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O'Melveny Strengthens Asia Private Equity Practice with Addition of Partner in Hong Kong

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HONG KONG – JANUARY 12, 2011 — O'Melveny & Myers LLP has announced that private equity partner James Ford will transfer to its Hong Kong office from London on January 12.

Ford has a wide range of experience in private equity and venture capital transactions, including traditional fundraisings, secondary transactions, mergers and acquisitions, strategic investments, and capital markets transactions. In Asia, he joins an extensive private equity and fund formation team already in place, led by partners Lawrence Sussman in Beijing and Dean Collins in Singapore, along with counsel Geoff Chan, Lynn Chan, and Xuan Zhang. He also will work closely on transactions with M&A and private equity partner Doug Freeman, also resident in Hong Kong.

Ford has been instrumental in fund formation for Egeria Capital Management, Polaris Private Equity, and Actis LLP. He also brings deep experience in the secondaries M&A market and in private equity manager spin outs, including having directed Collier Capital's acquisition of a 70% interest in the Bank of Scotland Integrated Finance portfolio, the US\$190 million acquisition of 3i's venture capital portfolio, and the spin out of the ABN AMRO life science team and portfolio. He also is experienced in capital markets transactions, such as Ingenious Media Active Capital's AIM listing, and the formation and listing of AP Alternative Assets, a US\$1.5 billion fund-of-funds managed by Apollo Management.



“Adding James in Hong Kong complements the strong corporate and funds practices we have built up in Asia. His presence means we truly have Asia-wide coverage for our clients in fund formation and private equity transactions generally, and he will be a valuable resource for our M&A clients as well,” said Howard Chao, partner in charge of the O’Melveny’s Asia Practice. “Also, James’ experience with English law and large-scale fund formation adds to our depth of English law capabilities in Hong Kong and the region.”

“I am very excited by this move” added Ford. “I’m looking forward to working closely with our Asia team, and happy to be able to extend my experience in London to clients in Hong Kong and Asia generally.”

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