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Marccus Partners expands into China

Marccus Partners is pursuing its strategy of expansion into the fastest growing economies of the world. Following the opening of its Moscow office, Marccus Partners today announces the conclusion of a "Long-term Entrustment Agreement" with the law firm HHP in Shanghai.

Credible actors on their markets

HHP today has 25 lawyers and 9 partners. All of them come from the most prestigious law schools in China. HHP has built up a reputation for excellence in M&A, real estate and construction, financial services and litigation. HHP is also one of a few Chinese firms that advise on anti-trust and tax matters.

Marccus Partners is a law firm of European origin with a clear transactional focus. Its 200 lawyers and 320 staff in total provide their clients with comprehensive and practical solutions have multi-cultural skills and integrate into their legal and tax advice the skills and knowledge of accountants and business consultants.

HHP's Managing Partner **Jun Dai** says: "*Joining forces with Marccus Partners and the Mazars group will give HHP a big boost in inbound and outbound business. We see a perfect match in the expertise and clientele of both partners. Our Chinese clients will get access to the strong legal and tax expertise of Marccus Partners in Europe and together we can better tackle the exciting challenges in law and business not only in mainland China but also in other jurisdictions.*"

Bernd Sagasser, managing partner of Marccus Partners says: "*We are not only extremely pleased that we can now offer to our clients in China legal and tax advice with partners whom we have known for more than 10 years - it's also the strategic component on which, together with HHP, we can build a platform to expand into the Asian Pacific region alongside Mazars and to offer our clients in Asia "legal and tax excellence for business and finance".*"

A long term relationship

Many partners of Marccus Partners and HHP were already working together as one firm between 2000 and 2006 when HHP was the Chinese member firm of Haarmann Hemmelrath. When Hemmelrath joined forces with Mazars in 2006, HHP Shanghai decided to remain with no international alliance in place. In 2007, Bernd Sagasser, former partner of Haarmann Hemmelrath, became the managing partner of the

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European law firm Marccus Partners (part of the Mazars group). So the “reunited” partners know each other very well and provide a seamless, synchronized service with a strong focus on Corporate M&A, Real Estate, Banking & Finance, Capital Markets and related tax structuring. Like Marccus Partners, HHP has further developed over the last few years a strong track record and substantial experience in litigation and arbitration, mainly representing European and US clients.

Notes for Editors

Marccus Partners is a law firm of European origin with a clear transactional focus. Its 200 lawyers and 320 staff in total provide their clients with comprehensive and practical solutions, have multi-cultural skills and integrate into their legal and tax advice the skills and knowledge of accountants and business consultants. The firm's core practice areas are: Corporate/M&A, Banking & Finance, Real Estate, Restructuring & Insolvency, Labour & Pensions, Litigation & Arbitration and Tax. Marccus Partners is a specialist in implementing cross-border transactions throughout Europe and worldwide. Besides the new office in China, the firm has offices in France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Romania and Russia. It enables its clients to draw on additional resources from a network of excellence in the major business and finance centers around the world.

Marccus Partners is the law firm of **Mazars**, an international audit, accounting and advisory group, present in 56 countries with 12,500 professionals. **Mazars in China** has offices in four places (Beijing, Hong-Kong, Guangzhou and Shanghai) and has access to the skills of 400 professionals.

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