

HFW



**YOUR TEAM OF CHOICE FOR CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL  
TRANSACTIONS IN THE BVI**



**“A very friendly and approachable team that will always fight my corner like no other UK or US firm I have encountered – they are very smart and experienced.”**

**LEGAL 500 UK, CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL 2023**







The British Virgin Islands (BVI) is an important market to many of our global clients. It has an independent judicial system based on English common law and it is an internationally respected financial centre, offering one of the most popular offshore holding structures in the world.

### **HFW in the BVI**

HFW has been acting for clients in offshore jurisdictions for more than 20 years, including in the BVI, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

To support our global client base, HFW established a presence in the BVI in 2022 and has a team of specialist BVI lawyers in the territory. The BVI team works closely with our offshore teams in London, Hong Kong and Shanghai and with our onshore lawyers across our global network of 21 offices.

We are uniquely positioned to provide timely, strategic advice on complex corporate and commercial matters involving BVI entities across all time zones.

Our team combines in-depth sector expertise with experience across all corporate disciplines to deliver pragmatic and commercially valuable advice.

**“The team is highly commercially experienced and has an excellent depth of knowledge.”**

## **CHAMBERS COPRORATE/COMMERCIAL 2023**

### **Who we act for**

We act for:

- private limited companies
- public companies
- partnerships
- directors and legal representatives
- shareholders and partners
- investors and founders
- hedge funds and investment managers
- banks and other financial institutions
- liquidators and receivers

### **Corporate & Commercial Expertise**

We advise many of the world's largest companies, private and institutional investors, insurers, governments, private equity funds and investment banks across the full spectrum of corporate, commercial and finance transactions.

Our corporate and commercial lawyers have significant experience acting on complex, cross border transactions, including advising on:

- the formation, operation and restructure of BVI corporate vehicles, such as BVI companies, segregated portfolio companies and BVI partnerships
- mergers & acquisitions
- the redomicile of corporate entities
- director duties, shareholder rights and other aspects of BVI company law
- appropriate corporate structures for various commercial purposes, including joint ventures, private equity fund raising and public offerings
- the establishment and regulation of BVI funds, including public, private, professional, approved and incubator fund structures
- BVI fund restructures, redemptions and suspension of Net Asset Value and the ringfencing of investments in distressed scenarios
- the establishment and regulation of BVI investment managers, investment advisers and fund administrators
- the use of BVI structures in connection with the acquisition and re-financing of high value assets, including real estate, vacation resort operations, aircraft and vessels
- the voluntary winding up of BVI companies
- enforcement of security, re-financing and workouts
- due capacity and enforceability Opinions.

### **Seamless service**

We offer a seamless and cost-effective service – there is no need to instruct onshore and offshore lawyers from different firms. We can draw your legal team from across HFW's global network.







## Our Cross-Jurisdictional BVI Team



### ROB MCINTYRE

#### Consultant

Qualified in the BVI (and England & Wales (non-practising)).

**T** +1 (284) 494 6864

**M** +44 (0)7970 627882

**E** rob.mcintyre@hfw.com

Rob specialises in corporate advice, mergers & acquisitions, banking & finance, securities and investment funds. Rob has practised BVI law for over 27 years and has advised private and public companies, directors and shareholders, banks and financial institutions and hedge funds and investment managers on a range of matters.

Rob was based in the BVI for 14 years and was previously the managing partner of the BVI office of an offshore law firm for more than three years.

Rob was a Chairman of the BVI Mutual Fund Practitioners' Association in the 2000's and sat on several committees which advised the BVI Government and the BVI Financial Services Commission on the development of BVI legislation and regulation of the financial services market in the BVI.



### WING CHEUNG

#### Partner

Qualified in the BVI, Hong Kong, England & Wales and the Greater Bay Area.

**T** +852 3983 7618

**M** +852 9226 4288

**E** wing.cheung@hfw.com

Wing advises on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters, including initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and legal and regulatory issues arising under the Hong Kong listing rules and takeovers code. He has significant expertise in regulatory enforcement and compliance.



### HENRY FUNG

#### Partner

Qualified in the BVI, Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and England & Wales.

**T** +852 3983 7777

**T** +86 21 2080 1111

**M** +852 9070 3383

**E** henry.fung@hfw.com

Henry's practice covers a broad spectrum of contentious and noncontentious matters. His contentious work includes traditional shipping and yachting-related work, as well as other commercial disputes, including cross-border multi-party litigations/winding ups. Equipped with a PRC law degree and the ability to speak Putonghua, Henry also acts for both local and overseas clients in PRC related matters.



### DANIEL LEUNG

#### Partner

Qualified in the BVI, Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and England & Wales. Admitted as an Affiliate of the UK Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

**T** +852 3983 7669

**M** +852 9316 9980

**E** daniel.leung@hfw.com

Daniel has extensive crossborder transactional experience (especially China-related inbound/ outbound investments), supply chain, corporate and general commercial matters. His clients include multinational corporations, domestic enterprises, high net worth clients, private equity and institutional investors. He is fluent in English, Putonghua and Cantonese.



### JUSTIN SUN

#### Registered Foreign Lawyer

Qualified in the BVI, England & Wales (and the PRC (non-practising)).

