

## Jefferson Wells Expands into Asia-Pacific with New Hong Kong Office

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Jefferson Wells, a rapidly growing, global provider of accounting and finance-related services, announces the opening of its new office in Hong Kong. This latest expansion will better enable Jefferson Wells to continue its operations in Asia-Pacific, and serve its clients in the ever-changing Hong Kong market. This new office joins the firm's other international locations including: Amsterdam, London, Milan, Paris, Frankfurt, Montreal, and Toronto.

"With an increasing focus on controls and governance internationally, the time is right to expand our global position and continue offering highly experienced professionals in Asia-Pacific," said Owen Sullivan, chief executive officer, Jefferson Wells. "We are looking forward to extending the international reach of our services to our clients."

With more than 15 years of industry experience, Steven Parker will serve as managing director of the Hong Kong office. Prior to joining Jefferson Wells, he was chief financial officer of McCormick & Company (China), Co. Ltd., based in Shanghai, China. He also worked as the China country managing director and senior business development director of Deloitte & Touche Consulting (China) Co., Ltd. Parker holds a master's degree in finance from Washington University and a bachelor's degree in international business from the University of Missouri.

"In the fast-paced Hong Kong market, change, flexibility and a focus on achieving results are critical organizational traits needed for long-term success," Parker said. "At Jefferson Wells, our seasoned professionals will not only assist our clients to excel under these market conditions, but also prepare them for future market demands. Whether it be improvements to business processes, enhancements to internal control environments or risk mitigation strategies, Jefferson Wells helps our clients achieve results."

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