

Simpson Thacher Welcomes Private Funds Partner in Hong Kong

Hong Kong and New York—November 18, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that partner Michelle Cheh has joined the Firm’s Private Funds and Funds Transactions practices in Hong Kong.

“As Asia continues to see rising demand for sophisticated fund structures and increasingly complex fund-related transactions, Michelle’s dual expertise in fund formation and secondary transactions bolsters our ability to meet rising demands from clients in these areas. I look forward to working closely with her as we continue to scale in Hong Kong and across the globe,” said Adam Furber, Co-Head of the Firm’s Asia offices and the Head of the Firm’s Asia Investment Funds Practice.

Michelle advises sponsors in connection with forming and structuring private investment funds across asset classes, including private equity, private credit and real estate. Her practice also focuses on GP-led and LP-led secondaries and liquidity solution transactions, including continuation funds, LP portfolio sales, stapled secondary offerings, fund recapitalizations and restructurings and management team spin outs. She joins from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

“Asia is central to the future growth of global funds and our continued investment in the region reflects its importance to our clients and our practice,” said Lauren King, Co-Lead of Simpson Thacher’s Fund Transactions Practice. “Michelle’s experience in the secondaries market adds exciting depth to our bench in Asia and enhances our ability to deliver strategic, forward-looking solutions to clients in a rapidly evolving market.”

Michelle is the second partner to join Simpson Thacher’s Hong Kong office this year, with Restructuring and Finance partner Daniel Margulies having joined in May. The Firm has locations across Asia, including in Hong Kong, Beijing and Tokyo, and has been active in the region for more than 30 years. Its pan-Asian team provides commercial, personalized and value-added strategic advice on corporate law, including all aspects of private fund formation and private equity transactions.

“Asia represents one of the most exciting and fast-growing areas in private funds. I’m thrilled to join Simpson Thacher and its renowned private funds and funds transactions practices, and work with the team in Hong Kong to meet the needs of clients throughout the region,” said Michelle. “The Firm’s dynamic and collaborative culture creates the ideal environment to provide innovative solutions to clients who are looking to form or transact in the funds space.”

Simpson Thacher is consistently ranked among the best private funds advisors around the globe by *Chambers and Partners*, *Legal 500*, *IFLR* and many others. The multidisciplinary team provides comprehensive advice to most of the leading public diversified alternative asset managers as well as hundreds of independent firms. The Firm offers deep market knowledge and creative, tailored advice covering the full spectrum of private funds, including buyout, growth/venture capital, credit, secondaries, infrastructure, energy and real estate.

The Firm’s Fund Transactions Practice advises on the full breadth of secondaries transactions as well as complex control and minority-stakes transactions involving alternative asset managers, and preferred and structured financings for funds, their management companies and other industry participants. Drawing upon the Firm’s more than 40 years of experience in the private equity industry, the global team comprises funds, mergers and acquisitions, finance, tax and other lawyers who provide commercially driven, comprehensive transactional advice for the world’s most sophisticated sponsors.

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