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Wong & Partners makes key hires for its Antitrust & Competition and China outbound practices

Kuala Lumpur, 23 March 2020, 11 am - Wong & Partners, member firm of Baker McKenzie International in Malaysia, has strengthened its Antitrust & Competition team by welcoming back Lydia Kong as a partner. The Firm has also expanded its China Outbound practice with the appointment of Addy Herg as a partner. Addy joins effective immediately, while Lydia returns on 6 April 2020.

Managing Partner of Wong & Partners Andre Gan said: "It is a pleasure to welcome Lydia back to the team. She is a timely addition to our Antitrust & Competition practice as we continue to build our partner ranks in this increasingly important market segment both locally and across the region for us. The experience she has gained as an in-house counsel will also help us anticipate the needs of our clients better."

"Over the past few years we have also been working to build a strong China practice which allows us to effectively capture a significant share of the increasingly large numbers of Chinese firms doing business in Malaysia and in the region, and we believe Addy can help spur that effort. During this particularly challenging time for the global economy and Chinese companies in particular, we hope to bolster the existing bench strength we have to continue to grow our China practice."

Lydia returns to Wong & Partners after a year and a half with Navis Capital Partners as senior legal counsel. At Navis, Lydia assisted with fund formations and fund-related matters, as well as Navis' acquisitions and exits, and other regulatory and compliance issues. A key focus of her practice is Antitrust and Competition law and her return will help add depth to the team as it strives to expand its market reach in this area.

"I am delighted to rejoin the firm and to assist in leading the antitrust team. It is an exciting time for antitrust practitioners in Malaysia and South East Asia as many antitrust regulators are ramping up their enforcement activities and legislating new antitrust laws including in the area of merger control. I am eager to work with my outstanding colleagues to navigate through complex antitrust issues to deliver value and results to our clients," said Lydia.

Addy, who joins from Skrine, has built an impressive client roster focused on mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investments and joint ventures. He has regularly acted for insurers and advised on financial services and insurance-related laws, in addition to undertaking corporate advisory work.

His fluency in both English and Mandarin, and deep understanding of Chinese corporate and social culture, has also helped him build a practice advising a host of Chinese corporations across a wide range of sectors.

Addy said: "I am thrilled to join Wong & Partners. In the challenging global economic environment, there is a growing demand for sophisticated legal expertise in cross border transactions by investors

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and corporations. The Firm's track record and credentials speak for themselves. I am excited to be part of the Firm's leading corporate M&A practice, and to assist the partners in building upon the growth of its China practice."

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