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### Speakers' bio



#### **Maggie Kwok, Partner, Head of Funds and Regulatory, Asia, Harneys**

Maggie Kwok is the head of our Funds and Regulatory practice group in Asia. She has a broad range of experience spanning from fund formation, downstream investments, capital markets and corporate finance.

Maggie's practice has a particular focus on formation, structuring and maintenance of various types of open ended and close ended funds including hedge funds and private equity funds. She works extensively with hedge fund and private equity managers, family offices, banks, fund administrators, custodians and investors.

Maggie's fluency in the Chinese language (both Putonghua and Cantonese), familiarity with both the Western and Chinese business etiquette and culture, along with her solid training with leading onshore and offshore firms, allow her to tailor her services to meet the needs of clients in this region.

Prior to joining the offshore world in 2010, Maggie practised for several years as a Hong Kong lawyer at international law firms including Slaughter and May.



#### **Vanessa Molloy, Partner, Head of Luxembourg Investment Funds, Harneys**

Vanessa Molloy is head of our Luxembourg Investment Funds team and has over 18 years of experience on the structuring, regulatory and corporate cross border aspects of Investment Funds (regulated and unregulated, BVI, Cayman and Luxembourg). Vanessa has been practising in Luxembourg since 2008.

Vanessa advises a number of international fund managers, family offices and institutional investors on Luxembourg and BVI domiciled investment funds focussing on all asset classes including real estate, private equity, venture capital, hedge, and debt/credit funds and the corporate, regulatory, and compliance aspects of such investment funds and their management entities.

Vanessa's practice also covers structuring of special purpose vehicles, co-investment vehicles, joint ventures, legal due diligences and negotiating the accompanying agreements (particularly Private Equity and Real Estate).

Vanessa sits on the board of directors of several investment funds launched by international clients.



#### **Varun Bery, Board Member, HKVCA**

Varun Bery is a Senior Advisor to both StormHarbour Securities (Hong Kong) and PayActiv, a fintech company headquartered in San Jose, California. Mr. Bery also currently serves both on the Board of the Harvard Business School Association of Hong Kong and on the Advisory Board of the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University.

Mr. Bery has been involved in Asian private equity since 1995 and previously headed TVG Capital Partners (HK) and also the Private Capital Asia Group at JP Morgan. Mr. Bery started his career at McKinsey and Company (NY) and also was formerly a Director of Investment Banking at CS First Boston (NY) and a Director at the Asian Infrastructure Fund (HK). Mr. Bery received an MBA with High Distinction from Harvard Business School and a BA (summa cum laude) from Yale University.

Mr. Bery is married with three children and lives in Hong Kong.