

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners and Han Kun announce tie-up in China

The two firms join forces to strengthen their international practices

Hong Kong, 27 April 2015 – Italian law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners and Chinese law firm Han Kun Law Offices have announced today a formal alliance agreement.

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners is a leading Italian firm with about 360 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, London and New York. Han Kun is a full-service Chinese law firm specializing in cross-border transactions with offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Shenzhen. The alliance also includes Han Kun's Hong Kong associated firm, Choy, Cheung & Co.

The tie-up aims to service clients in China and Hong Kong, as well as Chinese investors with strategic interests in Italy and Europe. Under the agreement, the two firms will work together, allowing clients to benefit from the firms' combined skills, expertise and multi-jurisdictional reach.

The agreement involves combined teams dedicated to specific clients/practices, client development arrangements, joint training, consultation and marketing.

This agreement follows hard on the heels of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners' and Han Kun's launches of their Hong Kong offices, which were announced respectively in April and December 2014. The agreement will further enhance the firms' international practices.

Francesco Gianni, Senior Partner of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners, commented:

"Han Kun is a first class firm which follows the same client-focused philosophy as Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners. I look forward to working with them and being able to reinforce our capability to offer our clients top-level expertise in one of Asia's most vibrant business hubs."

Stefano Beghi, Managing Partner of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners' Hong Kong office, added:

"This is a decisive move for our firm in China. We will now offer an even stronger proposition to our clients investing in this area by being one of the few Italian law firms with strong local capabilities."

Han Kun Partner Charles Li stated:

"We are very pleased to team-up with Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners. Like Han Kun, they are their clients' trusted advisors for legal and strategic needs. This shared focus will benefit our respective firms' clients as they extend their businesses to new regions."

Notes to Editor:

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners is an international law firm with about 360 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, London and New York. The Firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour, IP, Wealth and Trust. In 2014 the Firm was nominated "Law Firm of the Year" for Italy by the "The Lawyer" magazine.



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Han Kun Law Offices is a full-service firm specializing in foreign and cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, project financings, venture capital and private equity, public offerings and listings, fund formation and other securities and capital transactions. In addition to its primary cross-border transactions practice, in recent years it has added practice areas such as regulatory and compliance, intellectual property, employment and labor and dispute resolution. Han Kun has been ranked as a Tier 1 Private Equity and Venture Capital – Local Firms by IFLR1000 for three consecutive years from 2013 to 2015, and a Tier 1 Corporate and M&A Firm by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015 based on its major role in many big-ticket transactions in 2014. It is also listed among in Asian Legal Business's ALB China Power List 2015 of the 10 most influential law firms in China, and has been awarded as the PRC TMT Firm of the Year 2014 by Euromoney's China Law and Practice.

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