

China Team Alert



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What's new?

To meet a significant increase of new matters and projects, we welcome three new lawyers with various experiences and backgrounds to our China team.

SHANGHAI

Vicky Jiang joined the firm after having worked as inhouse counsel for Central Investment Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd, which is the China head office of Thailand Central Retail Group. Previously, Vicky has worked for three years as an associate at King & Wood in Shanghai where she mainly was engaged in M&A and FDI matters. Vicky graduated from Suzhou University and holds a masters degree from the University of Birmingham.

Steven Fei has previously worked at McDermott, Will & Emery, LLP, Shanghai where he focused on FDI, M&A and Competition Law. Steven graduated from East China University of Politics & Law and holds a masters degree from Durham University, UK. He has also completed a trainee program at Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) Shanghai.

HONG KONG

Rachel Leung joins the firm after having qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales. Rachel has previously worked as a paralegal in Hong Kong and holds a Bsc in Business Administration from University of Hong Kong and a Graduate Diploma in Law from the University of Westminster. With her business background and language capabilities, she will be a valuable addition to our M&A team.

Our team in China currently comprises 5 partners/legal counsel and totally 21 lawyers and legal consultants.



Awards

ULF OHRLING “LEADING LAWYER” IN ASIA

Ulf Ohrling has been ranked among the “Leading Lawyers in Asia” by the Asialaw Leading Lawyers Survey. He was ranked in the Mergers and Acquisitions and General Corporate Commercial practice areas. This ranking has previously been awarded Thomas Lagerqvist five years in a row.

MANNHEIMER SWARTLING RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION FIRMS IN GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW’S GAR30 2011

Mannheimer Swartling appears once again in the GAR30, Global Arbitration Review’s ranking of the world’s leading law firms in the area of international arbitration. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mannheimer Swartling has been highly ranked in Global Arbitration Review’s GAR 30. Among the law firms included in the ranking, Mannheimer Swartling was the highest ranked firm from the civil law world. This reinforces our leading position when it comes to China-related arbitrations, since China is a civil law jurisdiction.

THOMAS LAGERQVIST APPOINTED HONORARY CHAIRMAN

During the Annual General Meeting 11 April, Thomas Lagerqvist was appointed Honorary Member and Honorary Chairman of The Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong for his outstanding work as Chairman during 16 years.

WINNER ALB CHINA LAW AWARDS

Mannheimer Swartling is the winner of the ALB China Law Awards 2011 M&A Deal of the Year, for the firm’s role advising Ford Motor Company on the sale of Volvo Car Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding group.

CHAMBERS EUROPE NAMES MANNHEIMER SWARTLING ‘BEST SWEDISH FIRM OF THE YEAR’ AND PRESENTS ANDRÉ ANDERSSON WITH AN ‘OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION’ AWARD

At the Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence ceremony, Mannheimer Swartling was named ‘Best Swedish Firm of the Year’. Mannheimer Swartling was also the recipient of this award in 2009. Chambers & Partners has also bestowed Swedish lawyer André Andersson, in recognition of his “Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession”. André Andersson is the first lawyer from Scandinavia – and one of only four lawyers in Europe – to receive this award since it was established in 2008.

