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Singapore Boutiques Take 3 From Big US Law Firms

by Jessica Seah

King & Spalding and Norton Rose Fulbright have lost two veteran partners to Singapore boutique firms Gateway Law Corporation and Breakpoint LLC. Both local firms focus on providing litigation and arbitration representation.

Simon Dunbar leaves King & Spalding along with counsel, Kevin Lim, to join Gateway Law Corporation. Both lawyers are listed on Gateway's website as advocate and solicitor. Established in 2006, Gateway focuses on intellectual property, real estate and technology disputes. With its new hires, the firm counts 11 lawyers including three directors.

Dunbar is Gateway's first foreign lawyer hire. He had been with King & Spalding in Singapore for over a decade and was previously an associate at Shearman & Sterling. He focuses on joint venture, energy, technology and infrastructure disputes. Dunbar is also an arbitrator, and has served as arbitrator in Singapore and the U.K.

Lim acts on disputes involving joint ventures, energy, technology, infrastructure and investor-state issues. Lim had spent eight collective years at King & Spalding, he served two separate stints at the firm, leaving in between to practise as a state counsel in the international affairs department of the Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers. He was previously also an associate at another local disputes boutique, Michael Hwang Chambers.

The duo's departure will leave King & Spalding with 27 lawyers including six

partners who focus on dispute resolution advice.

Also joining a domestic outfit after years in a foreign practice is KC Lye, who had spent over two decades at Norton Rose Fulbright and led the firm's Southeast Asia disputes practice.

Lye joins Breakpoint as counsel and arbitrator. He handles high-value disputes across sectors such as oil and gas, aviation, and commercial fraud. He has represented clients in International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, International Chamber of Commerce and London Court of International Arbitration arbitrations and mediation proceedings in London, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Founded in 2018, Breakpoint is a three-lawyer start-up practice that focuses on litigation and arbitration.

At Breakpoint, Lye reunites with Darius Chan. Both worked together for five years at Norton Rose Fulbright until 2019, when Chan left to hold multiple roles at the Singapore Management University, the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy and Fountain Court Chambers.

Lye's departure will leave Norton Rose Fulbright with two Singapore-based disputes partners. In Singapore, the firm operates in a Formal Law Alliance with local firm, Ascendant Legal.

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24-Lawyer PE and M&A Firm Debuts in Paris

by Anne Bagamery

A private equity-focused law firm has opened in Paris, founded by partners with deep experience and ties to Big Law that they hope will help surmount rising competition in France's red-hot deal market.

Mermoz launches in the French capital with a 24-lawyer team, including eight partners, offering advice in private equity/M&A, labor, restructuring, finance, competition and tax, among other sectors.

Five members of the founding group come directly from Villechenon, a Paris-based private equity boutique, including Tristan Segonds, Gilles Roux, and Arnaud Levasseur in private equity and M&A; Catherine Nahmias-Ferrandini in labor, and Martin Kyuchokov in finance.

Laurent Ragot in tax joins from Hogan Lovells and Régis Mahieu in complex contracts and data privacy from French firm Aperwin, while Olivier Péchenard in restructuring and business litigation comes from his own independent practice.

Several members of the founding group have Big Law experience.

As well as Ragot, Segonds, Levasseur and Nahmias-Ferrandini have all previously practised at Hogan Lovells, while Kyuchokov had a stint at Jones Day,

according to their LinkedIn profiles. Meanwhile, Roux was for the four years between 2008 and 2012 a partner at Paul Hastings.

"We had known each other for many years, already working together on deals," Segonds told Law.com International. So when the time came to launch a new firm, "we knew who we wanted to join with us, and we just proposed to make our partnership with them more formal," he said.

Sixteen lawyers complete the founding team, and several more hires are in the pipeline to join in February, according to the firm.

Mermoz's target market is mid-sized private equity and M&A deals, those valued at between €5 million and €300 million. This is the sector, the founders say, that is most active in France, in industries ranging from tech and health to food and for-profit education.

