



Luke Gannon

Partner

HEAD OF CORPORATE, ASIA

HEAD OF FUNDS AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, ASIA

luke.gannon@dlapiper.com

Hong Kong

T: +852 2103 0824

F: +852 2810 1345

M: +852 (0)6086 0713

Luke Gannon has focused in Funds and Corporate work for over 25 years.

Luke advises financial institutions, investment banks, fund managers, sponsors and investors on the establishment of a wide range of institutional and retail investment products, including: private equity and venture capital funds, hedge funds, real estate funds and structured financial products. His investment fund transaction experience includes: formations, listings, capital raisings, the establishment of financial services businesses, regulatory advice and acting for funds in acquisitions and exits.

Luke also advises on a broad range of corporate finance transactions including fund raisings, joint ventures and mergers & acquisitions, particularly in the financial services sector.

- Corporate
- Global Investment Funds

English

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

Luke's investment fund transaction experience includes formations, listings, capital raisings, the establishment of businesses, regulatory advice and acting for funds in acquisitions and exits.

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Luke was a partner and head of funds at one of Australia's leading law firms in Melbourne.

Recognitions

Luke is recognised as a leading lawyer for Investment Funds in China and Hong Kong, including by *Chambers Asia Pacific* (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2104) and *IFLR 1000* (2013, 2014).

Described by *IFLR1000* 2014 as a the leader of a burgeoning funds practice: "Luke Gannon's funds practice, in the words of a partner, "is building momentum". DLA Piper features in the new rankings at the top for real estate funds. Competitors are feeling the pressure: "Luke Gannon is trying to get into our space," says one. Clients are satisfied: "Highly commercial and experienced lawyer who is able to provide his clients with enthusiasm and empathy in a timely and efficient manner! They have a strong investment funds practice that is led by a high profile leader, Luke has built an excellent reputation with his business acumen."

Chambers Asia Pacific 2013 described Luke as being someone who "spends no time in trying to score points on deals, and he is able to cut through an enormous amount of complexity and provide clear options. He's someone we trust with the most difficult problems in the funds area." *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2015 client feedback stated: The "very knowledgeable" Luke Gannon "is experienced, acts fast on the SFC issues that come up, and always gives sound advice to solve problems," report satisfied clients.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014 describes Luke as having "A high level of business acumen and infects clients with enthusiasm", whilst *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2015 notes: "DLA Piper's 'deep industry knowledge' covers hedge, private equity and real estate funds. Luke Gannon is 'excellent'."

Education

- University of Queensland, B.A. Law (Hons), 1990
- University of Queensland, B.A. Commerce (Hons), 1989

INSIGHTS

Publications

SEC expands scope of “accredited investors” and “qualified institutional buyers”

14 October 2020

On 26 August 2020, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) loosened the definitions of “accredited investor” and “qualified institutional buyer” in the SEC’s rules. The amendments will become effective 60 days after the publication in the Federal Register.

NEWS

DLA Piper continues to strengthen Asia capital markets offering with new partner hire in Hong Kong

29 Monday 2021

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of George Wu as a capital markets partner in its Corporate practice, based in Hong Kong.
