

## Our Research

- The research covers the period spanning from August 2018 to July 2019. This includes both ongoing work and matters that were closed during this timeframe.
- ALB will draw results from firm submissions, Thomson Reuters M&A data, interviews, editorial resources and market suggestions to identify and rank the top firms for M&A in Asia. Interviews will be conducted only if needed.
- The rankings will be divided into tiers, with the first tier identifying the strongest M&A firms in each jurisdiction.
- The rankings will cover the following jurisdictions: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. There will be no Asia-wide table.
- The rankings will feature both domestic and international firms. The following jurisdictions will have separate tables for domestic firms and international firms: China, Japan and South Korea.
- Our research does not cover Australia and New Zealand.

## **Our Rankings**

Our rankings are based on the following metrics:

- The volume, complexity and size of work undertaken
- Presence across Asia and in individual jurisdictions
- Key personnel hires and growth of the practice group

