



Global areas of practice

- China commercial transactions; real estate, hotel and construction projects
- Greater Bay Area developments and legal matters

Languages

English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

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Practice focus

Mr. Rico Chan is the head of China real estate and co-head of Asian real estate of the Firm. He is also the head of the Firm's Greater Bay Area (GBA) Practice.

Rico has 30 years of legal experience in China commercial transactions, with a particular emphasis in the real estate, hotel and construction sectors. He joined the Firm in 1989 and was a resident partner of the Firm's Beijing office from 2000 to 2004. He now divides his time between Hong Kong and China.

Over his 30 years of China practice, Rico has represented major foreign investors, financiers and corporate users in a wide range of greenfield development, acquisition, financing, disposal, property trusts, REITs, major tenancy and restructuring transactions involving commercial, industrial and residential real estate, hotel and mixed use projects, and infrastructure construction projects. His practice integrates technical expertise in PRC legal with real estate, hotel and construction industry knowledge.

Representative transactions:

- the Hainan Yangpu whole-track land development project (1990)
- the development and sales of Hutchison Properties' Lakeview residential and golf club projects in Dongguan and The Greenery residential projects in Guangzhou (1992 to 1997)
- the joint venture and development of Cheung Kong Group's Beijing Oriental Plaza (1992 to 1997)
- the acquisition for heritage building in Shanghai Nanjing East Road for Gaw Capital Partners to be converted into Mall 353 (2006)
- the Hong Kong Jockey Club Beijing Clubhouse project (2005 to 2008)
- the acquisition of Beijing headquarters building for SK Group (2009)
- the acquisition of Hutchison Properties' Metropolitan Plaza Mall for Gaw Capital Partners and Morgan Stanley (2013)
- the acquisition of Beijing Novotel and Ibis hotels for TPG (2018)
- the acquisition of Swire Properties' Cityplaza 3 & 4 office buildings for Hengli Investment and Gaw Capital Partners (2019)

Professional affiliations and industry rankings

- Leading Lawyer (Real Estate, Hong Kong/China) – Asia Pacific Legal 500 (2016 to 2019)
- Tier-1 Practitioner (Real Estate, Hong Kong/China) - Chambers Asia Pacific (2015 to 2019)
- Member of the Greater China Legal Affairs Committee and Greater Bay Area Working Committee of the Hong Kong Law Society.
- Honorary legal adviser to the Hong Kong University Graduates Association Education Foundation.
- Annual contributor on Chinese law to Arcadis' Annual China Construction Handbook.
- (Former) China correspondent for the International Construction Law Review.
- (Former) foreign expert member of the bids selection committee for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Convention Center Project.
- (Former) honorary legal adviser to the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in Beijing

Education and professional admission

- Qualified solicitor in Hong Kong and England.
- University of Hong Kong LLB (1988) and PCLL (1989).
- Guangzhou Sun Yat-sen University LLM (1997).