

# Simon Wong

## Of Counsel



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## Overview

Simon is an Of Counsel in Dentons' Investment Funds group, and heads the private funds practice in Hong Kong.

Simon focuses on investment funds, covering private equity, credit, real estate, infrastructure, venture capital, hedge and RMB-USD funds, representing both managers and investors in Asia.

Simon also advises on financial regulations and other legal issues applicable to investment managers. He has experience advising on fund offering in Hong Kong, PRC, United States and Australia.

Simon was recognized as a "Next Generation Lawyer" for Investment Funds in Hong Kong by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Prior to joining the firm, Simon practiced law at a leading Australian firm in Sydney and two US firms in Hong Kong. He also served as legal counsel of a US asset manager and a European asset manager in Hong Kong.

## Experience

### Fund Formation

- **A global leading manager:** Advising on the formation of a feeder fund investing in a global infrastructure fund.
- **A global leading manager:** Advising on the formation of a feeder fund investing in a global transport fund.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation of a US\$600 million global acquisition fund and the associated carried interest structure.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation of a US\$500 million global infrastructure fund.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on the formation of a private debt fund and a private equity fund investing in the natural resources industry.

- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on the formation of a HK\$1.5 billion RMB-HKD real estate project fund.
- **A leading family office in Hong Kong:** Advising on the formation of its US\$250 million flagship investment fund.
- **A PRC listed company:** Advising on the formation of its US\$100 million proprietary investment fund.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation of a segregated portfolio company for its proprietary investments.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation of a segregated portfolio company and the establishment of various segregated portfolios thereof, each investing in a private equity fund managed by a leading international manager.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation of a US\$150 million alternative investment fund investing in public and private companies, debt securities and leveraged buyouts.
- **An Australian manager:** Advising on the formation of an industrial development fund, other feeder funds and its co-investment structure.
- **A UK manager:** Advising on the formation of a Cayman Islands feeder fund investing in an Australian senior debt fund.
- **A UK manager:** Advising on the formation of two solar energy debt funds.
- **A leading Singapore manager:** Advising on the formation of a venture capital fund investing in seed, series A and bridge rounds of technology start-ups.
- **A Singapore manager:** Advising on the formation of a venture capital fund investing in seed stage technology start-ups.
- **A Hong Kong financial institution:** Advising on the formation of a HK\$2 billion hybrid fund peer-lending platform.
- **A PRC manager:** Advising on the formation and maintenance of its range of hedge funds, including a featured master-feeders fund with first-loss capital features and with more than US\$500 million in assets.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on the formation of a US feeder fund to an existing hedge fund.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on the formation of a fund of private equity funds.
- **A global manager:** Advising on the formation of a fund of funds investing in China public funds.
- **Various managers:** Advising on the formation and maintenance of various Hong Kong limited partnership funds investing in private equities.
- **Various managers:** Advising on the formation and maintenance of Cayman Islands hedge funds.

## Investor Representation

- **A PRC manager:** Advising on its investment in a real estate private credit fund.
- **A Hong Kong limited partnership fund:** Advising on its investments in BVI and Cayman Islands project funds
- **A Singapore insurance company:** Advising on its investment in a US\$2 billion open-ended Australian real estate fund managed by a US manager.
- **An Australian fund of funds manager:** Advising on its investment in a buyout fund managed by a US manager.
- **A Hong Kong listed company:** Advising on its investment in a US venture capital fund.

- **A Hong Kong listed company:** Advising on its investment in a project fund investing in pre-IPO securities.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on its investment in a project fund investing in pre-IPO securities in the US.
- **A UK manager:** Advising on its investment in a US\$1.8 billion RMB-USD private equity fund.
- **A UK manager:** Advising on its investment in a US\$800 million private equity fund domiciled in England and Wales, including the related co-investment arrangement.
- **A Japanese bank:** Advising on its investment in a US\$750 million aviation private equity fund.
- **A central bank:** Advising on its investments in two hedge funds managed by global leading managers.

## Financial Regulations and Other Transactions

- **An international industry body:** Advising on its lobbying effort on the SFC Unit Trust Code amendments.
- **A pan-Asian manager:** Advising on the restructuring of its US\$500 million private equity fund.
- **Various international managers:** Advising on SFC-authorized funds and other regulatory matters.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on the liquidation of a hedge fund.
- **A Hong Kong manager:** Advising on its employee incentive scheme vehicle.
- **Various fund sponsors:** Advising on their trustee duties and various aspects of fund management.
- **Various financial institutions:** Advising on the use of trust structure in mergers and acquisitions, financing, and investment transactions.
- **An international manager:** Advising on the transfer and restructuring of a QFII quota with US\$3.2 billion in assets.
- **An international manager:** Advising on issues relating to the QFII facility of a fund with US\$56 million at stake.

## Education

- The University of Hong Kong, 2008, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws
- The College of Law, 2007, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
- University of New South Wales, 2006, Bachelor of Commerce

## Admissions and qualifications

- Hong Kong
- New York

## Languages

- Cantonese
- English
- Mandarin