

# Baker Tilly Malaysia Strengthens East Malaysia Presence With Largest Firms in Sarawak

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Baker Tilly Malaysia announced that the Audit and Tax entities of Phillip Tong & Co as well as Tong & Tong Partners, operating through offices in Sibu, Miri, Kuching, Bintulu and Sarikei – known collectively as Baker Tilly Sarawak – have joined the Baker Tilly Malaysia Network.

This strategic integration marks a new chapter in Baker Tilly Sarawak’s growth and further strengthens Baker Tilly Malaysia’s vision of being a future-ready firm, combining local insight, national depth and global connectivity to deliver value to clients wherever they operate now for the future.

The signing ceremony took place ahead of the ‘Roadmap to IPO’ roadshow organised by Baker Tilly in collaboration with Bursa Malaysia, which was witnessed by Deputy Minister of Public Health, Housing and Local Government II, Michael Tiang Ming Tee along with Baker Tilly Malaysia Partners and clients of Baker Tilly Sarawak.

“I am pleased to see Sarawak’s local accounting and advisory firms stepping forward to become part of an international professional network like Baker Tilly Malaysia. This move reflects the increasing confidence and capability of our homegrown firms to meet the evolving demands of the business community, not just in Sarawak, but also across Malaysia and beyond.

“It also signifies the expanding opportunities for business and professional services in Sarawak, as our state continues to attract greater economic activity and investment. That is why I am pleased that Baker Tilly – together with Bursa Malaysia – have brought their ‘Roadmap to IPO’ event to Sibu, which is a timely initiative that will empower local businesses to explore new avenues for growth and capital raising,” Michael Tiang said.



Meanwhile, Bursa Malaysia director of origination and listing Leong See Meng commented that being the national exchange for the country, Bursa Malaysia plays a key role in enabling businesses of all sizes and maturity to access the capital market for fundraising and growth.



“In line with this commitment, we continue to collaborate with ecosystem partners on initiatives like the ‘Roadmap of IPO’ across different states. We look forward to engaging with businesses in Sarawak and supporting them on their journey to IPO” he stated.

At the same time, Baker Tilly Sarawak managing partner Philip Tong noted that the strategic move marks a new chapter in Baker Tilly Sarawak’s growth journey, which aligns the group with one of Malaysia’s leading network of accounting and advisory firms in Malaysia.

“It is time for strong accounting firms in Sarawak to rise to the international stage. By leveraging the strength of an international national network, our firms can now access greater resources, technical expertise and professional development opportunities – ultimately uplifting the standards of service available to Sarawakian SMEs and contributing to the overall growth of our state’s economy,” Tong noted.

Echoing this sentiment, Baker Tilly Malaysia group managing partner and Baker Tilly chairman of APAC region Andrew Heng said that the integration will help to ensure that the company’s clients in East Malaysia will continue to receive the high standard of service they expect, which is backed by the resources and reach of a national and international network.

“With their expertise and leadership, we are confident that Baker Tilly Sarawak will play a vital role in growing our presence and delivering impact across East Malaysia,” Heng said.

