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Dr. The Honourable D. Orlando Smith, OBE, MHA

Premier and Minister for Finance of the British Virgin Islands

Dr. the Honourable D. Orlando Smith, OBE is the Premier of the Virgin Islands. As the Leader of Government business, his portfolio includes the coordination of government policies, economic planning, investment promotion, tourism, immigration, gender affairs, e-commerce, regional affairs, information and public relations, among other key areas.

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Hon. Ronnie W. Skelton, MHA

Minister for Health and Social Development of the British Virgin Islands

Honourable Ronnie W. Skelton was first elected to the House of Assembly formerly known as the Legislative Council in 1999. He would serve as a Member of the Opposition of the then Legislative Council until 2003. Following his success in the General Election in 2003, he would serve as Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Minister for Health and Social Development until 2007. He was unsuccessful in the 2007 General Election and during the period 2007 to 2011 he would return to private life serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Skelton Group of Companies owned by his family. In 2011 he returned to the political arena and was successful. He has been a member of the House of Assembly since then to present.

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Greg Boyd

Partner, Harneys Corporate Group

With more than 10 years of expertise in the British Virgin Islands, Greg is a partner in Harneys Corporate group in the BVI. He regularly advises clients and their onshore advisors on BVI corporate and commercial laws. He works with financial institutions, public and private businesses and high-net-worth individuals. More recently Greg has been involved with numerous FinTech initiatives for the BVI and is a member of the firm's FinTech Group (which importantly includes dedicated regulatory experts).

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Fiona Chan

Partner, Appleby

Fiona Chan is a partner in the corporate department of Appleby's Hong Kong office, advising on a full spectrum of banking and finance, non-contentious insurance, private client and trust matters relating to the laws of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands.

Fiona has nearly 20 years of experience working in international law firms in onshore and offshore fields. Her broad offshore law practice spans banking and finance transactions including acquisition, leveraged and project financing, shipping and aircraft financing, structured products, bond issuance and restructuring of corporates and financial institutions.

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Chris Cheng

Partner, Appleby

Chris Cheng is a partner in the corporate department of Appleby's Hong Kong office. He joined Appleby in 2007 and has extensive experience in the area of capital markets, specialising in private and public offerings of debt and equity, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, as well as bank financing transactions.

Before joining Appleby, Chris has worked in another international law firm and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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Alan Craig

Partner, Head of Corporate, Campbells

Alan is a Partner and head of the corporate department of Campbells. He advises on the establishment of venture capital funds and related investment vehicles and cross-border corporate finance and M&A transactions.



Burton Chalwell Jr.

Director, BVI Financial Services Commission (HK) Ltd.

Burton Chalwell Jr. is a Director of BVI Financial Services Commission (HK) Ltd. and is the Asia Representative for the BVI Financial Services Commission.

Before his appointment, Burton was the Deputy Director of the Compliance Inspection Unit and had oversight for carrying out on-site compliance inspections for prudential supervision of the financial services business conducted by BVI licensees.

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Peter Ch'ng

Partner, Conyers Dill & Pearman

Peter Ch'ng is a Partner in the Corporate Department in the Hong Kong office of Conyers Dill & Pearman. He joined Conyers in 2001 and was a Director in the Bermuda office prior to relocating to Conyers' Hong Kong office in 2017.

Peter's broad financial corporate practice covers mergers and acquisitions, insurance and reinsurance, mutual and investment funds including insurance linked securities structures (ILS), segregated accounts companies (SACs), private equity partnerships, structured finance, special purpose vehicles and ownership-remote structures including charities, corporate finance including debt and equity offerings, IPOs and private placements, banking and financial services including financial derivatives, credit and security and general corporate and commercial matters across multiple jurisdictions.

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Keith Carter

Associate Professor, National University of Singapore

Keith Carter's mission is to "Help Business succeed with Actionable Intelligence". Keith is an Associate Professor at the NUS School of Computing, preparing students and workforce with innovative thinking and get them ready to deliver business solutions integrating data visualization and machine learning. He is the Actionable Intelligence Senior Strategist at KBC Global Partners, helping senior leaders to develop data driven business strategy; leveraging big data and develop capabilities to seize opportunities; leading digital transformation across Finance, Banking, Fintech and Supply Chain. He is also the Co-founder, Senior Technology Advisor, and Machine Learning Lead at Datarama, a Fintech start-up.

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Anna W.T. Chong

Partner, Conyers Dill & Pearman

Anna Chong is a Partner in the Corporate department in the Hong Kong office of Conyers Dill & Pearman. Anna joined Conyers in 2006.

Anna's practice covers corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions with particular focus on initial public offerings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Global Market. Anna has extensive experience in private and public equity and debt offerings.

