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Maria Sit is a partner in the firm's Hong Kong office. She is the Asia head and global co-leader of Dechert's White Collar, Compliance and Investigations practice. She is a former in-house counsel at the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

Ms. Sit has expertise in handling joint investigations by a range of regulatory bodies, both in Asia and elsewhere. These include the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of Justice, China Securities Regulatory Commission, Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Commercial Crime Bureau of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Commercial Crime Bureau, Monetary Authority of Singapore and Financial Supervisory Commission (Taiwan).

Ms. Sit has built her career as a litigator with nearly two decades of experience focusing on complex commercial litigation and has a notable track record representing clients in a broad variety of high-profile cases in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other jurisdictions around the world including the United Kingdom, the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

Prior to joining Dechert, Ms. Sit practiced at a global law firm in Hong Kong and worked in offices in London and Tokyo at another global law firm.

EXPERIENCE

- **A Taiwan-listed company** in the largest cement industry litigation saga in Hong Kong and in the Cayman Islands.
- **A Chinese energy company** in both litigation and arbitration in Hong Kong and in the United Kingdom.
- **An international financial institution** on large-scale global internal investigations.
- **Asia-listed companies** and their directors and officers on a broad range of regulatory issues.
- **A major U.S. law firm** in a professional negligence claim in the High Court of Hong Kong.
- **U.S.-based mutual funds** on cross-border litigation and global recovery actions.
- **Financial institutions** on regulatory matters, including major compliance failures and market misconduct, and also conducted internal investigations.
- **Clients** in regulatory investigations and enforcement actions by the Securities and Futures Commission, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
- **A U.S. mutual fund** in the Market Misconduct Tribunal concerning insider dealing by one of its U.S. fund managers.
- **The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited** on judicial review in relation to the Listing Appeals Committee's decision.
- **A consortium of Chinese investors** in Hong Kong court proceedings regarding disputes over land development projects in Shanghai and Beijing.
- **The investment arm of the Dubai Government** in Hong Kong court proceedings concerning the exercise of a share option of a Hong Kong listed company.
- **The Law Society of Hong Kong** in appeal proceedings concerning the decisions of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal.
- **A consortium of Japanese-listed companies** in an LCIA arbitration.
- **A multinational energy company** in an ICC arbitration.
- **A venture capital fund** in a HKIAC arbitration.
- **Lloyd's underwriters** in an LCIA arbitration.

Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.

EDUCATION

- University of Hong Kong, LL.B., Law, 2000
- University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, 2001
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, M.B.A., 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Hong Kong
- England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- English
- Cantonese
- Mandarin