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## Brunswick Group Singapore Advisory firm specializing in business critical issues

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### Here with you today



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Geopolitics and public affairs specialist with extensive experience working with clients across APAC and the Middle East region. Previously a Policy Analyst in the Office of His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan.



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Expertise in international financial policy and public affairs. Previously a Singapore Ministry of Finance official handling relations with ASEAN and ASEAN+3 countries as well as infrastructure financing.

#### OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

### Solving critical issues through engagement of multiple critical stakeholders

Brunswick is an advisory firm specializing in business critical issues.

We provide strategic advice to clients on how to overcome challenges at critical moments, how to engage with key stakeholders, and support them in realization of their strategies.

Our purpose is to help our clients play their role in the world more successfully.

We help the leaders of the world's great value-creating organizations operate successfully across the increasingly complex and fast-changing arenas of finance, politics and society at large.



### Our value proposition



APPROACH

Identify, engage, and drive action with key audiences TALENT Diverse team of experts bringing informed, experienced and ranging perspectives to client issues



SCOPE Allencompassing strategy development

#### Outcomes

Improved corporate reputation Shareholders Stable financing Mass Impartial reporting Media Talent retention Employees Strengthened engagement Increased loyalty Customers **Reputation boost** Civil Social credibility Society High level of trust **Suppliers** and satisfaction Increased support NGO Favourable regulations Government Public-private partnership

Our single global P&L means we can deliver quickly and seamlessly across our global network of 27 offices Through our team of specialists, we provide global insights and 24-hour multilingual support across time zones.

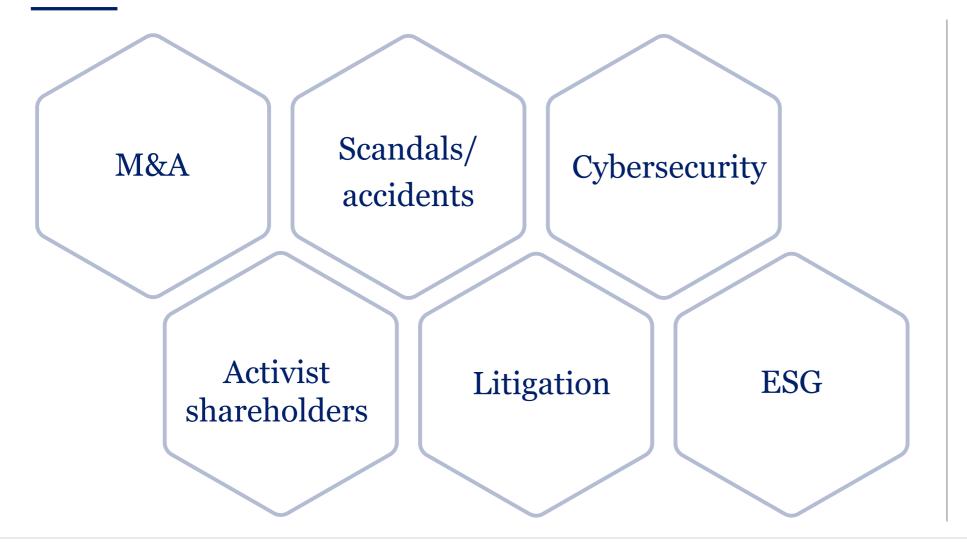


Note: The offices marked in yellow indicate the presence of a resident Team Japan member.

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### Critical, cross-border issues

#### Areas and examples of how we support clients



#### Other areas/examples

Foreign markets New market entry, geopolitical risk, cultural integration, cross-cultural communication

Regulatory

Branding Research strategy, corporate branding and identity development

Real-time monitoring, market research, public opinion polls, annual reports

Government negotiations

rule formation, external relations strategies, data protection (GDPR, etc.)

**CEO** communications

related to local regulations,

#### WHAT WE OFFER

### Critical situation scenarios that companies can face



#### Cross-border M&A

Company X wants to acquire a foreign competitor to maintain its market share in a competitive market, but the deal is complicated. The government and regulatory authorities of the competitor's country oppose the acquisition due to concerns about technology leakage and antitrust issues. Company X must explain the acquisition's purpose, bid appropriateness, and timeline, while also preparing to communicate with employees and manage post-merger integration.

Brunswick would work with Company X to develop a holistic engagement strategy that will convince all stakeholders and ensure the acquisition's success.



Responding to a cyber-attack

After a brief power outage at Company X's plant, hackers claim responsibility and demand ransom for stolen confidential information. Government authorities, customers, employees, and investors flood with inquiries, and cooperation with the police is required. The company's social media channels are highly active.

Brunswick would work with Company X respond and recover to the incident with a robust and coordinated communications strategy.

### Where we support our clients with their most critical issues

### Example: Cybersecurity



#### Prepare

See beyond the status quo and prepare for potential issues with a range of tools tailored to your specific requirements.

- ✓ Risk analysis
- Playbook development and alignment
- ✓ Crisis simulations and training
- ✓ Education and culture change
- ✓ Data mapping and narrative



### Respond & Recover

- Get head of the story to move beyond the incident with a robust and coordinated communications strategy.
  - ✓ C-suite and board advice
  - Stakeholder mapping and assessment
  - Incident response strategy and scenario planning
  - Rapid-response campaign generation
  - ✓ On-the-ground support
  - Real-time monitoring and analysis



### Lead

Think beyond cybersecurity standards and compliance to drive a leadership position and differentiated point of view.

