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Chris is the most recent of several senior hires and promotions across WFW's Global Aviation Group in the past two years, including Jackson Chow, William Ho and their team joining in Hong Kong, Matteo Castioni and his team joining in Italy, Philip Jackmauh joining in New York, Pete O'Hare joining in London, and Dominic Pearson, Patrick Moore and Dhruv Paul being promoted in London and Dubai.

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