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Russell Brown

Managing Partner, LehmanBrown International Accountants
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Mr. Russell Brown is Founder and Managing Partner of LehmanBrown International Accountants, a China-focused accounting, taxation and business advisory firm with operations in Beijing, Hong Kong and five other offices across China employing around 200 professionals.

Russell has over 28 years working experience including 20 years living in China and involved establishing and developing businesses in China. Prior to founding LehmanBrown Russell was Global CFO of one of the world's largest public relations and communications consulting companies and prior to this their Asia Pacific Regional CFO.

He currently acts as advisor to international companies entering the China market and to Chinese companies venturing abroad, and is a founding director and Chair of the Asian Transformation and Turnaround Association. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars on taxation, accounting and doing business in and with China.

Russell gained BA (Hons) in Business Studies from Bournemouth University and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) in the UK and an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. He is also an Associate Global Management Accountant.

He is currently Treasurer of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in China. Until recently he was Chair of the British Chamber of Commerce in China and is now Honorary Chair and prior to this has also acted as Vice Chair and Treasurer. He was also Vice Chair of the China British Business Council and is an Honorary Member of The 48 Group Club.

Russell is actively involved in many charitable events and is Chair of Beijing's annual British Charity Ball and St George's Day Charity Dinner. He is also a member of Rotary Club of Beijing.

Russell is a Founder Member and Director of ATTA and is the current Chair.

Supanit Chaiyawat

Chief Executive Officer - Hilco Global Asia Limited
Thailand



Supanit joined Hilco in 2012. He has been in the industry for more than 15 years with experience in asset sales, management, asset disposition and valuation throughout Asia with his home base in Bangkok, Thailand. He and his team have successfully completed large-scale turnkey asset sales and disposition projects such as AGC's Siam Asahi Technoglass, Matsushita Toshiba Picture Display, Sony, FDK Tatung, Cadbury Adams, Thai Melon and Thai American Textiles, Sanyo , Nikon and others.

Prior to joining Hilco, Supanit headed up DoveBid Thailand and GoIndustry DoveBid Thailand as well as GoIndustry DoveBid Valuation Thailand, which originated from the acquisition of his company Victor and Morris Thailand in 2000.

Supanit is a Qualified Valuer and is a member of Thai Valuer Association. He also served as a director at the Association for two terms. Supanit received a Bachelor Degree in Engineering from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, PA.

Damien Coles

Partner, Kirkland & Ellis
Hong Kong



Damien Coles is a restructuring partner in the Hong Kong office of Kirkland & Ellis.

Damien's practice focuses on special situations financings, distressed acquisitions, restructuring and insolvency. He has extensive experience advising on cross-border investments, restructurings and insolvency proceedings throughout Asia, with a focus on Thailand, Indonesia and India.

Damien has particularly deep experience representing international investors in connection with special situations transactions and restructurings involving Indonesia and is currently advising bondholder groups in connection with their investments in coal producers Bumi Resources and Berau Coal.

Damien has been identified as a leading lawyer for Restructuring and Insolvency in *Chambers Asia* and *IFLR Asia*.

Janet Geddes

Muirfield Consultants Company Ltd
Thailand



Janet Geddes is a Chartered Surveyor (MRICS) and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). She is also an RICS Accredited Mediator.

Over the past twenty years Janet has moved beyond the bounds of property valuation and project management and has specialised in the troubled end of the banking and insurance sector, particularly where banks are in difficulties due to over-exuberant lending on construction and infrastructure projects. After working in London as well as France, Spain and Italy, Janet moved to Thailand during the Asian Financial Crisis. In Bangkok, she came face to face with the reality of restructuring and recovering money from several well-known steel, telecoms, construction and hospitality sector enterprises.

More recently Janet worked on the restructuring of Parex Bank in Latvia where projects included a gas plant in Siberia, a department store in Moscow and the usual abundance of unwanted and unloved residential developments. She also worked in Thailand on the liquidation of the Asian arm of Lehman Brothers where projects included hotels, condominium developments and office buildings.

