

# AUTOMOTIVE

## ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS

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The global automotive industry is facing unprecedented challenges as it responds to the drive to decarbonise the transport sector to meet national and international emission reduction targets. With these challenges, however, come new business opportunities: for example the development of new technologies facilitating industry-wide initiatives for connected and autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles and shared mobility platforms.

The pace of such industry evolution combined with the ever-changing global regulatory landscape inevitably poses a number of unique legal issues straddling a wide number of areas of expertise in relation to which we can offer support.

We provide advice to clients around the globe and across the sector, from OEMs, to component manufacturers and technology companies, to distributors and retailers and to vehicle-leasers and rental and shared mobility providers.

As a full service law firm we are able to support our automotive clients with all of their needs ranging from major transactions, disputes and financings, to day-to-day regulatory, employment, IP, technology, product liability, data privacy and data security issues. We provide regular thought leadership to our clients in developing legal and regulatory areas, such as connected and autonomous vehicles and the development of national infrastructure to support electric vehicles.

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

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## **INCHCAPE PLC**

On the disposal of its China retail business which includes car dealerships in Shaoxing, Nanchang and Jiujiang to Hong Kong listed China Yongda Automobiles Services.

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## **SOFTBANK**

On its US\$250 million Series D and US\$750 million Series F equity funding round investments into GrabTaxi and on its investment into an up to US\$2.5 billion equity funding round for ride-share operator GrabTaxi, alongside China ride-sharing giant DiDi

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## **PANASONIC CORPORATION**

On its joint venture in Indonesia to conduct a feasibility study into manufacturing rechargeable motorcycle batteries and implementing an exchange system at petrol stations throughout the country

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## **A MIDDLE EAST AUTOMOTIVE DISTRIBUTOR**

In a JCAA arbitration against a multinational automotive manufacturer on issues arising out of breaches and termination of certain long-term distribution agreements in the Middle East, as well as related tort claims

## **HORIBA**

On its acquisition of the business assets and certain subsidiaries of MIRA, a UK-based vehicle engineering and consultancy company in an auction bid process

## **AN AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER**

In reaching a global settlement in parallel claims in the national courts of Thailand and JCAA arbitration for approximately US\$350 million

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