

WFW EXPANDS SYDNEY OFFICE WITH RELOCATION OF PARTNER ALAN POLIVNICK

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Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) is delighted to announce the relocation of Partner Alan Polivnick from Bangkok to Sydney, where he joins Robert Williams, Sydney Office Head and Head of WFW’s Asia Pacific Hotels & Hospitality team.

Alan’s extensive experience in the transport sector will greatly enhance our Australian and Asia-Pacific client service offering and capabilities. He will also spearhead the development of our dispute resolution practice in Australia, focussing on our core sectors of transport and hotels & hospitality as well as his additional fields of expertise, namely insurance and TMT.

With 20 years’ experience in Asia-Pacific, including 13 years in Bangkok, Alan will continue to advise clients across the region and offer local and regional advice and assistance to Australian clients. His ability to provide contentious and non-contentious advice to clients in his specialist areas, in particular insurance and TMT matters, supports the further growth and development of the firm in Australia and across the region.

Alan is also well-known in the aviation market and is highly respected for his expertise on a wide range of aviation issues, which will help to embed our firm’s existing relationships with Australian banks active in the aviation sector globally. Alan will continue to advise airline clients in the South East Asia region, particularly in Thailand, as well as leverage our Sydney platform to expand his market-leading practice to serve airlines in Australia and the region. With his strong relationships with Japanese clients, Alan will continue to lead the firm’s focus on Japan and Japanese clients, particularly with those active in the region, and use the Sydney office to deepen and further expand these relationships.

Robert commented: “Alan’s relocation highlights the ongoing growth of our Sydney office and I look forward to working with him to further develop our local offering across all his sectors of expertise”.

Alan added: “I am proud to have been part of the growth and development of the Bangkok office, particularly helping the team there grow in both reputation and stature. As an Australian, who joined WFW as an Associate and was promoted to Partner, I am excited to be moving home to Sydney where I can continue to serve my long-standing clients whilst developing and promoting our enhanced capabilities in Australia and across the Asia Pacific region”.

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