Private equity is experiencing a golden moment in France at the confluence of two trends: a flood of investment money looking for targets, and the investment-friendly tax and labor policies of President Emmanuel Macron.

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CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **January 26, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM** to consider the Third Amendment to Master Development Agreement and a modification to the Downtown Doral Pattern Book to annex a ±1.35 acre parcel of land currently part of the Downtown Doral South DMU property and increase 35,000 square feet of office space. The City Council will consider this item for **FIRST READING**. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166**.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE No. 2021-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION TO THE DOWNTOWN DORAL DMU PATTERN BOOK, TO ANNEX A ±1.35 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND CURRENTLY PART OF THE DOWNTOWN DORAL SOUTH DMU PROPERTY AND INCREASE 35,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 22-01-DOR-13

APPLICANT: CM Doral Development Company, LLC

LOCATION: Generally located between NW 87 Avenue and 79 Avenue, on both sides of NW 53 Street.

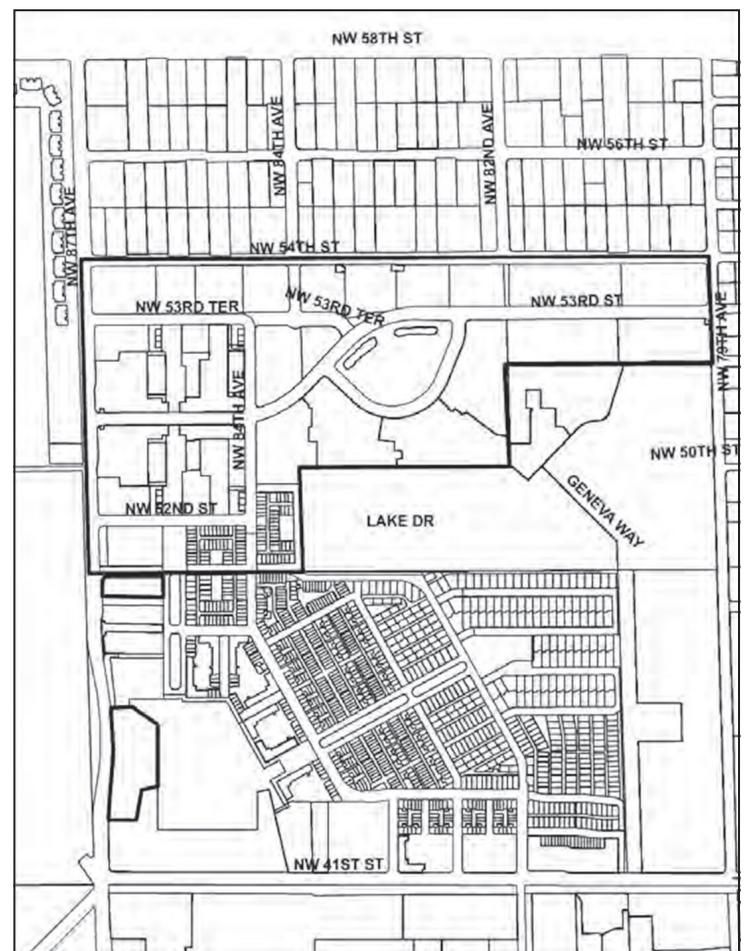
FOLIO: Various folio numbers

SIZE: ±124.53 acres

REQUEST: CM Doral Development Company, LLC is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of the Third Amendment to Master Development Agreement and a modification to the Downtown Doral Pattern Book to annex a ±1.35 acre parcel of land currently part of the Downtown Doral South DMU property and increase 35,000 square feet of office space. The development program, as amended, will consist of 3,340 residential dwelling units with a population density based thereupon, 213,895 square feet of retail/commercial use, 1,681,668 square feet of office use, 80,000 square feet of civic use, elementary school for 1,000 students, and upper school for 1,300 students, with building heights of up to 20 stories.

Copies of the Downtown Doral Pattern Book and Master Development Agreement, both as amended, are on file at the City of Doral Planning and Zoning Department located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral

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