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Wong & Partners strengthens its Real Estate practice

Kuala Lumpur, 4 Jan 2021, 10 AM - Wong & Partners, member firm of Baker McKenzie International has strengthened its Real Estate practice with the hire of Tang Ai Leen as Partner. Ai Leen joins the Firm effective immediately.

Ai Leen, who joins from Zul Rafique & Partners, brings 20 years of post-admission experience to her new role. During her career, she has acted for some of the most notable local and foreign real estate companies on some of the most recognisable real estate development projects in Malaysia.

Her practice focuses on representing local and multinational property developers, investors and REITs on transactions including large scale development projects involving landed and strata titled properties. Ai Leen has advised on the full spectrum of transaction documentation in relation to such projects. Her experience spans all types of property asset classes including residential, industrial, commercial and office units, buildings, factories and machineries/assets, data centres, vacant land and Malay Reserve Land.

Ai Leen also advises clients on numerous types of real estate financing, ranging from project financing to end financing, where she has represented both borrowers and lenders.

Wong & Partners Managing Partner Munir Abdul Aziz said: "We are delighted to welcome Ai Leen to the fold. She is a key addition to our Real Estate practice which has always been a strategic part of our practice. Having Ai Leen on our team boosts our existing strong offering to our clients."

Andre Gan, a senior partner in the transactional practice observed: "Ai Leen bolsters not just our Real Estate team, but the full spectrum of the Firm's transactional practices. We strive to offer our clients seamless advice across their full range of legal needs, and the experience and expertise she brings to the table will strengthen our ability to do that for a wide-range of clients."

Commenting on her new role, Ai Leen said: "I am excited to join Wong & Partners as we start afresh in 2021 after a roller coaster ride in 2020. With the introduction of vaccines for Covid-19, the economy and business activities are expected to reboot in 2021. The real estate industry being an important catalyst to economic growth, is expected to be revived too albeit with challenges ahead. I hope that with my knowledge and experience in real estate combined with that of the strong team of partners and legal professionals in Wong & Partners, we will be able to facilitate and assist our clients as they steer through these challenges. I look forward to embarking on a new adventure in Wong & partners."

Ai Leen holds a LLB (Hons) from The University of Birmingham, England. She was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1998 and called to the Bar in Malaysia in 1998.

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She is ranked as Band 1 for Real Estate by Chambers Asia Pacific (2021) and as a leading individual for Real Estate by Legal 500 (2020). Asialaw Profiles has rated her as a Distinguish Practitioner for Real Estate, and listed her in its Leading Lawyers 2021 Edition.

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