

<u>Khaitan & Co expands its regional presence in Chennai - brings</u> <u>Assentio Legal within its fold</u>

The Firm's expansion reflects its strong commitment to serve its long standing and diverse set of clients across South India.

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Khaitan & Co, in keeping with its philosophy of offering its clients top-drawer legal advisory services and support at their doorsteps, boosts its regional presence in Chennai by bringing in Assentio Legal, a boutique law firm based in South India within its fold effective 1 July 2021.

Assentio Legal is a South Indian law firm, founded by partners Thriyambak Kannan, Rohan Cherian and Renu Gopalakrishnan. They join us together with their team of associates and support staff at our Chennai and Bengaluru offices, respectively.

Thriyambak specialises in corporate, commercial and civil litigation, advising on issues arising under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and has also acted as a sole arbitrator in court appointed mandates. Rohan's expertise lies in general corporate and commercial advisory, mergers & acquisitions, private equity and venture capital, and transactional support across sectors. Renu's experience ranges from representing business houses on their inbound and outbound acquisition strategies, mining, trading and trade financing.

Haigreve Khaitan, Senior Partner, Khaitan & Co, while welcoming the Assentio Legal team said, "We are delighted to welcome the Assentio Legal team into our firm. They bring in the right set of talent and values which makes them an ideal match for our presence in South India. We are certain that with their deep experience and understanding of the South Indian market, their excellent track record and skillset will enable us to significantly contribute to our clients with enhanced expertise and execution capabilities."

Amar Sinhji, Executive Director – Human Resources, Khaitan & Co said, "The team's expertise, excellent track record and know-how of the Chennai and Bengaluru markets, will help us further expand our presence in these cities and strengthen the Firm's capabilities, especially in the Dispute Resolution and Corporate practices. We warmly welcome Thriyambak, Rohan, Renu and all the members of their team to our Khaitan & Co family."



Echoing Amar, Thriyambak J. Kannan, said, "We are thrilled to have integrated our practice with Khaitan & Co and are immensely grateful to our clients for the opportunities and faith they have reposed in us so far. As we adorn our new roles as Partners and lawyers at Khaitan & Co, we look forward to continuing our long-standing relationship with our clients and working with the Khaitan & Co team."

The focus of the Chennai office will be on advising clients on general corporate and commercial advisory, M&A, Private Equity and Venture Capital, Solvent and Insolvent Restructuring, Private and Public Investments, Real Estate and Dispute Resolution matters including mediation, domestic and international arbitrations.