**T** +852 3983 7713

**E** justin.sun@hfw.com

Justin specialises in aircraft finance, leasing and trading and mainly advises leasing companies, financial institutions, and airlines. He is a native Mandarin speaker and is fluent in English.



### WHITNEY CHAN

#### Senior Associate

Qualified in the BVI, Hong Kong, and England & Wales.

**T** +852 3983 7763

**T** +1 (284) 494 6864

**E** whitney.chan@hfw.com

Whitney has experience in assisting airlines, lessors and financial institutions in a variety of commercial aviation matters. Her specialties include financing, leasing and trading for commercial aircraft and private jets.



### NANCY CHEN

#### Associate

Qualified in New South Wales, Australia.

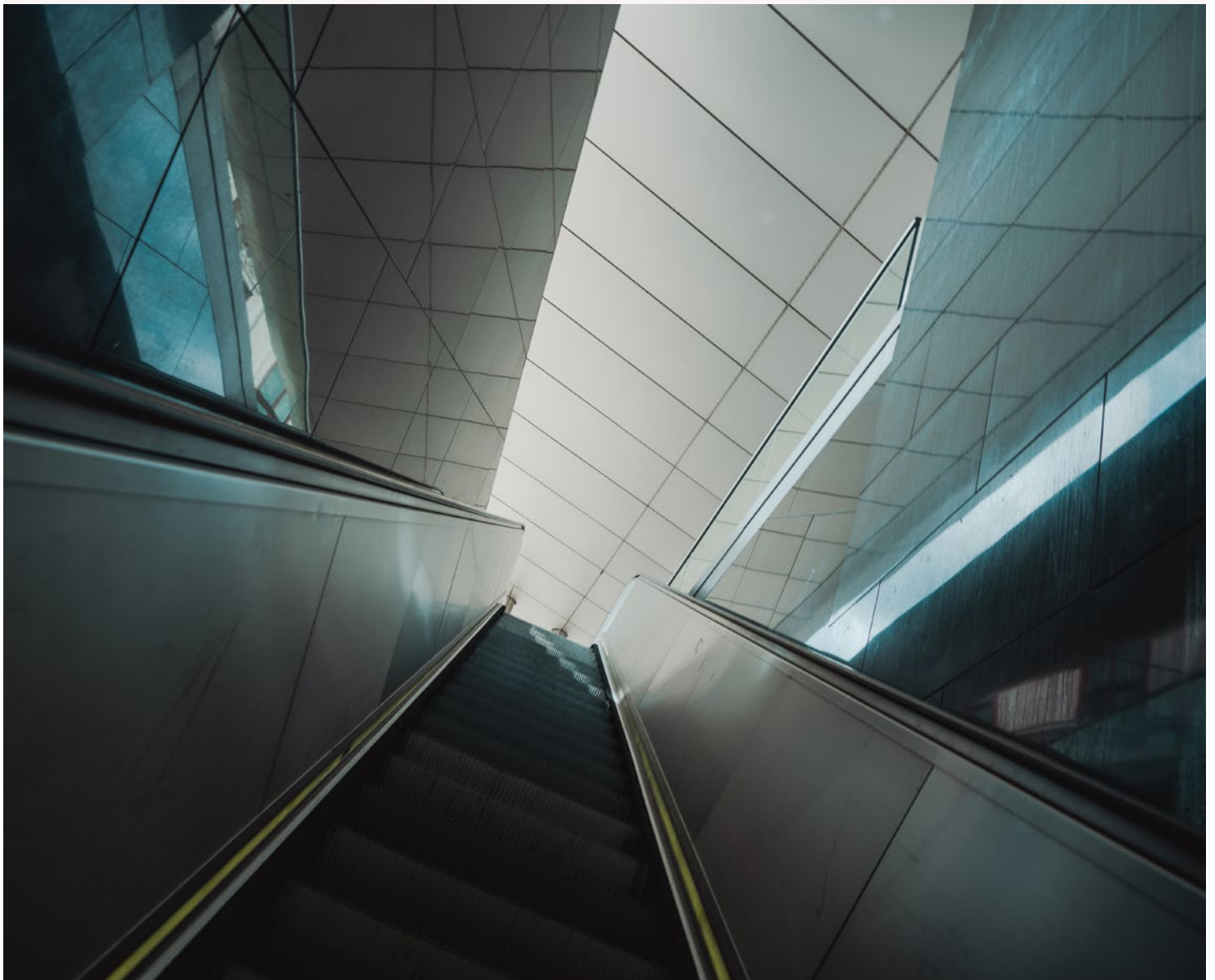
**T** +86 21 2080 1092

**E** nancy.chen@hfw.com

Nancy specialises in cross-border corporate and commercial projects. Her practice focuses on global supply chain matters, outbound and inbound investments cross-border mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and real estate development.

## Our global reach

We have scaled ourselves to an optimum size: big enough to provide the right level of support and resources globally; lean and flexible enough to adjust to our clients' needs and maintain a collaborative, personal approach. We have 21 offices around the world and work with top local firms and experts in their particular sectors.



**HFW has over 700 lawyers working in offices across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. For further information about our capabilities, please visit [hfw.com](https://www.hfw.com).**