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Consultant

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Overview

John is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer with significant experience in finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, capital markets transactions, restructurings and commercial contracts. He is qualified to practise in England and Wales, Hong Kong, the Isle of Man and the British Virgin Islands, and has extensive experience in transactional matters across those jurisdictions.

Expertise

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Flotations (LSE & AIM)
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Joint Ventures
- Fundraising
- Private equity
- Company restructuring and disposals

Cases

- Advised DNB Asia Ltd on its US\$300m term loan facility provided to an SPV formed by Genting Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of acquiring numerous cruise vessels
- Acted for Dongpeng Holdings Co Ltd, PW Medtech Group, and Deson Construction International Holdings Limited on their IPOs on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- Acted for Singapore-listed Tsit Wing International on a mandatory cash offer made by an acquirer
- Acted for GuoLine Overseas Limited in relation to its proposed voluntary cash offer to privatise Guoco Group for US\$1.1b
- Acted for Joyas International Holdings Limited (Joyas), a Singapore-listed company, in relation to its proposed renounceable non-underwritten rights issue of warrants and convertible bonds

Career

- 2018** **Keystone Law** | *Solicitor*
- 2009 - 2016** **Appleby** | *Partner*
- 2006 - 2009** **Dickinson Cruickshank** | *Senior Associate then Partner*
- 1999 - 2006** **Richards Butler, Hong Kong** | *Senior Associate then Partner*
- 1997 - 1999** **The Law Firm of Salah Al-Hejailan Jeddah** | *Associate*
- 1995 - 1997** **Clifford Chance, Bahrain** | *Associate*
- 1992 - 1995** **Baker & McKenzie** | *Trainee then Associate*
- 1994** Qualified as a solicitor