

MATT EMSLEY TO LEAD HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS IN CHINA

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[Matt Emsley](#) has been appointed Managing Partner, China, at Herbert Smith Freehills effective immediately.

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Matt succeeds [May Tai](#), who [was recently appointed](#) as the firm's Managing Partner, Asia.

Based in Hong Kong and fluent in Mandarin, Matt advises on China equity capital markets and corporate matters for Chinese and international clients. He is also a member of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong's Listing committee.

"Matt will be an excellent leader of our China business through its next phase of growth," said May. "He is a top name in China capital markets, speaks Chinese beautifully, and is universally respected and liked by clients and colleagues alike."

Matt will continue to work closely with [Tom Chau](#) and [Nanda Lau](#) as heads of office in Beijing and Shanghai respectively, and with the China practice heads - [Alexander Aitken](#) in Finance and [Simon Chapman](#) in Disputes.

"Our China business has grown exponentially over the last decade, with last year's addition of local law capability through our [joint operation with Kewei](#) a real step change in our capabilities," said Matt.

"We have great teams in Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai supporting China domestic, inbound and outbound work for major Chinese and international clients. Our goal now is to double down on this investment in talent and local law to take our practice to new heights."

May Tai

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Tom Chau Nanda Lau
Alexander Aitken Simon Chapman

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1. Matt Emsley specialises in corporate finance work, including initial public offerings, secondary offerings and mergers and acquisitions. He has advised on numerous listings in Hong Kong, including most recently advising the joint sponsors on Peijia Medical's HK\$2.34 billion Hong Kong listing.

Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales and in Hong Kong, he is fluent in Putonghua, English and Japanese.

2. Operating from 26 offices across Asia Pacific, EMEA and North America, Herbert Smith Freehills is at the heart of the new global business landscape. It provides premium quality, full-service legal advice on dispute resolution, projects and transactions to many of the world's most important organisations. The firm has expertise across industry sectors, including banks, consumer products, energy, financial buyers, infrastructure and transport, mining, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, real estate, TMT, and manufacturing and industrials.



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