

## Powered by Equiom

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Dear Valued Partners / Suppliers,

## **Bridges and Equiom**

BRIDGES has always sought to provide clients with high-grade serviced office, co-working space, virtual office, meeting and conference facilities, video conferencing and a full blend of professional advisory services ranging from company formation, company secretarial services, accounting, working visa, China visa service to dedicated administrative secretarial support. As our clients have grown in size and number, we have been looking at ways to continually provide the best possible level of service to our clients. After careful consideration, we concluded that joining a larger international platform would allow us to maintain and further enhance our high standard of service delivery whilst supporting both our and our clients' expansion into Asia.

Accordingly, we are delighted to announce that, with immediate effect, Bridges has been acquired by the Equiom Group (www.equiomgroup.com).

Equiom grew out of Ernst & Young in the UK and since then has expanded rapidly across multiple jurisdictions in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

Equiom first entered the Hong Kong market in January 2015 through the acquisition of AFP Group, followed by the acquisition of Equation HK Limited in April 2016. Since these acquisitions, Equiom Hong Kong has continued to invest and has grown to 50 staff providing accounting, payroll, company secretarial, tax and trust services to international and local companies and individuals.

Asia is a key focus for Equiom and since entering the Hong Kong market, Equiom has entered the Singapore and Japan markets through the acquisitions of Heritage Trust Group and Solid Japan in October 2016 and February 2017 respectively.

Today, the Equiom Group has a global headcount close to 700.

Our larger team will provide a greater depth of resource and delivery capability, and can also offer a wider range of services, such as tax, private client wealth management and corporate services in other jurisdictions.

Very importantly, Equiom's values and approach resonate strongly with our own and we are confident that Equiom will be the ideal long term partner for our clients.

## Continuity

The team and I are joining Equiom and we remain fully committed to providing tailored services to support a range of business needs.

Our office location and all contact information remains the same for the time being.

We understand that you may have questions in relation to this announcement. Please be assured that we are happy to answer any questions you may have and will offer you our full support throughout the period of integration with Equiom.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your support to Bridges and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

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Managing Director - Bridges

Global CEO - Equiom

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