From 2012 until December 2014, she worked with UK consultancy firm Adam Smith International (ASI) in Afghanistan, helping to improve the strength and competitiveness of the banking sector through the project to privatise New Kabul Bank. She was team leader and banking advisor on the New Kabul Bank privatisation project. Kabul Bank collapsed in 2011 in what is, relative to GDP, the largest bank insolvency the world has ever seen. Money had been advanced on loans which were never going to be recoverable, funds had been transferred overseas, cash was taken out of the vaults and on planes to Dubai (sometimes hidden in in-flight meal trays), and politicians were subsidised. Given that one of the major shareholders in the bank is a professional poker player, one should perhaps not be too surprised at the outcome of granting this particular banking licence.

Janet is a member of ATTA.

Ben Harris

Managing Director, OCP Asia
Hong Kong



Ben Harris is a managing director at OCP Asia in Hong Kong.

A trained banking & finance lawyer, Ben has been working in hedge/credit funds since 2006. Ben's focus is on structuring and restructuring private credit investments in the Asia-Pacific region, with considerable experience in Indonesia, India, China and Australia. Ben has been involved in both negotiated restructurings and restructurings through court processes in multiple jurisdictions, as lender and bondholder.

Mani Jospheh

Director, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Hong Kong



Mani Joseph is a Director in the Global Credit and Special Situation group based in Hong Kong. Mani has over 10 years of experience in the finance industry and has extensive knowledge of investing in energy, power and resource assets across the globe.

Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2008, Mani worked in Morgan Stanley's Energy and Natural Resources Investment Banking Division. Mani holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

George Kelakos

Managing Director, Kelakos Advisors LLC
Bangkok



George has over 32 years of experience in the insolvency field as an attorney and adviser.

George is the founder and Managing Director of Kelakos Advisors LLC, a distressed M&A and transaction advisory firm that provides Asia-focused cross-border and IP buy and sell-side advisory services, as well as mediation services. George is also Head of Business Development Asia for Hilco Global Asia Ltd. in Bangkok. George is also currently serving as the Bankruptcy Planner and sole director of three Thai companies and the court-appointed Planner of Canadoil Asia Limited and Canadoil Pipe Limited, manufacturers of specialty pipe and pipe fittings for the oil and gas and water industries. He is also working on a number of distressed mandates in Thailand and is serving as the Head of Business Development Asia for Hilco Global's Asia operations.

Recently, he also served as a Chapter 11 Trustee in the TNRC case in which the principal assets were joint venture interests in PRC companies that owned and operate large copper and steel facilities. George's current cross-border projects include in and out-bound Chinese and Thai projects. Prior to the formation of his advisory practice in 2006, George was Of Counsel to Heller Ehrman, LLP. Prior to that, George was a founding partner of Cohn & Kelakos LLP of Boston, Massachusetts. Currently, George also serves as a Consultant to the SE Asian law firms of Tilleke & Gibbins (www.tilleke.com) and DFDL (www.dfdl.com).

George has over 15 years of experience working on matters relating to Southeast Asia and Greater China. George has assisted the government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the ASEAN Secretariat on matters relating to bankruptcy law reform and the development and promotion of Western-style ADR practices and procedures. From 2000 to 2002, George also served as the Managing Director of Tonson Planners Ltd., a Bangkok-based consulting firm that provided consulting and advisory services to clients involved in commercial and real estate loan work-outs and Thai business reorganization and debt restructuring cases.

George is a frequent speaker/panelist at US and international conferences on the topics of Asia-based cross-border restructuring cases and workouts, alternative dispute resolution and NPA monetization topics. He is a member of ATTA and is the lead guitarist of the ABI's captive rock and roll band, the *Indubitable Equivalentents*.

David Naphtali

Madison Pacific Trust Ltd

Hong Kong



David has been living and working in Asia, based in Hong Kong, for over 10 years. At Madison Pacific he specialises in providing a full range of agency, trust and escrow services to a wide range of financial institutions including funds, banks and insurance companies

David started his career as a practising lawyer in both Australia and Hong Kong at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King and Wood Mallesons.) He was a practicing lawyer for 7 Years working primarily the areas of infrastructure development and M&A.

