

PLMJ ENDS EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA'S DACHENG

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PLMJ has confirmed it has ended its exclusive relationship with Dacheng following the Chinese firm's merger with Dentons last year.

In January 2015, Dacheng and Dentons announced a merger that would create the largest law firm in the world with 6,500 lawyers and professionals.

A PLMJ statement said the firm had been asked to join the merged firm, but declined. As a result the firm is now working with other "local independent firms", in addition to maintaining a relationship with Dentons/Dacheng.

"In the context of this merger, PLMJ was also invited to join the new firm Dentons/Dacheng," the statement said. "We refused this offer because it is not part of the strategy of PLMJ and PLMJ International Legal Network – however, we would stress the good relations we maintain with this new firm and this is reflected in the matters we continue to work on in partnership."

It added: "This merger does not change PLMJ's strategy for the Asian markets, which it will continue to pursue through the good

relations we maintain with Dentons/Dacheng, with local independent firms and through our partnership with DSL Lawyers, a leading Macao-based law firm, where our managing associate Rita Assis Ferreira has been based for three years."