

Meraki Global Advisors Hires Former Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank Executive to Lead Asia Pacific Expansion

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Park City, New York and Hong Kong, May 3, 2022 – Meraki Global Advisors (“Meraki”), a leading global multi-asset outsourced trading firm, today announced that Donald Lee will lead its expansion into the Asia Pacific region as Managing Director and Head of Asia Pacific. Based in Meraki’s newly launched Hong Kong office, he will be responsible for leading the growth of Meraki’s business in the region amid growing demands for its outsourced trading services as well as significantly increasing Meraki’s local staff over the next year.

“We are excited to have Don join our management team. He brings a wealth of insights and deep knowledge of the regulatory and operational risk framework required to succeed in the Asia Pacific markets,” said Benjamin Arnold, Founder and Managing Partner of Meraki Global Advisors. “Asset managers in Asia have complex and evolving requirements—both within the region and as they increasingly reach beyond Asia Pacific markets. The strategic decision to open the APAC headquarters in Hong Kong enables us to provide flexible and bespoke outsourced trading solutions to meet these growing demands. At the same time, being firmly planted in the region under Don’s leadership bolsters our position as a trusted multi-asset outsourced trading partner for managers based across the world seeking customized solutions in Asia.”

Mr. Lee joins Meraki with an expansive network of relationships throughout Asia, Europe, and the US. He has a proven track record of building high caliber teams and successful businesses, transforming them into recognized market leaders across Asia Pacific - all with the central goal of advancing the success of clients by putting their needs as the top priority and providing best in class solutions.

“Adoption of outsourced trading is growing worldwide and entering a particularly exciting stage in Asia,” said Mr. Lee. “I’m proud to join the Meraki team and look forward to delivering our uniquely independent, and, more importantly, fully unconflicted model to asset managers in the region. The operating environment in Hong Kong is undoubtedly challenging right now—but we are committed to making a long-term investment in what we firmly believe will remain as the critical resource center and important gateway to Greater China and the entire Asia Pacific region. I am confident our clients will benefit from the proven advantages of having direct access to our fully dedicated resources in the heart of the region.”

Mr. Lee joins with more than 25 years of experience overseeing top client-facing businesses in Asia Pacific financial markets. Most recently, he served as co-head of Asia Pacific execution services for Deutsche Bank. Previously, Mr. Lee spent more than 17 years at Credit Suisse. Initially based in Seoul, where he oversaw the growth of the firm’s institutional equities trading business in Korea, he was then promoted to lead the firm’s Asia Pacific client trading and execution services as well as the Asia Pacific cash equities business from Hong Kong. Mr. Lee started his financial services career in Seoul in equities sales and trading for various local and international brokerages, including Morgan Stanley and Peregrine Securities. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

About Meraki Global Advisors

Meraki Global Advisors was founded with a rebellious determination to deliver truly conflict-free services to asset managers. Headquartered in Park City, Utah with offices in New York and Hong Kong, Meraki provides outsourced global multi-asset trading, leverage management, and capital introduction services to the asset management industry. Meraki Global Advisors LLC is a FINRA member and SEC Registered. Meraki Global Advisors (HK) Ltd is licensed and regulated by the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong. For more information visit www.merakiglobaladvisors.com.

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