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Top in-house counsel recognised at the fifth annual Lexology and International Law Office Asia-Pacific Counsel Awards in association with the Association of Corporate Counsel

Hong Kong – Lexology and the International Law Office (ILO), together with the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), hosted the fifth annual Asia-Pacific Counsel Awards at Hong Kong’s magnificent China Club last night. The gala event celebrated the achievements of in-house counsel recognised by their peers as excelling in their chosen fields.

To identify the winners, the research team conducted in-depth analysis of in-house lawyers and legal departments worldwide, receiving more than 4,500 nominations globally. Respondents were asked to focus on criteria such as effective communication, legal understanding, commercial awareness, depth and strength of team and management skills. The following awards were presented: Competition, Corporate Tax, Employment, General Commercial, Intellectual Property, Litigation, M&A, Regulatory (Financial and Non-financial), Rising Star and Compliance Innovator of the Year.

Yibing Mao of Marriott International Inc was named General Counsel of the Year after receiving multiple individual nominations from colleagues and partners at leading law firms. One respondent enthused:

“Her thorough understanding of the current climate in the industry and clear vision on the overall business direction of Marriott made her a well-rounded negotiator with business counterparts as well as effective coordinator with individual legal partners.”

The event sponsors were JunHe LLP; Lex Mundi; Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP; Rajah & Tann Asia; Ropes & Gray LLP; and SIPS.

For more information and a complete list of winners, visit www.AsiaPacificCounselAwards.com.



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The ACC is a global legal association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations and other private-sector organisations through information, education, networking opportunities and advocacy initiatives. With more than 40,000 members in 85 countries, employed by over 10,000 organisations, the ACC connects its members to the people and resources necessary for both personal and professional growth – By in-house counsel, for in-house counsel.® For more information, visit www.acc.com and follow the ACC on Twitter: [@ACCinhouse](https://twitter.com/ACCinhouse).

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- A global awards programme that identifies in-house corporate counsel, both teams and individuals, who excel in their specific roles. The awards culminate each year in four of the largest annual gatherings of senior corporate counsel, with prestigious ceremonies in Hong Kong, Latin America, London and New York.

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