- ✓ Narrative building and platform development
- ✓ Leadership positioning
- ✓ Public affairs advocacy
- Employee awareness and engagement
- Board and senior management presentations

## Some of our work in Singapore



Case study 1: Navigating a multi-market data breach

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Supported a prominent Asian hospitality group on a multi-market data breach by developing the overall disclosure strategy, messaging, and communications rollout plan, in close consultation with the Group's leadership, legal counsel and forensic advisers.

A prominent Asian hospitality group was the target of a sophisticated cyber-attack involving the databases of a number of properties across multiple markets in Asia. This was a complex operating environment spanning multiple regulatory jurisdictions, with limited visibility on the extent of the attack and its impact on the properties and data affected. Brunswick developed the overarching communications strategy and all supporting materials for a multi-stakeholder audience that included local regulators, customers, employees and property owners.

Brunswick convened a global team led by cyber experts and supported by digital specialists. In addition to the overall announcement strategy, messaging and communications rollout plan, the team prepared customer notifications, media statements, call centre scripts and Q&As, and employee notifications. A dark site was developed to direct affected parties seeking information about the incident, while a mitigation strategy ensured we were putting customer safety above all concerns. The documents were translated into Chinese, Thai and Japanese to cater to stakeholders across the multiple affected markets.

The communications materials were developed with three key objectives in mind: demonstrating transparency, maintaining license to operate with Data Privacy Commissions and customers in mind, and rebuilding broader stakeholder confidence. Coverage of the incident was factual and largely aligned with the customer notification and information on the dark site, with a short news cycle lasting three days.



Case study 2: Advising on regional public affairs, corporate positioning and messaging



Lazada is an international e-commerce company and one of the largest e-commerce operators in Southeast Asia. Brunswick monitored and provided public affairs strategic advice to Lazada on policy and regulatory developments as well as emerging issues and risks across Southeast Asia.

Brunswick also worked to raise Lazada's corporate profile with media and key stakeholders by developing a robust corporate narrative and curated a thought leadership programme, including speaking opportunities at major regional platforms.

### Case study 3. Building license-tooperate for the world's largest copper and gold mine



Freeport-McMoRan, a US-based mining company with significant operations in Papua, Indonesia, had long been embroiled in a dispute with the Indonesian government over the future of their operations in the country. The company was in negotiations with the state over the ownership of Grasberg, the largest gold and second largest copper mine in the world for five years.

Leveraging public affairs, crisis and commodity sector expertise, Brunswick has supported Freeport to resolve the dispute through strategic engagement with key stakeholders, including the Indonesian government, as well as targeted digital campaigns to local audiences that highlight the company's environmental sustainability and social contribution efforts. The digital campaigns were viewed more than 750,000 times by target audiences in Jakarta and Papua.

Public sentiment around these and other key issues, including PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI)'s operational and investment stability, significantly improved with growing awareness that over 99% of PTFI's employees are Indonesian, and of the benefits that PTFI has delivered to the local infrastructure and economy. We also saw a far higher rate of balanced media coverage, as measured by Brunswick's proprietary sentiment tracking analysis developed for this project.

## Our Advisors



### **APAC Advisor Network**



#### Ken Shibusawa Senior Advisor Tokyo

Ken is recognized as Japan's leading voice on ESG and stakeholder capitalism, in part due to his work in expressing the management philosophy of his ancestor Eiichi Shibusawa, the industrialist known as "the father of Japanese capitalism," for the modern era. Ken is Chief Executive Officer of Shibusawa and Company, Inc., a strategic advisory firm where he manages human resource development. He founded Commons Asset Management and serves as Chairman. Ken is also a member of Prime Minister Kishida's special committee, the "New Capitalism" panel.



#### Edward Lee Senior Advisor Singapore

Edward brings extensive experience of Indonesia and Southeast Asia following a distinguished career in the Foreign Service Branch of the Singapore Administrative Service. In his 36 years of service, Edward held a number of senior roles including as High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, Ambassador to the Philippines, and Ambassador to Indonesia. Earlier in his tenure, he was posted to Indonesia as First Secretary and then as Counsellor. Since his retirement, Edward has been on the board of a number of listed and non-listed companies in Singapore including Keppel Land, Indofood Agri Resources (where he is Chairman), QAF, and MS First Capital Insurance.



#### Yoichiro Sato Senior Consultant Tokyo

As a founding member of the firm's presence in Tokyo, Yoichiro provides strategic counsel at the highest levels of the private sector with his extensive experience in strategic communications, public affairs and multistakeholder engagement. Yoichiro has supported Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking, Kirin Holdings, Nikkei Inc., Ares Management and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, where he served former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as a special assistant on foreign affairs. Yoichiro also worked in the office of government affairs at Goldman Sachs.



George served 23 years in the Singapore Government, as Minister for Information and the Arts, Health, Trade & Industry, and Foreign Affairs. He is also the Senior Adviser to both Kuok Group and Kerry Logistics Network, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Berggruen Institute on Governance, International Advisory Panel of Peking University, International Advisory Board of IESE Business School, International Advisory Council of China's Eco Forum Global Guiyang, International Advisory Board of Japan's National Graduate School for International Policy Studies (GRIPS), International Advisory Committee of Mitsubishi Corporation and the MUFG Global Advisory Board.

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**OUR CLIENTS** 

### We provide our services to leading companies in various fields



**OUR CLIENTS** 

### We assist Japanese companies and companies in Southeast Asia in addressing domestic and international issues



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