Prior to joining Madison Pacific, David was a Senior Managing Director in the Corporate Finance/Restructuring Practice of FTI Consulting where he specialised in corporate advisory and M&A. In that capacity he undertook strategic advisory engagements in a number of industries including manufacturing, media and entertainment and energy and infrastructure. In addition, he had M&A mandates in, amongst other industries real estate, manufacturing, technology, resources and energy and infrastructure.

Prior to joining FTI, David worked as the VP Corporate Finance and Development at CLP Holdings Limited in Hong Kong where he was involved primarily in M&A and Project Development/Project Finance of power projects and assets throughout Asia Pacific. He was involved in all aspects of project development including concession negotiations, financing, joint venture formation, construction and development, fuel acquisition and logistics and project exit.

David has significant experience in managing a variety of transactions involving both distressed and non-distressed assets from both a legal and commercial/financial perspective in numerous jurisdictions including Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Australia.

He is also currently a director of an Australian based Venture Capital fund.

Rupert Purser

Managing Director, Turnaround Asia and Burford TAA
Hong Kong



Rupert is an engineer, accountant, corporate financier and business transformation practitioner with over 25 years' experience in assisting businesses manage change when in distress and when facing rapid growth and in asset and corporate recovery.

He has worked in industry and private equity as interim management, restructuring agent, forensic accountant and investor. From 2010, he consulted with PwC for significant internal and external change management programmes and supported the provision of cultural change programmes to the financial services sector, surrounding customer centricity and risk. In 2013, TAA's business was acquired by Hill International Inc, where Rupert served as AMEA Head of Business Consulting & Risk Advisory; since May 2015 via a joint venture.

Rupert won the ATTA annual Turnaround & Transformation award in 2011 and again in 2012. He also was part of the transformation team that won the 2012 iFT Turnaround of the year award in Europe. His sector expertise includes construction, financial services and with heavily branded businesses.

Rupert is a Founder Member of ATTA and has been a director since its inception. He is the immediate past Chairman and currently Chairs the Membership Panel and the ATTA Awards Panel.

Peter Taylor

Partner, Smythe Partners and PKF Advisory (Thailand) Limited
Bangkok



Born in South Africa Peter served 5 year Articles of Clerkship while studying for a Bachelor of Accounting degree completed in 1980 and sat the Final Qualifying Exam of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1981.

From 1981 to 1995 Peter acted as an independent consultant providing services to the agricultural, engineering and construction sectors.

In 1995 Peter relocated to Mozambique where he honed his skills in creating third World solutions for third World problems, a field that he is acknowledged in as an expert. In addition he also witnessed first-hand the follies of poorly conceived Foreign Business laws and international agencies interference in newly democratized countries.

In 2004, Peter moved to Bangkok Thailand and in 2005 joined Baker Tilly Thailand where he developed the management services division and in 2012 opened Baker Tilly Myanmar.

In April 2013, Peter resigned from Baker Tilly Thailand as a partner to join Smythe Partners a dynamic and unique services provider to emerging markets.

In 2015 Smythe Partners Thailand operations merged with PKF Thailand and now operate as PKF Advisory (Thailand) Limited where Peter is a partner.

Peter is a member of the Thai Institute of Directors and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Francis Yau

Chief Executive Officer - Hilco Global Greater China Limited
China



Francis Yau joined Hilco in 2011. Francis and his team provide industrial asset disposition services through auction and negotiated sales, online capital asset redeployment services, and a complete platform of asset appraisal services to clients throughout the Greater China Region including Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and Macau.

Francis began his career with the Henry Butcher in 1986 as Business Manager. He became a director in 1989 and remained with the company until 2000, when he joined DoveBid as Director of Auction and Valuation Services.

During his career, Mr. Yau has amassed deep and broad experience in valuing and monetizing capital assets in several key industries, including electronics, paper, bio-pharma and mining. He has worked with leading companies in each of these sectors, including Nokia, Motorola, Thompson, Unilever, P&G, JDSU, Philips, Merck, Charles River, Taiwan Formosa and Ricoh.