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Darren is a partner in KPMG's Hong Kong tax practice. He has more than 25 years experience of serving institutions in a wide range of industries in Hong Kong and Asia Pacific.

Darren is the Head of Asset Management Tax in Asia Pacific. He heads up the Alternative Investments and M&A Tax practice in Hong Kong. He has been advising on transactions in Asia Pacific with respect to tax matters, including due diligence reviews, investment holding structures and advising on cross border transactions. Many of these projects comprise of tax effective regional planning including consideration of direct and indirect taxes, capital and stamp duties, withholding taxes and the effective use of double taxation agreements.

Darren also advises on establishing direct investment, private equity and other investment funds in Hong Kong and advises clients in a wide range of industries.

Darren specializes in cross-border buy-and sell-side M&A tax services (e.g. Tax Due Diligence, Tax Vendor Due Diligence), tax structuring, tax planning and optimization and international corporate tax issues, restructuring and optimization. Darren has extensive experience in working with the mainland Chinese market, including structuring acquisitions of investments in China.

Darren is a Treasurer of the Australian Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong and Macau (AustCham) and the Member of the Finance, Legal and Tax Committee of The AustCham. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Technical Committee of the Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (HKVCA) and the Tax Committee Member of the Alternative Investment Management Association Limited (AIMA).

Darren graduated from the University of Melbourne and is a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.