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Deacons

Established in Hong Kong in 1851, Deacons is the oldest and the largest independent, full service law firm in Hong Kong. Beyond the firm's headquarters in Hong Kong it has three representative offices in Mainland China; in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou which provide an extensive range of legal and commercial services to local and international corporations with business interests throughout Greater China.

Deacons has received numerous accolades from leading regional and international publications and directories, such as *Asia Pacific Legal 500* and *Chambers Asia*, in recognition of the firm's outstanding legal service. For example, in 2011 Deacons was awarded Debt Capital Markets Deal of the Year by *Asian Legal Business* and was *Asian Legal Business China* Hong Kong Law Firm of the Year. In 2011 Deacons was also awarded *Asian-Mena Counsel* Hong Kong Law Firm of the Year for both Intellectual Property and Litigation & Dispute Resolution, *Corporate INTL* Hong Kong Tax Law Firm of the Year and *Finance Monthly* Financial Services Law Firm of the Year, Asia. Deacons was also, for the fifth consecutive year, *Managing Intellectual Property's* Hong Kong Law Firm of the Year. In 2010, Deacons was awarded *Corporate INTL* Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Hong Kong and Business Formation Law Firm of the Year in Hong Kong, *Asian-Counsel* Firm of the Year for Alternative Investment Funds in Hong Kong and was awarded *Finance Monthly* Investment Funds Law Firm of the Year, Hong Kong.

In 2007, Deacons was awarded the *Legal Business* Asia Pacific Firm of the Year, the first time an Asia based firm had won this prestigious award. The UK publishers described Deacons in the following terms: "a long-time fixture on the Hong Kong scene... this independent firm vies with the major global law firms for the top instructions."

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Property

Deacons' Property practice has a headcount of 60 and is one of the largest such practices in Hong Kong. Due to its significant size and skills, the capabilities of Deacons' Property practice extend to the full range and scale of real estate issues, including sale and purchase, mortgage, leasing, land grant, tender and redevelopment work, for both private and commercial properties. This team's client base, which includes major international and regional developers, corporate and private landowners, government bodies and housing associations and others, testifies to its reputation of being at the forefront of the development of conveyancing practice in the territory.



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Banking and Finance

Deacons advises domestic and international banks, financial institutions and borrowers on the whole spectrum of banking and finance products, including lending and taking security, project finance, regulatory and compliance, bank mergers and acquisitions, standard form banking documentation, internet banking, trade finance, leasing and equipment finance, securitisation and structured finance and derivatives.



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Intellectual Property

Deacons' Intellectual Property practice is recognised as the leading practice of its type in Hong Kong and provides the full range of intellectual property services required by multinational businesses. The Department is organised into practice groups covering trade marks, patents and designs, litigation and enforcement and commercial exploitation of intellectual property (including entertainment, media and internet-related issues).



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Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Deacons has one of the largest Litigation & Dispute Resolution practices in Hong Kong dealing with different kinds of Litigation, International Arbitration and Mediation. Our lawyers have extensive experience in a wide variety of cases, many of which involve large-scale, complex and multi-jurisdictional disputes. We also provide pre-litigation advice to our clients on a regular basis.



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M&A and Commercial

Deacons' Mergers & Acquisitions and Commercial Group is one of Hong Kong's leading M&A and commercial practices. We represent many local and international companies in respect of a broad range of commercial matters including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and direct investment, commercial documentation and agreements and general corporate legal support.

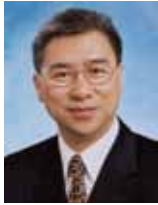


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China Trade and Investment

With over 25 years experience in Mainland China Deacons assists foreign companies in the establishment and maintenance of a presence in China engaged in business activities in a wide range of industries including manufacturing, infrastructure, insurance, financial services, construction, distribution, and telecommunications.



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China Intellectual Property

Deacon's China Intellectual Property Group offers a comprehensive range of strategic advice in relation to the protection, enforcement and commercial exploitation of intellectual property rights in Mainland China including patents and designs, trademarks, copyrights, internet and domain name issues. The practice also provides a full range of patent, registered design and trade mark registration services.



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Corporate Finance and Capital Markets

Deacons acts for financial institutions and companies in respect of a wide range of matters such as primary and secondary issues of securities (including listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange), takeovers and other mergers and acquisitions, listed company regulation and other regulatory matters.



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Insurance

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Communications and Technology

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Financial Services

Deacons' Financial Services Group is the market leader in Hong Kong in terms of size, depth of client base and range of funds we have established. Our focus is on clients with interests in investment/asset management, insurance, securities and futures trading, provident/retirement schemes, private banking services and trusteeship/custody.



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Private equity and venture capital

We advise on equity and/or debt investment structures, investment vehicles and provide legal due diligence locally and regionally. Our private equity and venture capital clients include US and Asian venture capital houses, the investment arms of multinational corporations and of large insurance companies, and direct investment funds.



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Entertainment and Media

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Japan Services

Staffed by Japanese nationals, the team provides a full range of legal services, including corporate and commercial legal advice in Japanese, English or Chinese to meet the needs and requirements of Japanese companies and the Japanese market.



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Company Formation and Corporate Services

We provide company secretarial services, support in company formation in various jurisdictions, registration of foreign companies in Hong Kong, nominee services, trust, business regulation and registered office services.



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Compliance Services

Deacons' Compliance Services team comprises regulatory and compliance professionals including former regulators, industry participants with a background in compliance, in-house legal, finance and former audit professionals. We provide a full advisory, compliance and regulatory risk management service to traditional and alternative asset managers operating in the Asian region.



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Regulatory

Our experienced Regulatory lawyers advise on bribery and corruption, competition law, data privacy and data protection, disclosure of interests, employment and discrimination compliance, financial industry compliance, insider dealing and market misconduct, intellectual property, licencing and listed companies compliance and regulatory aspects of doing business in mainland China.



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