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Baker Botts to Launch in Singapore With Ashurst Partner Trio



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by Hannah Walker

Baker Botts has relaunched its Asia strategy and is set to open in Singapore, as many international law firms plump for investment in the city.

Baker Botts had previously pulled out of Asia entirely with the closure of its Hong Kong office after several partner exits from the base last year.

At the time, the firm left the option to return open, stating it was “considering additional markets where the scale of the firm’s Asia practice can be expanded.” In October 2020, Baker Botts also shuttered its Beijing offering.

Now, the firm has set its sights on Singapore, with the hire of three Ashurst partners in preparation for a coming office launch. According to a person with knowledge of the matter, the trio should join the firm before the end of the year.

The three partners are: Richard Guit, who also held the role of Ashurst’s global co-head of international projects until May this year, energy resources and infrastructure partner Michael Harrison and energy projects partner Daniel Reinbott. Guit and Harrison have both been at the firm for over six years, while Reinbott has spent the last 14 years at

Ashurst, according to their LinkedIn profiles.

A spokesperson for Baker Botts said: “We have been evaluating, and will continue to evaluate, opportunities in Asia, including Singapore, in response to demand from our energy clients globally.”

The new office will be a stand-alone Baker Botts offering, with no local associations planned currently, one person added.

“We thank Michael, Richard and Daniel for their contribution to the firm and wish them well for the future,” said a spokesperson for Ashurst, adding that the firm “will continue to focus on strengthening our capabilities in key growth areas.”

The international legal community has significantly invested in Singapore over the last year.

In January, Linklaters established an investment funds practice in Singapore with a partner hire from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, while Greenberg Traurig announced its own intention to launch a base there in April.

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K&L Gates Boosts Milan Office With 2 Local Hires

by Anne Bagamery

K&L Gates has added a veteran corporate partner to its Milan office, bolstering its team in M&A and other transactional work in Italy.

Elio Marena joins as a partner from ColonnaCaramanti with Marena, a boutique firm specializing in M&A and private equity.

Marena joined the firm as a name partner in 2020 after practicing as a partner since 1996 at various Italian business law firms, according to his LinkedIn profile.

His practice focuses on transactional work in addition to general corporate matters, including distressed situations, joint ventures, domestic and cross-border commercial transactions, and corporate governance issues.

Thomas Lappe, co-leader of K&L Gates’ corporate practice area, said in a statement: “For our clients, Italy is one of the important jurisdictions when it comes to European cross-border trans-

actions. Elio’s arrival further builds our leading Italian M&A bench and our seamlessly integrated service on international M&A deals.”

M&A work has continued through the summer at a brisk pace in Italy, and on the continent in general, at the higher-value end of the market, especially in deals where the players have strong dollars to spend and do not need bank financing at current high interest rates, practitioners have told Law.com International.

Also joining K&L Gates’ Milan office is Giulio Azzaretto, a cybersecurity specialist who arrives as a counsel from the Italian firm LCA, where he was an equity partner.

The arrivals bring the firm’s Milan office to 54 lawyers, including 16 partners, according to information on the firm’s website.

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CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA)** meeting on **September 28, 2022 beginning at 5:30 PM** to consider a large-scale land use amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation on the Property from Community Mixed Use (CMU) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU). The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL/DENIAL OF, OR GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY A LARGE-SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMUNITY MIXED USE (CMU) TO DOWNTOWN MIXED USE (DMU) FOR ±56.4 ACRES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4400 NW 87 AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE FLUM AMENDMENT ADOPTION PACKAGE TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER REQUIRED GOVERNMENTAL REVIEWING AGENCIES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 22-09-DOR-04

APPLICANT: Trump Endeavor 12 LLC (the “Applicant”) c/o Felix M. Lasarte, Esq.

PROJECT NAME: Doral International Towers

PROPERTY OWNER: Trump Endeavor 12 LLC

LOCATION: 4400 NW 87 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33178

FOLIO NUMBER: A Portion of 35-3021-001-0010; 35-3028-000-0050; 35-3021-008-0010; 35-3028-029-0020; 35-3028-029-0010; 35-3022-010-0010

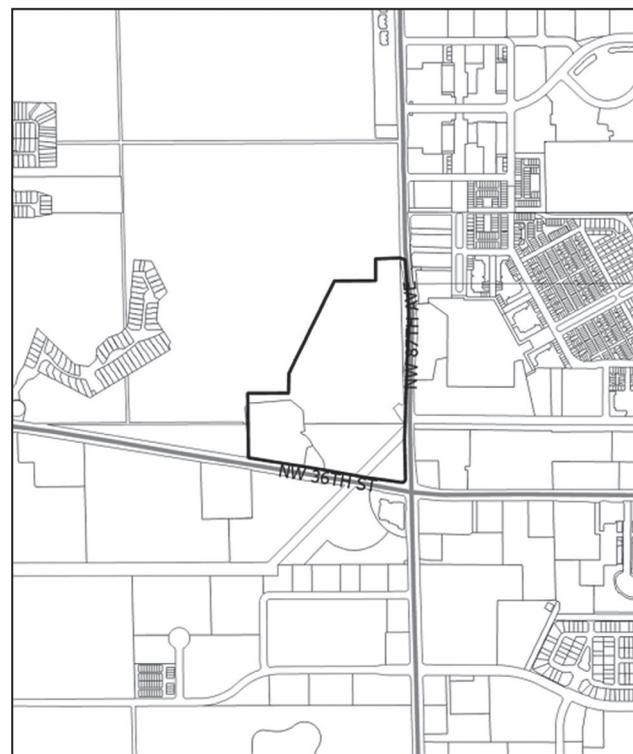
SIZE OF PROPERTY: ±56.4 acres

FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION: Community Mixed Use (CMU)

ZONING DESIGNATION: Multi Family Residential-4 District (MF-4) and Industrial Commercial District (IC)

REQUEST: The Applicant is seeking to amend the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation on the Property from Community Mixed Use (CMU) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU).

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL. The application file may be examined at the City of Doral Planning and Zoning Department located at 8401 NW 53 Terrace, Doral, FL 33166.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral