



## Merger Announcement

The partners of Marks & Clerk International and of the Lloyd Wise Group are pleased to announce that the two firms have agreed to merge their respective businesses and to come together as part of the Marks & Clerk Group. The merger is scheduled for completion before the end of 2007.

The merger will include all the businesses of Marks & Clerk and Lloyd Wise in the UK and the Far East and will give the combined firms unequalled representation and resources in those regions. After the merger, the expanded Marks & Clerk Group will comprise offices in the UK (12 locations), China (Beijing & Shanghai), Hong Kong, Singapore, France, Luxembourg and Canada, as well as the associated UK law firm of Marks & Clerk Solicitors.

Marks & Clerk and Lloyd Wise are both long-established practices, founded in 1887 and 1849 respectively, and share a very similar history and culture. Their technical expertise and client base are highly complementary providing the merged firm with greater capacity to deliver an enhanced service to clients worldwide and to grow further in the future.

We are working hard to ensure that our clients will share in the benefits of the merger and will continue to keep you informed as our plans progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the partner you normally work with at either Marks & Clerk or Lloyd Wise.

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