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Jonathon Clifton

Group Managing Director, Corporate & Private Clients, Asia and Middle East, Vistra

Jonathon joined the Vistra Group in February 2010 as Executive Director for OIL Hong Kong and in 2012 was promoted to Managing Director, Asia with P&L responsibility for the region. In 2015, Jonathon was promoted to lead the three businesses of OIL, Novasage and Taka and is a member of the Vistra Group's Global Executive Committee.

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Ashley Davies

Partner, Campbells

Ashley is a partner in our corporate, investment funds and finance practice. Ashley's practice covers a wide range of banking and finance matters including secured and unsecured loans, offshore/onshore cross-border lending structures, off balance sheet and other structured financings, margin loans, asset financings, acquisition financings, and take private financings. Ashley worked on the financings of most of the early ground breaking Cayman statutory merger transactions in Asia including the very first Cayman statutory merger financing and the then largest public to private acquisition of a Chinese company. He has also worked on a wide range of debt capital markets transactions.

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Sherrie Dai

Managing Director, Vistra China

Sherrie joined Vistra as the Managing Director of Vistra China in February 2018. She leads Vistra's overall China business, overseeing the continuing growth of Vistra's service offering to both corporate and private clients and multinationals looking to expand throughout the region whilst leading the whole China team and structuralising the organisation, policies and framework in China.

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Elise Donovan

Director, BVI House Asia

Elise Donovan is the Director of BVI House Asia, the British Virgin Islands Government's representative office in the Asia Pacific region. She has 20 years' experience in international affairs, economic and political development. Donovan served as executive director of the BVI's International Finance Centre (now BVI Finance), director of the BVI International Affairs Secretariat and at the BVI Financial Services Commission. She was a member of the BVI's Tax Information Exchange Agreement Negotiating Team with such countries as China, the United Kingdom, France, Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the Nordics. She was also a lead advisor for the committee that drafted and negotiated the 2007 Virgin Islands Constitution.

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Jeremy Lightfoot

Partner, Campbells

Jeremy is a partner in Campbells's Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring Group, resident in Hong Kong. He is an experienced commercial litigator and advocate who has litigated a wide range of international disputes in Court and arbitration proceedings. Prior to joining Campbells, Jeremy practised as a barrister at a leading chambers in London.

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Vicky Lord

Partner, Harneys

Vicky Lord is a partner in Harneys' Litigation, Restructuring and Insolvency group in Hong Kong and leads our China Practice. Her practice focuses on serving the needs of both professional and lay clients in relation to BVI and Cayman Islands law.

Vicky has a wide breadth of experience in cross-border jurisdictional commercial matters, from insolvency to shareholder disputes, both led and acting alone, in the BVI Commercial Court and Court of Appeal and has also appeared in the Privy Council in London.

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Nigel K. Meeson QC

Partner, Conyers Dill & Pearman

Nigel Meeson is a Partner and Head of the Asia Disputes & Restructuring Group ("ADRG") in the Hong Kong office of Conyers Dill & Pearman. The ADRG provides Bermuda, British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands litigation advice to clients in the Far East; ensuring they have access to fully coordinated litigation advice and services provided by a seamless and comprehensive team across jurisdictions and time zones.

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Kenneth Morgan

Head of Business Development and Marketing, BVI Finance Limited

Kenneth Morgan is the current Head of Business Development and Marketing at BVI Finance Limited, a public/private enterprise charged with promoting and developing the financial services industry in the British Virgin Islands. He is also Managing Director of Pendragon Services Limited which provides consultancy and advice on all aspects of doing business in the BVI.

Ken has many years of experience in the international financial services industry. His career began in the Cayman Islands where he worked for a leading trust company.

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Callum McNeil

Partner, Walkers Global

Callum is a Partner in Walkers' Global Insolvency and Dispute Resolution Group. He is a highly experienced Commercial Litigator who has developed particular expertise in contentious funds and cross border insolvency matters. Qualified in four jurisdictions, he has spent the last 11 years working offshore in the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and the Channel Islands. Prior to this he gained five years' home jurisdiction experience in Australia where he also handled a broad range of commercial litigation and insolvency work, regularly appearing before the Queensland Supreme Court and the Federal Court of Australia.

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Barbara Meynert

Chairman, Finclusion Limited

Business and thought leader Barbara Meynert has executive expertise across a broad range of sectors. She has enjoyed an international career in merchant banking, commercial and regulatory institutions, and holds directorships in the corporate and non-profit sectors in Asia and Europe.

Barbara Meynert is Chairman of Finclusion Limited, a financial service for the unbanked. She is Senior Advisor to the Fung Group and has been a long-time director and advisor to the Li and Fung Group and a number of their subsidiary companies.

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Ian Mann

Head of Asia Litigation and Restructuring practice group, Harneys

Ian is the long-term head of Harneys' Asia Litigation and Restructuring practice group and is based in our Hong Kong office. He is a leading offshore litigator, senior tactician and thought leader.

Ian specialises in restructuring, insolvency, shareholders' disputes and contentious trusts. He is an experienced advocate and continues to appear in Court regularly. He has been involved in every major recent restructuring in the region involving offshore entities.

