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Asia Pacific Legal 500

Banking and Finance:

Tier 2

New to our banking and finance rankings, Vision & Associates, gained notable expertise when it recently integrated with the Vietnam offices of Deacons, retaining the vast majority of staff.

Corporate:

Tier 2

Vision & Associates moves up the rankings following the integration of the Vietnam offices of Deacons into its practice. Lawyers from Deacons... have significantly expanded the team's capabilities and made Vision & Associates one of the largest law firms in Vietnam with 20 lawyers. The firms already had a close working relationship, but the union formally ties Deacons' international expertise to V&A existing strength in consulting and IP, while maintaining the firm's access to Deacons' wider network of offices.

Dispute resolution:

V&A is stronger for the arrival of the team from Deacons, following the firms' merger in July 2006.

Insurance:

Ranking: The only Vietnamese among recommended firms V&A has taken on the considerable insurance expertise of Deacons following the firms' merger.

<u>IP:</u>

Tier 1

The reputation of V&A, which recently merged with Deacons, pervades the IP market. The lawyer: Managing partner Pham Nghiem Xuan Bac [leading individual in IP] is very highly regarded for his depth of knowledge and experience. Le Thi Kim Dzung, Do Quang Hung and managing partner Pham Nghiem Xuan Bac stand out in Hanoi…

Real estate:

V&A was formerly listed as a local contact point of Deacons, but the firm have merged, passing on Deacon's notable skills and reputation.