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David has advised on initial public offerings and successful listings on the Main Market, ACE Market and LEAP Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. He has also advised on foreign listings, notably, on Singapore Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. He has advised a handful of successful listings on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. With regards to mergers and acquisitions, he advises both sellers and buyers alike, which invariably involve advice on the overall structure of the transactions and attendance to legal due diligence and transaction documentation. Given his knowledge and experience in those areas, David has been instructed by independent directors to provide independent legal advice to them in merger and acquisition transactions, and by minority shareholders and their representatives in the initial public offerings implemented by companies in which shares are held by them. David also advises on and attends to pre-initial public offering investments as well as issuance of redeemable preference shares by companies to the public which necessitates prior registration of Information Memorandum with the Securities Commission Malaysia.

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