

## **Weil, Gotshal & Manges Expands its Asia Corporate Practice**

HONG KONG (October 27, 2009) – International law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP announced today that Henry Ong and Jasson Han have joined the firm's Hong Kong office.

Henry Ong joins Weil's Corporate Department as a partner from the Hong Kong office of Simmons & Simmons where he worked for 9 years as a partner in its corporate team. Mr. Ong has extensive experience advising on a broad range of complex mergers and acquisitions transactions and securities offerings, including transactions in the TMT and financial services industries. Mr. Ong is a UK and Hong Kong qualified lawyer and has particular expertise with transactions involving public companies in Hong Kong, including matters involving Hong Kong listing, takeover and securities rules and regulations. Local Hong Kong law firm Henry Ong & Co., of which Mr. Ong is the sole principal, will be in association with Weil upon approval of the Hong Kong Law Society.

Jasson Han joins Weil as a partner-level Senior Consultant from Simmons & Simmons' Hong Kong office. Mr. Han has advised numerous major state owned enterprises, multinational corporations, and privately owned companies based in the People's Republic of China (PRC) on PRC-related corporate, securities, and transactional law matters. Mr. Han has significant experience advising clients in the energy, telecommunications, and consumer products industries. A qualified PRC lawyer, Mr. Han was previously a partner at Jun He Law Office, a leading PRC law firm. He will divide his time between Weil's Hong Kong and Beijing offices.

"We are continuing our strategic expansion in Asia with the addition of two excellent and seasoned practitioners," remarked Stephen Dannhauser, Chairman of Weil, Gotshal & Manges. "Henry and Jasson bolster our position as a market leader in Asia-related cross-border M&A and private equity transactions."

"Our world-class corporate practice has extensive experience advising clients on complex transactions across the entire Asia-Pacific region," commented Akiko Mikumo, Managing Partner for Asia and Head of the firm's Hong Kong office. "The broad experience Henry and Jasson have in Chinese and Hong Kong transactional M&A and securities offerings, along with Henry's Hong Kong law capabilities and Jasson's PRC law background, are an excellent addition to our growing Asia team and provide our clients with an outstanding platform for their activities in China and Hong Kong."

"We are thrilled that Henry and Jasson will add their talents and experience to the deep bench of deal-makers we have in our offices in the region," added Steven Xiang, Head of the firm's China practice. "Their arrival underscores our exceptional strength in domestic and cross-border M&A and securities transactions."

Henry Ong and Jasson Han are each recognized as a "Leading Individual" for Corporate/M&A in Hong Kong and China in Chambers and Partners' 2009 Asia guide.