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Biography

Derek Lai is the Vice Chair of Deloitte China, Deloitte Global Belt & Road Leader and Head of Financial Advisory Value Creation & Crisis Group. He was previously the Managing Partner of Deloitte China Southern Region and the National Leader of Financial Advisory, Deloitte China. In addition, he was on the board of Deloitte China for 2 terms.

Mr. Lai has specialized in corporate restructuring and insolvency in Hong Kong and Mainland China for over 30 years. He has substantial insolvency experience and has worked on receivership, liquidation, corporate restructuring and closure management engagements involving entities incorporated in Hong Kong, Mainland China and various other international jurisdictions including the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Jersey and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Lai has extensive China experience, including experience in disposing of interests in Joint Ventures/ businesses and assets located in Mainland China. He has advised clients on appropriate exit strategies for China investments so as to maximize returns and minimize any adverse consequences.

In addition, Mr. Lai has extensive experience in financial advisory, fund placement and corporate restructuring and has served clients over a wide range of industries. Derek assists clients in raising funds, locating appropriate business partners and investors for the clients' projects in Mainland China. Derek has provided high quality strategic corporate advisory services for State Own Enterprises, Private Enterprises and Foreign Enterprises undertaking mergers and acquisitions in Mainland China.

Professional Qualification and Services

Mr. Lai is the Past President (2006/07) and Honorary Adviser of CPA Australia Hong Kong China Division. He is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA), a member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia, INSOL International and the HKICPA's Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty.

Mr. Lai currently is an Adjunct Professor in City University of Hong Kong. He frequently contributes articles in newspapers and books on the topics of liquidations, bankruptcies and receiverships in Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. He is also a frequent speaker at numerous courses organised by universities and professional organisations.