



## Press Release

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### **Baker McKenzie Announces 67 Partnership Promotions, including four partners from the Tokyo office**

**Combining this year's promotions and new lateral hires, the Firm added 95 partners**

July 1, 2021 - Leading global law firm Baker McKenzie is pleased to announce that 67 of our colleagues have been promoted to partner with effect from today. Globally, across the Firm's practice groups, M&A and Tax saw the largest intake of new partners, with Dispute Resolution also contributing significantly to the overall number.

During the 2021 Financial Year, Baker McKenzie also added 28 lateral partner hires, demonstrating the Firm's continued commitment to investing in top talent across the globe. Combining this year's promotions and new lateral talent, the Firm added 95 Partners to its ranks.

Milton Cheng, Global Chair of Baker McKenzie, said, "Congratulations to all of our new partners. I am very pleased to welcome 95 new partners, both home-grown and lateral. This impressive number is indicative of our strategy of nurturing the careers of our people and recruiting the best possible talent to join our Firm. It also reaffirms our core values: to be client-centric global citizens who make up a single high-performing team."

In the Tokyo office, Masao Katsuyama (Corporate M&A), Maki Kawamura (Real Estate), Michio Suzuki (Antitrust / Competition), and Ryosuke Tateishi (Dispute Resolution) have been promoted to partner, while Seiji Tomimoto (Corporate / M&A) and Hiroki Watanabe (Capital Markets) have been promoted to counsel as of today.

Co-Managing Partner Akifusa Takada commented, "We're very pleased by the promotion to partner or counsel of six of our colleagues from a wide range of practice areas. We're confident that their deep specialist expertise and extensive global experience will greatly help our clients make their mark in an increasingly challenging global market."

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■ New partners at the Tokyo office



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## **Our new partners are:**

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Anika Schuermann (Dusseldorf)  
Paloma Martinez-Lage (Madrid)  
Marcin Trepka (Warsaw)  
Sibel Yilmaz (Brussels)

### **Banking & Finance**

Evangeline Wang (Taipei)  
Gerry Wong (Hong Kong)++  
Kenneth Chuah (Singapore)+  
Delwar Hossain (Bahrain)  
Priyanka Usmani (London)  
Blaire Cahn (New York)\*  
Alfonso Martinez-Bejarano (Mexico City)\*  
Paula De Biase (Madrid)  
Moussa Louizi (Amsterdam)  
Ye Cecilia Hong (New York)  
Diego Sanchez-Villarreal (Mexico City)  
Ben Wilkinson (London)

### **Capital Markets**

Xavier Amadei (Singapore)+  
George Marshall (London)  
Cécile Baume (Sydney)  
Jeremy Moore (Houston)

### **Dispute Resolution**

Pumma Doungrutana (Bangkok)  
Ryosuke Tateishi (Tokyo)  
Ryan Grant (Sydney)  
Amy Middlebrook (Sydney)  
Judith Mulholland (London)  
Santiago Maqueda (Buenos Aires)  
Christina Doria (Toronto)\*  
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### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

Masao Katsuyama (Tokyo)  
Jeff Xu (Shanghai)\*\*\*  
Julia Braun (Munich)  
Cristina Rios (Barcelona)  
Ashlin Perumall (Johannesburg)  
Robert Gray (London)  
Michelle Carr (Chicago)\*  
Airi Hammalov (New York)\*  
Michelle Rae Heisner (New York)\*  
Piotr Korzynski (Chicago)\*  
Kathryn R. Strong (Chicago)\*  
Kay Moon (Singapore)+  
Hani Nassef (Cairo)  
Joachim Ponseck (Frankfurt)  
Aarthi Belani (Palo Alto)

### **Private Equity**

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Nick Rainsford (London)

### **Projects**

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Claire Dietz-Polte (Berlin)  
Michal Piekarski (Warsaw)  
Rocio Guadalupe Mendoza (Houston)\*

### **Real Estate**

Maki Kawamura (Tokyo)  
Ai Leen Tang (Kuala Lumpur)  
Weronika Guerquin-Koryzma (Warsaw)  
Charles Gschwind (Geneva)

### **Tax**

Daru Hananto (Jakarta)  
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Manuel Alonso (Madrid)  
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*\*Effective January 1, 2021*

*\*\*Trench Rossi Watanabe, a Brazilian law firm in cooperation agreement with Baker McKenzie*

*\*\*\*Partner at FenXun Partners*

*+Associate Principal*

*++Partner-equivalent*

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