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Overview

Ellen has extensive experience in real estate practice. She has advised on direct property acquisition, real estate joint ventures, regulatory issues at different stages of property development, and drafted sale and lease documentation. She also assists clients with drafting and negotiation of hotel management and related agreements. Ellen also advises clients on foreign direct investment, mergers and acquisitions, funding, liquidation and dissolution, and general corporate and commercial matters.

Experience

- Advised Shui On Land on its disposal of office buildings in Wuhan to CITIC.
- Advised Tysan Holdings on its disposal of a residential block to LaSalle.
- Advised HSBC on its joint land bid in CBD, Beijing.
- Advised Merlin Entertainments on land matters of Legoland Shanghai.
- Advised Grosvenor on a joint venture with Forte Land.

- Advised Onyx on a joint venture with Chongqing Sincere.
- Advised Hong Kong Jockey Club on land issues in Guangzhou.
- Advised Wharf on lease matters of Chengdu IFS, Chongqing IFS and Chongqing Times Square.
- Advised Swire on lease matters of Taikoo Hui Guangzhou.
- Advised Merlin Entertainments on lease matters of Changfeng Ocean Park and Madame Tussauds Shanghai.
- Advised Sun Hung Kai on sale and lease matters of a high-end residential development in Shanghai.

- Advised Hang Lung Properties on entrustment management agreements and lease agreements of Plaza 66 in Shanghai.
- Advised on tenancy matters, DMC and property management of Ciro's Plaza in Shanghai.
- Advised on the lease agreement of Uniqlo flagship store in Shanghai.
- Advised Inchcape on the lease agreement of the first Porsche 4S store in Jiangxi Province.
- Advised Swire on the hotel management agreement of the Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou.
- Advised Jumeirah on hotel management agreements in Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Wuhan, Nanjing and Hainan.
- Advised Regent on hotel management agreements in Taiyuan, Fuzhou and Xi'an.
- Advised Caesars on hotel management agreements in Zhuhai and Sanya.
- Advised Fairmont on a branded residences arrangement in Shanghai.
- Advised Harilela on its acquisition of a hotel in Changzhou from Top Spring.
- Advised Ingevity on various corporate matters of its China subsidiaries.

Recognition

- Leading Associate, Real Estate and Construction: (China: Foreign Firms) – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2025-2026)
- Rising Star, Real Estate and Construction (China: Foreign Firms) – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2020-2024)
- Next Generation Lawyer, Real Estate and Construction (China: Foreign Firms) – *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2017-2019)

Qualifications

Education

- Fudan University, LLB

Admissions

- PRC

Languages

- English
- Mandarin

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