## announcement

## new partners

Mah-Kamairyah & Philip Koh (MKP) is pleased to announce the admission of Ms. Christina Lau Zhi Yan and Mr. Low Kin Sin as partners of the firm with effect from 1st September 2024



## Christina Lau Zhi Yar

### Partner

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Christina obtained a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Northumbria University, United Kingdom in 2010. She then undertook and completed the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and became a member of the Middle Temple, Inns of Court and was called to the English Bar in 2011. She then chambered with a property & litigation law firm and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in January 2013.

Prior to joining MKP in May 2019, Christina practiced in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, handling general litigation matters, professional negligence (under professional indemnity insurance), banking litigation, medico-legal claims, tenancy disputes, insolvency and debt recovery matters.

Since joining the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department of the firm, she has been handling civil and commercial litigation, construction litigation and arbitration, statutory adjudication, industrial relations and employment and dispute resolution matters on behalf of clients of the firm. She leads the firm's employment and industrial relations practice, including advising on and handling disputes relating to disciplinary procedures, termination of employees, unfair dismissal matters, employment contracts, severance agreements, human resources handbooks and policies and labour relations.

Christina has appeared as junior or lead counsel in adjudications, arbitrations and at all levels of the Malaysian Court hierarchy.

Christina was promoted to the position of Senior Associate on 1 April 2021 prior to her admission as a Partner on 1 September 2024.

Amongst the notable matters that Christina has acted as counsel / co-counsel are the following:

- Defended a multinational telecommunication, information technology and consumer electronics corporation (Malaysia entity) in resisting an employee's unfair dismissal claim
- Advised on a retrenchment exercise for the operations in Malaysia of a multinational power management company
- · Recovery of debt for the executor of an estate
- Resisting an application for judicial management at the High Court and Court of Appeal
- Acted for the Chairman of a Malaysian-based corporation in a defamation claim
- Acted for a property developer and multinational power management company in adjudication and arbitration claims

### **Area of Practice**

- Civil and Commercial Litigation and Arbitration
- Construction Litigation and Arbitration
- Corporate and Securities Regulation and Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Property and Real Estate Litigation

#### Education

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Northumbria University, 2010

### **Professional Affiliations:**

- The Honourable Society of Middle Temple, 2011
- Malaysian Bar, 2013

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## Low Kin Sin

## Partner

Corporate and M&A

Kin Sin graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Cardiff University, United Kingdom in 2013. He then obtained a Certificate in Legal Practice in 2014 and thereafter chambered with MKP and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in October 2015.

Kin Sin then commenced practice in the firm of Jeff Leong Poon & Wong, where he handled mergers & acquisition and capital markets matters, including initial public offering exercises, for the first 3 years of his career.

Since rejoining MKP in August 2018, Kin Sin has taken charge of a variety of mergers & acquisition exercises as well as capital markets matters, including initial public offering exercises and other forms of securities issues. He was promoted to the position of Senior Associate on 1 July 2021 prior to his admission as a Partner on 1 September 2024.

Amongst the notable transactions that Kin Sin has advised on are the following:

- Listing of ITMAX System Berhad on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.
- RM714.5 million acquisition by Kerjaya Prospek Property Berhad of the entire equity interests in Aeon Frontier Sdn Bhd, Kerjaya Prospek Property Sdn Bhd and Kerjaya Hotel Sdn Bhd.
- RM823 million acquisition by Lagenda Properties Berhad of the entire equity interests in Blossom Eastland Sdn Bhd, Rantau Urusan (M) Sdn Bhd and Yik Wang Trading Sdn Bhd.
- RM344 million share acquisition and mandatory general offer by Liannex Maritime Sdn Bhd to acquire shares in Icon Offshore Berhad.
- Disposal of the entire share capital of Kinta Press & Packaging (M) Sdn Bhd, a company involved in manufacturing of packaging and provision of printing services to Asahi Printing Co Ltd.
- Disposal of the entire share capital of Falcon Plastic Sdn Bhd, a plastic moulded products manufacturing company, to Mikasa Industry Co Ltd.
- Disposal by Boustead Holdings Berhad of 68.85% equity interest of Boustead Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd (currently known as Lumut Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd), a naval ship construction company, to Ocean Sunshine Berhad, a government-linked company indirectly owned by the Minister of Finance.

### **Area of Practice**

- · Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate and Commercial Advisory
- Corporate and Securities Regulation
- Corporate Finance
- Cross Border Investments
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Projects and Ventures
- Property and Real Estate

### Education

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Cardiff University, UK, 2013

### **Professional Affiliations:**

• Malaysian Bar, 2015

# new senior associate

We are also pleased to announce the promotion of **Ms. Vanessa Pan Shao Qi** as a **Senior Associate** of the firm with effect from 1st September 2024:



## Vanessa Pan Shao Qi

Senior Associate Corporate and M&A

Vanessa graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom in 2015. She then obtained a Certificate in Legal Practice in 2017 and chambered with the firm of Hoe & Moira and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in December 2018.

Vanessa then commenced legal practice with Hoe & Moira after she was called to the Bar, where she handled mergers & acquisition and capital markets matters, including Hong Kong Exchange initial public offering exercises, until June 2019. She was then attached with the firm of Peter Ling & van Geyzel from August 2019 until February 2020, before joining the Corporate and M&A Department of MKP in March 2020.

Since joining MKP, Vanessa has taken conduct of a broad range of mergers & acquisition exercises and capital markets matters, including various forms of fund raising exercises.

She has the distinction of having assisted on the listing of the first pawnbroker to be listed on Bursa Malaysia (being the ACE Market listing of Pappajack Berhad in April 2022) and the first pawnbroker to be listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia (being the Main Market listing of Well Chip Group Berhad in July 2024). Other matters which she has assisted on include the RM275.47 million disposal by Kuchai Development Berhad of substantially all its assets and liabilities to Sungei Bagan Rubber Company and the RM1.22 billion renounceable rights issue of new shares together with free detachable warrants undertaken by Yinson Holdings Berhad.

Area of Practice

- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate and Commercial Advisory
- Corporate and Securities Regulation
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Projects and Ventures
- Property and Real Estate

Education

• Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Liverpool, UK, 2015

**Professional Affiliations** 

• Malaysian Bar, 2018

The Partners of the firm warmly welcome Christina and Kin Sin to the partnership and congratulate Vanessa on her promotion to the position of Senior Associate.

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