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# Highlights

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#### Fintech Talks: What's Next for Vietnam?

Stefano spoke at this event

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# About

Launched in 2018, Aspire is one of the fastest growing FinTech companies in South East Asia, already operating in Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. Aspire is backed by Y-Combinator - #1 startup incubator in the world - and is backed by some of the world's best VCs.

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# Featured



I am thrilled to announce that our Aspire Vietnam team has won the first prize at the Orient Commercial Joint Stock Bank (OCB) Open API Challenge 2020, among over 50 FinTech participants across 6 countries! It has been a great privilege to lead and work alongside each of you on this project as we continue to create innovative financial technology solutions to help SMEs in Vietnam. ...



# Experience

#### **Co-founder and Country Manager at Aspire Vietnam**



· Drove the Vietnam business unit from incorporation to achieving profitability in less than 12 months

- · Successfully adapted the company's strategy to achieve local market fit in Vietnam and to deliver explosive growth
- · Negotiated, closed and successfully implemented strategic partnership with primary Vietnamese banks to drive operations in the local market

#### Associate Lecturer of M&A and international contract law - Master of International Business Law

Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (ULAW) · Part-time iep 2016 – Present

· 4 yrs 8 mos

Vietnam

Focus on M&A, FinTech, Emerging Markets, JVs, Private Equity

#### **General Secretary**

EuroCham Vietnam · Part-time
Aug 2016 – Mar 2021
· 4 yrs 8 mos
Vietnam

Elected to serve in the Board of Directors of EuroCham, one of the largest and most prestigious international business association in Vietnam (over 1000 members).

Represented European multinational companies at official meetings with top-ranking government officials. Played leading role in the internal reorganization of EuroCham, by re-drafting its Charter, Statutes, Code of Ethics, and Voting Procedures.

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#### **Frasers Law Company**

5 yrs 2 mos

# Senior Associate Lawyer

Full-time

Jan 2019 – Nov 2019

· 11 mos

Vietnam

Senior M&A Lawyer at Frasers Law Company, a leading international law firm in Vietnam, focusing on cross-border M&A, FinTech, strategic joint-ventures, IP Licensing, Technology Transfer, Cyber-security.

#### **Associate Lawyer**

Full-time

Oct 2014 - Dec 2018

· 4 yrs 3 mos

Vietnam

Advising major international companies and investors (USA, Japan, EU, China, Australia, etc) on a broad variety of cross-border corporate, M&A, JV and commercial transactions. Solid experience in FinTech, project finance, energy and infrastructure, with a strong focus on solar and renewable energy projects.

#### **Associate Lawyer - Real Estate department**



Advised major international investment funds with regard to real estate construction and development ventures in the infrastructure, retail and tourism sectors.

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#### University of California, Berkeley - School of Law



Master of Laws (LL.M.), Law, Full-time student

Attended all classes with honours

#### **New York University School of Law**



Post-doctoral research, Law

2013

Merit scholarship awarded by Philip Morris International for research at the NYU Center for Transnational Litigation and Commercial Law (January 2013 - April 2013)

#### Università degli Studi di Pavia



Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Private Law, Excellent (Highest honours)

2008 – 2012

- Ranked first among 56 applicants from all of Italy
- Three-year merit scholarship from the Italian Ministry of University and Research
- Prize 'Kiwanis International (Pavia)', as most deserving Law School graduate (2011)
- Published 10 articles in national law journals mainly dealing with contract law and international business transactions

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#### Licenses & certifications

#### Attorney at Law (New York)



New York State Bar Association ssued Jan 2011 · No Expiration Date

#### **Qualified Foreign Lawyer (Vietnam)**

Vietnam Ministry of Justice

## Volunteer experience

### Team of International Lawyers teaching at Tanzania Law School



New Perimeter - DLA Piper's global pro bono initiative.

Law School of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam: Teaching the Next Generation of African Leaders

http://www.newperimeter.com/blog/2014/teaching-in-tanzania-2.html

#### Skills & endorsements

International Law . 29



Endorsed by Dr. Bertold Bär-Bouyssière, LL.M., who is highly skilled at this

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Endorsed by 2 of Stefano's colleagues at Frasers Law Company

Corporate Law . 25



Endorsed by Federica Lolli, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 3 of Stefano's colleagues at Frasers Law Company

International Business Law . 15

Marta Bettinazzi and 14 connections have given endorsements for this skill

Industry Knowledge

 $\textbf{Cross-border Transactions} \ \ . \ 15$ 

**Real Estate Transactions** . 6

**International Trade** . 2

Contract Law . 11

Mergers & Acquisitions . 5

**Corporate Governance** . 4

Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A)  $_{\cdot\,3}$ 

Other Skills 📵

**Commercial Contracts** . 4

International Trade Law . 3

FinTech . 2

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#### Recommendations

Received (2) Given (0)



#### **Kate Pytlewski**

VP, Deputy General Counsel - Global Corporate at EPAM Systems

December 12, 2019, Kate was a client of Stefano's

Stefano is a well-seasoned, practical counselor and partner in complex business transactions. He took our team through a small but complicated transaction, taking time to explain every step and answer many questions promptly and clearly. His knowledge and expertise is outstanding, and his ability to identify "rea... **See more** 



#### Federica Lolli

General Counsel, Head of IP, Angel Investor January 13, 2016, Federica was a client of Stefano's

I have been working with Stefano on a variety of corporate governance matters in the context of certain significant changes occurred in Y2015 under Vietnamese Corporate Law. Stefano has been crucial to get immediate access to the key information of the law reform and understand how to reshape our gover... **See more** 

# Accomplishments

Vietnam Project Finance Report 2018 • Impact of the TPP on Trade and Investment in Vietnam • Branding Pro-Consumer Contracts: Developing a New Consumer Protection Technique in Light of the CESL Proposal • L'Avvocato Italiano negli Stati Uniti d'America ('The Italian Lawyer in the United States') • Vendita Internazionale e Garanzia per Vizi della Cosa ('International Sale of Goods and Lack of Conformity') • La Natura Contrattuale della Responsabilità del Mediatore ('Professional Responsability of the Mediator') • Le Nuove Regole sui Contratti di Credito ai Consumatori ('The New European Rules on consumers financing contracts')

Organizations

European Law Institute • New York State Bar

**Test Score** 

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#### Interests

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BE BA (My Nguyen)

Recruitment Specialist cum Admin at Milensea Retail

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**Hien Tran** 

IT Recruitment consultant

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#### Le Nhat Huy

President at UTE Logistics and Supply Chain Club

Connect



#### Khánh Linh Đỗ

Human Resources Assistant at Hachinet Software

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Nguyen Dinh Dat

Frontend Angular Developer

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Describe your most challenging project.



Tell me about a time you had to handle pressure.



What are your salary expectations?

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