

Gunderson Dettmer Opens Singapore Office

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Gunderson Dettmer Stough Franklin Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP announced today that it has opened an office in Singapore, the firm's ninth office dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs, emerging companies and venture and growth investors. The office will serve clients across Southeast Asia and India.

"We have been working with emerging growth companies and venture and growth investors in India, Southeast Asia and China for more than 15 years," said Robert V. Gunderson, Jr., chairman of the firm. "Singapore is one of the most important financial centers in Asia and is an increasingly important global innovation hub. We see a compelling combination of economic growth, entrepreneurship and venture activity across Southeast Asia, and opening an office there was the next logical step in providing global support to the communities and clients we serve." The Singapore office will work closely with Gunderson Dettmer's Beijing, New York and Silicon Valley offices to provide comprehensive capabilities for clients throughout India and Southeast Asia.

Gunderson Dettmer's Singapore office will be led by corporate partners Ferish Patel, who has practiced in Asia for the last eight years, and Jonathan Pentzien. "Ferish and Jon are an exceptionally talented and experienced team," said Gunderson. "Jon has a wealth of experience representing venture and growth investors and companies globally and Ferish has extensive public offering, private equity and M&A experience in Asia and the US. Their combined experience is truly unmatched in Singapore." Patel was previously counsel at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in Hong Kong and began his career at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York. Pentzien previously

worked in the firm's New York office and began his career at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York. In addition to Patel and Pentzien, Bradley Krack has relocated to Singapore from the firm's San Francisco office. Krack has extensive experience in representing investors and emerging growth companies. He is fluent in Chinese and is a graduate of UC Berkeley School of Law. Prior to law school, Pentzien and Krack previously spent time as officers in the U.S. Navy.

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