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Christopher J.R. Page

Counsel, Conyers Dill & Pearman

Christopher Page is Counsel in the Corporate department in the Hong Kong office of Conyers Dill & Pearman. He joined Conyers in Bermuda in 1999, working there until 2013. Chris then spent three years in Conyers' Singapore office before relocating to Conyers' Hong Kong office in 2017.

His practice includes many aspects of corporate and securities law, with particular focus on the formation of investment and private equity funds, and other investment vehicles.

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Marianne Rajic

Partner, Campbells

Marianne is a partner in Campbells's corporate, investment funds and finance practice and heads up the Corporate Department in the Hong Kong office. Marianne's practice covers all aspects of the structure and operation of investment funds and alternative investment products (including innovative hybrid and crossover funds) investing in a diverse range of assets. She acts for a broad cross-section of clients including wellknown private equity houses on a multitude of corporate down-stream transactions.

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Lorna Smith, OBE

CEO, BVI Finance

Lorna Smith, OBE is the Interim CEO, BVI Finance. Smith has more than three decades of experience at the highest levels of the public service in the British Virgin Islands. Over the course of her senior-level service, Smith has developed extensive relationships with leaders from the business community, international NGO's and government leaders from around the world. In 2002, Smith took the helm of the BVI International Finance Centre (now BVI Finance), which is charged with promoting the BVI Financial Services.

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Robert C. Searle

Partner, Campbells

Robert is a partner in Campbells's Corporate Department. He specialises in advice on the establishment and restructure of all investment funds, having spent his entire legal career focusing on collective investment schemes in Cayman, England and Australia. Robert was admitted as an attorney in the Cayman Islands in 2003 and became partner with Campbells in 2007.

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Eliot Simpson

Partner, Appleby

Eliot Simpson is a partner and Group Head of the Dispute Resolution department in Hong Kong. He first qualified as a Solicitor in 1992, spending nine years at Clifford Chance before joining a major offshore firm based in the Cayman Islands, where he practised as a local Attorney-at-Law. In 2005, Eliot joined another major offshore firm based in Jersey, where he was admitted as a Jersey Advocate. He joined Appleby in 2008 as a Solicitor Advocate in the British Virgin Islands, and most recently relocated to Hong Kong in 2012.

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Carson Wen

Founder and Chairman, Bank of Asia, British Virgin Islands and BOA Financial Group, Hong Kong, China

Carson Wen is the Founder and Chairman of Bank of Asia (BVI) Limited and BOA Financial Group Limited. He is also the Chairman of the Sancus Group of companies, which has investments in policy driven sectors such as new energy, logistics, finance and technology. He has practiced law for over 30 years at his own Hong Kong partnership and subsequently at leading global law firms.

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Johnny Wong

Founder, Overseas Company Services Limited

Johnny Wong is the founder of Overseas Company Services Limited ("OCS"), a corporate management services provider which provides professional company formation and corporate management services for BVI, Seychelles, Hong Kong and Singapore companies. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of SBC International ("SBC"), a 23 years old professional company formation and corporate management consultancy company with more than 400 staff located in Hong Kong, China and overseas, and the Practising Member Director of SBC CPA Limited which provides accounting, audit and tax advisory services as a Certified Public Accountant firm in Hong Kong. He has been active in the field of Accounting, Taxation and Corporate Management Services for more than 15 years.

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Felicia Wee

COO, Corporate & Business Services – Asia, Portcullis (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

Felicia Wee is COO, Corporate & Business Services – Asia.

She graduated in law from the University of New South Wales, Australia and is an Associate of the Singapore Association of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. She had worked previously as in-house counsel/corporate secretary prior to joining the Portcullis Group



Kristian Wilson

Partner, Bedell Cristin

Kristian is a partner in Bedell Cristin's Singapore office. He is an experienced commercial lawyer, having worked for leading law firms in London and Paris, before practicing offshore law in Jersey and the BVI. Kristian advises on BVI law and his practice includes corporate and financial matters, with a focus on joint ventures, private equity and cross-border transactions.

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Hong Kong

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Date:

5 June 2018

Time:

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Venue:

JW Marriott Hong Kong
One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway
Admiralty, Hong Kong



Singapore

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Date:

8 June 2018

Time:

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Venue:

Residence 1, Level 3, Grand Hyatt Singapore, 10 Scotts Road, Singapore 228211



Beijing

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Date:

11 June 2018

Time:

TBC

Venue:

Wanda Vista Beijing Hotel
Tower C Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Road
Chaoyang District, Beijing



Hangzhou

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Date:

13 June 2018

Time:

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Venue:

Sofitel Hangzhou Westlake
333 Westlake Avenue
Shangcheng District, Hangzhou



Shanghai

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Date:

15 June 2018

Time:

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Venue:

Ritz Carlton Shanghai Pudong Shanghai ifc
8 Century Avenue Lujiazui
Pudong, Shangha

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