of UK-based partner Joel Smith to Australia.

Gay, who trained at Freehills earlier in her career, joins HSF from Australian **firm** Shelston IP, where she worked for seven years, whilst Smith has relocated from London to Sydney on secondment.

The two partners will support the 13-partner global IP **group**, covering IP disputes, IP corporate and trade marks on cross-border matters.

In Singapore Baker & McKenzie member **firm** Wong & Leow has recruited transfer pricing practitioner Michael Nixon from Ernst & Young to bolster its tax **group**.

Previously a transfer pricing consultant at the accounting **firm**, Nixon also has experience advising on tax effective supply chain management (TESCM) and has worked on projects in Singapore, the UK, Germany and the Netherlands.

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