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## **MEDIA RELEASE – SENIOR APPOINTMENT**

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### **Announcement: Appointment of Alex Hunt, immigration lawyer and establishment of immigration law practice at Lovegrove & Lord lawyers.**

On the 30th November Alex Hunt joined Lovegrove & Lord to establish and head up a Trans Tasman immigration practise. Alex in addition to being a lawyer is registered as a migration agent in both Australia and New Zealand.

Alex is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese so there will be particular focus in assisting Chinese immigrants migrating to Australasia. This however will not detract from his assisting European and East European migrant's intent on moving to the Antipodes.

"Our objective is to provide a holistic repertoire of add values to migrants although we will be tailoring the practice to migrants 'with means'" said Mr Kim Lovegrove, Managing Partner.

"Alex has an extraordinary amount of experience having practised for many years, he has the know how and the nous to provide the highest level of expertise to people serious about the business of migration. His experience is cross-jurisdictional and cross-cultural and tailored for an area of the law that is bound to grow exponentially", said Mr Lovegrove.

Mr Lovegrove said that there were a number of reasons that drove the firm's desire to establish a migration practice, firstly; as the Australian population is said to double over the next fifty years there will be huge demand for migration lawyers, secondly, Lovegrove & Lord, a boutique commercial and construction law firm, is perfectly positioned to assist migrants with the oversight of their legal operations. A great many migrants, particularly the more affluent from Asia and Eastern Europe, embark upon property ventures such as purchase of properties and building or property development. The construction and property skill sets of the firm are in tune with this appetite. We will also be able to prepare Foreign Investment Review Board submissions.

There was however, a personal motivation too, Mr Lovegrove said, "I recently married an Ethiopian and have developed an intimate familiarity with the immigration process and laws on point. In so doing, I've developed an acute interest in this area. It has its own body of law, nuances and subtleties and can be a tremendously stressful paradigm, as in the case of a spousal visa one can be away from one's loved one for prolonged periods and this can wreak psychological and emotional havoc."

Mr Lovegrove added that a top shelf migration lawyer will totally be on top of their game but will also have a sensitive bedside manner, a manner that is designed to bring confidence to the visa applicant sprinkled with a generous measure of

humanity and empathy. In finding someone to establish and head up the practice, Andrew Lord and I were looking for someone with the synergistic attributes, well honed skills, commercial savvy and a strong dose of humanism. We were lucky in finding that person in Alex."

In discussing his motivation for teaming up with Lovegrove and Lord, Alex Hunt said that "I chose them because I saw key synergies with the firm. I want to help professionals and skilled practitioners migrate to the Antipodes along with people that are intent upon building capital in this part of the world, and by this I mean "HR" and financial capital. I saw in Lovegrove and Lord the right blend of business savvy and humanitarianism and was impressed by their philanthropic commitment to other societies less privileged than our own. It was also clear that the firm had the requisite skills to assist the migrant with additional legal needs such as property procurement and business establishment. The way I see it is that migration is about more than just applying for a visa, it is also about familiarising the client with the legal fabric of the country and the lawyer performs a pivotal if not critical role in this respect".

To find out more about Alex [click here](#).

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