What’s up

VOLVO BUSES AND CHINESE SAIC FORM JOINT COMPANY FOR NEW ENERGY DRIVELINE SYSTEMS

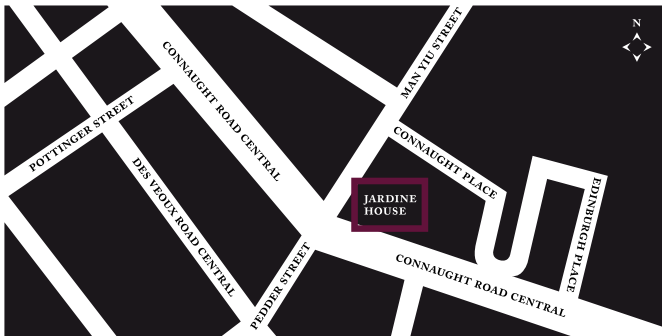
Volvo Bus Corporation and SAIC Motors, a company in the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC), have agreed to form Shanghai Green Bus Drive System Co, a joint venture company focused on new energy driveline systems for buses such as hybrids and electric buses. The new company will be owned by SAIC with 60% and by Volvo with 40%. SAIC Motors is China’s leading passenger and vehicle manufacturer. Volvo Buses is one of the world’s largest manufacturer of buses and bus chassis. The new company will be based in Shanghai, China, and represents the second joint venture company between the two parties. Volvo Buses was advised by Mannheimer Swartling in the transaction. The firm’s team in China was led by Peter Idsäter, primarily assisted by Queenie Chen and Chris Yu.

SANDVIK AND SHANDONG ENERGY MACHINERY FORM JOINT VENTURE

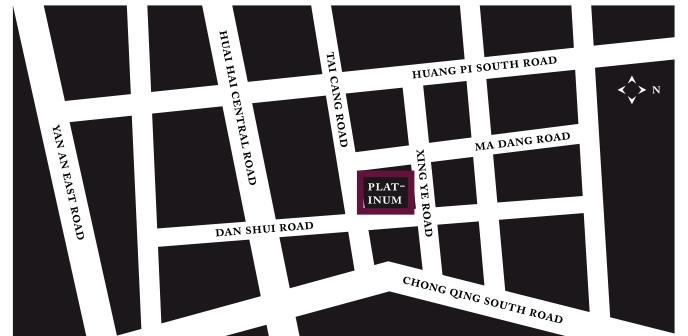
Sandvik Mining and Construction and Shandong Energy Machinery Co. in Xintai, Shandong Province, China, have signed an agreement to form a 50/50 owned joint venture for the production and sale of coal mining equipment. Shandong Energy Machinery, a Chinese mining equipment supplier, is a subsidiary of Xinwen Mining group, one of China’s top fifteen coal mining companies. Shandong Energy Machinery has approximately 4,400 employees. Sandvik Mining and Construction is a business area within the Sandvik Group and a leading global supplier of equipment, cemented-carbide tools, service and technical solutions for the excavation and sizing of rock and minerals in the mining and construction industries. In 2010, Sandvik Group had 47,000 employees and sales of approximately SEK 83 billion. Worldwide business activities are conducted through representation in more than 130 countries. Sandvik was advised by Mannheimer Swartling in the transaction. The firm’s team in China was led by Oliver Schulte, primarily assisted by Rachel Dong. Johan Carle, primarily assisted by Teresia Danielsson, are advising on merger filing matters.

NILS ELIASSON APPOINTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG ON THE ICC COMMISSION ON ARBITRATION

Nils Eliasson has recently been appointed to represent Hong Kong on the Commission on Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. The ICC Commission on Arbitration is a forum for experts to pool ideas and impact new policy on practical issues relating to international arbitration, the settlement of international business disputes and the legal and procedural aspects of arbitration. The Commission boast members from 90 countries, including partners in international law firms, in-house counsel, law professors, experts in different dispute resolution services, and trade executives in member companies and international organizations. The Commission is currently entrusted with the task of revising the ICC Arbitration Rules.



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Mannheimer Swartling is the largest Swedish law firm with presence in China. Our team in China currently comprises 5 partners/legal counsel and totally 21 lawyers and legal consultants. By being located in China, the firm is able to assist its clients in situ with all the necessary experience and know-how regarding the Chinese market and the Chinese regulatory framework, whilst having a full understanding of the needs and wishes of Swedish and Nordic clients. Mannheimer Swartling also co-operates with local Chinese law firms in order to provide comprehensive advice.

Primarily, the firm's offices in China focus on foreign direct investments (acquisitions, joint ventures and restructuring of existing investments), dispute resolution, bank and finance, intellectual property rights and general corporate commercial. With our permanent arbitration team in Hong Kong for China and Asia related disputes, and our strong reputation in East-West dispute resolution, including China and Asia related disputes, we attract both European and Chinese clients who are involved in transnational business disputes.