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Publications

"New UK IPO Rules Encourage Independent Research, Address Perceived Conflicts of Interest," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, January 2019

"US and UK Debt Restructurings," *The Law and Practice of Restructuring in the UK and US (2nd Edition, Oxford University Press)*, March 2017

"EU Market Abuse Regulation — New Requirements for Issuers," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, July 2016

"FCA Listing Rule Changes Applicable to Premium Listed Companies," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 2014

Richard Ho focuses on capital markets and corporate matters. He has been nominated as a standout lawyer in the independent global survey of senior in-house counsel by *Acritas* and has been described as "very responsive and thorough" by clients. He has worked in Asia and also served as a commissioned officer in the Singapore Army, where he led humanitarian relief operations and conducted investigations, courts-martial and summary trials.

Mr. Ho's equity capital markets and corporate experience includes advising:

Sovereign Wealth Fund Samruk-Kazyna and **National Atomic Company Kazatomprom** on Kazatomprom's US\$451 million IPO and listings on the London and Astana stock exchanges; **Phoenix Group** on its £935 million Class 1 acquisition of **Abbey Life** from **Deutsche Bank** partly funded by a £735 million premium listed rights issue; **Nokia** on the US\$7.2 billion sale of its devices and services business, and the issue of €1.5 billion convertible bonds to **Microsoft**; **Ctrip** on its £1.4 billion acquisition of **Skyscanner**; **Old Mutual** on the strategic separation of **OM Asset Management** through a US\$308 million IPO on the NYSE and subsequent secondary offerings and disposals for an aggregate consideration of more than US\$2 billion; **Ares Life Sciences** on the U.K. court-approved €1 billion cross-border merger of **Stallergenes** and **Greer Laboratories** to create a global biopharmaceutical company registered in the U.K. and listed in Paris; **Russell Investments** on its US\$2.7 billion acquisition by the **London Stock Exchange Group**; **CF Industries** on its proposed US\$8 billion acquisition of **OCI's** distribution businesses; **Globalworth Real Estate** on its €340 million placement of shares listed on AIM; **M7 Real Estate** on the establishment of a new U.K. REIT and the proposed £300 million IPO and premium listing on the London Stock Exchange; the financial advisors to the management buy-in team in the £1.4 billion acquisition of **The Automobile Association** via an accelerated IPO on the London Stock Exchange; **Hochschild Mining** on its £65 million premium-listed rights issue; **PIK Group** on its US\$255 million tender offer for and cancellation of its GDRs listed on the London Stock Exchange; and **Gazprom** on its listing of global depository shares on the Singapore Exchange.

Mr. Ho's debt capital markets experience includes advising:

the underwriters on the **State of Qatar's** US\$14 billion bond issues; the underwriters on **HSBC's** issuances of senior, subordinated and contingent convertible notes in excess of US\$20 billion; **Westfield** on its £800 million and US\$500 million offerings of guaranteed senior notes; **The Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation** on its US\$2.3 billion pre-export financing transactions involving the forward sales of crude and refined products; **The Arab Republic of Egypt** on the establishment of its US\$12 billion debt programme; **Banco BTG Pactual** on its US\$5 billion medium-term note programme, the US\$1 billion and CNY 1 billion syndicated note issues under the programme, and the US\$1.3 billion offering of perpetual subordinated notes to fund its acquisition of **BSI**; **Ashtead Group** on issuances of US\$3.2 billion senior secured notes; **Endo International** on its US\$1.2 billion and US\$1.635 billion high-yield bond issuances in connection with its acquisitions of **Auxilium Pharmaceuticals** and **Par Pharmaceutical**; **Ecolab** on its US\$2 billion STEP-labelled Euro Commercial Paper Programme; **SIBUR** on its debut US\$1 billion bond issue; **Eurasia Drilling Company** on its debut US\$600 million bond issue and subsequent tender offer for the bonds prior to maturity; **CEMEX** on issuances and refinancings of its senior secured notes in excess of US\$15 billion; the ultimate shareholder of **Russian Standard Bank** on a U.K. court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement to restructure its US\$550 million of Eurobonds; **Brunswick Rail** on a consent solicitation to restructure its US\$600 million bonds; and **BNY Mellon** as trustee and **JP Morgan** and **Deutsche Bank** as solicitation agents in the initial issue and a consent solicitation to revise the financial covenants of **EVRAZ's** US\$700 million bonds.