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## **Gallant Managing Partner Mr. Philip Wong Elected to Board of Directors of Meritas Global Alliance of Law Firms**

***Mr. Philip Wong will play key leadership role in ensuring members have tools and programs to serve their clients cross-regional needs***

**Hong Kong – 16 May 2023** – Gallant, a Hong Kong-based law firm, today announced that its Managing Partner Mr. Philip Wong has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Meritas, a global alliance of independent law firms that serves the legal needs of companies doing business in multiple markets. Philip was elected to the position from the more than 8,000 attorneys in the Meritas member network and will serve with 20 others from around the world for a three-year term.

“Philip is a proven leader in the Meritas network, with keen insight into helping Hong Kong based companies enter and expand in other markets and industries,” said Sona Pancholy, president of Meritas. “As a member of the Meritas Board of Directors, Philip will provide a unique perspective to the continued growth and innovation of our network.”

Philip has been involved with Meritas for over 16 years, during which time he has served as Gallant’s main or alternate contact for all communications between Gallant

and other member firms within the network. More recently, Philip has played a more significant role as one of the members to Meritas' Asia Leadership Committee. As a board member, he will participate in strategic planning, member recruitment and development, and the administration of Meritas' rigorous [quality standards](#), which sets the network apart from other legal organizations.

“Meritas is a top-tier network with over 180 full-service independent law firms worldwide to serve our clients and it enables each member firm within the network to provide efficient and cost-effective services to our clients regardless of the international or diverse geographical implications of the clients or their problems,” said Mr. Philip Wong, Gallant Managing Partner. “I am honored to have been elected a director to the Meritas Board of Directors for a term of three years and with such a position, it would be easier and more effectively for me to add value to Meritas and all member firms within the network for the benefit of all our clients.”

Philip specializes in the practice areas of Banking and Finance, Corporate and M&A, Compliance and Regulatory as well as Capital Markets. He advises clients on secured and unsecured lending in Hong Kong and cross-border loans, mergers and acquisitions, firms listings etc. He also provides legal services to licensed corporations in Hong Kong regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, mostly holding Type 1, 4 and 9 licenses as well as advises on a wide range of regulatory and compliance matters regarding Securities and Futures Ordinance and the relevant subsidiary legislation. Amongst numerous public services he has provided, Philip is the Chairman of Practice Management Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Member of the Management Committee of the Consumer Legal Action Fund of the Hong Kong SAR Government and Member of Hospital Authority Central Institutional Review Board. Philip graduated from the University of Hong Kong with Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) in 1991 and Master of Laws in 1994, and was admitted as a solicitor of Hong Kong in 1994

## **About Gallant**

Gallant was established in 1977 and is headquartered in Central, Hong Kong, with two representative offices in Guangzhou and Shanghai. Our firm is one of the largest and most well-established independent full service notable firms in Hong Kong, with about 130 personnel, including over 45 solicitors and 8 trainee solicitors.

Gallant provides comprehensive legal services to a large number of local, regional and multinational corporations, banks, financial institutions, listed companies, statutory bodies and other organizations (including MTR Corporation Limited, Hong Kong Trade Development Council etc), PE funds across different industries, covering a wide spectrum of domestic and international commercial, corporate and property related activities, both contentious and non-contentious, including banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), capital markets, bond issuance, fund formation, real estate and tenancy, arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution, China investment, competition, regulatory compliance, employment, insolvency and restructuring, insurance, intellectual property, notarization, tax, trust and private clients.

For more information about Gallant, visit [www.gallantho.com](http://www.gallantho.com) or email: [gyth@gallantho.com](mailto:gyth@gallantho.com).

As a member of Meritas, Gallant has access to 8,000 lawyers in 90 countries and effectively supports clients in their cross-regional and global needs.

### About Meritas

Meritas' global alliance of independent, market-leading law firms provides borderless legal services to companies looking to effectively capture opportunities and solve issues anywhere in the world. Companies benefit from local knowledge, collective strength and new efficiencies when they work with Meritas law firms. The personal attention and care they experience is part of Meritas' industry-first commitment to the utmost in quality of service and putting client priorities above all else. Founded in 1990, Meritas has member firms in 254 markets worldwide with more than 8,500 dedicated, collaborative lawyers. To locate a Meritas resource for a specific need or in a certain market, visit [Meritas.org](http://Meritas.org) or call 612-339-8680.

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