

Asia Pacific Services

Services

Corporate Investigations

- Internal investigations, including data forensics
- Audit committee and special committee investigations
- Regulatory inquiries
- Fraud investigations and forensic accounting
- U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)/UK Bribery Act investigations

Transactional and Business Intelligence

- Investigative and financial due diligence
- Reputational profiling assessments
- Political and corruption risk assessments for emerging markets
- Business intelligence
- Intellectual property and brand protection

Litigation Intelligence and Investigations

- White collar investigations
- Complex commercial and financial investigations
- Pre-litigation intelligence and specialised fact-finding
- Domestic and international arbitration proceedings
- Asset searching and analysis

Integrity Advisory Services

- Independent monitorship and compliance
- Anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and anti-corruption consulting
- Design and implementation of ethics and compliance programmes

The FTI Consulting Global Risk and Investigations practice undertakes sophisticated investigations, uncovers actionable intelligence and performs value-added analysis to help decision-makers address and mitigate risk, protect assets, make informed decisions and maximise opportunities in the Asia Pacific region. We bring an interdisciplinary and comprehensive approach to business critical investigations. Our multicultural teams combine the skill and experience of former senior law enforcement officials and regulators with forensic accountants, anti-corruption investigators, economic researchers, academic analysts, and computer forensic, electronic evidence and enterprise data specialists based around the world.

Through strategically located offices, FTI Consulting provides a full range of services in the Asia Pacific region. We assist multinational corporations and their counsels in fast, confidential responses to issues relevant to business conducted in the region. We also employ proprietary state-of-the-art electronic evidence and document review tools that enable rapid and cost-effective data identification, preservation and collection in multiple languages, including Chinese, Korean and Japanese.

Our Approach

We are a leader in deploying multidisciplinary investigative resources throughout Asia. Our approach is hands-on, comprehensive and phased. We can step in immediately, assess a situation, design a scaled scope of investigation, and report findings in a timely fashion to executive management, boards, audit committees, company counsel or external regulators. Our clients benefit from our extensive experience in managing complex, global investigation matters for corporations and law firms. Through our discreet execution processes, we minimise disruption to a client's normal business operations, while also offering control over their most sensitive data through a defensible collection process in compliance with relevant data privacy requirements.

Whether the goal is to favourably resolve disputes, identify internal control violations, respond to regulators, protect intellectual property assets, address matters of reputation, or capitalise on business opportunities through timely and accurate business intelligence, we enable our clients to make informed decisions.

Corporate Investigations

When misconduct is suspected or alleged within a company, it is imperative that the board and management respond swiftly and decisively. FTI Consulting can mobilise highly qualified, multidisciplinary teams in Asia Pacific and throughout the world, to discreetly and efficiently investigate any alleged misconduct. We examine and analyse books and records, perform collection and analysis of electronic evidence, collaborate with counsel on investigative interviews and produce high-quality, authoritative reports. Our extensive experience with diverse business organisations in Asia Pacific enables us to provide support at every stage of a crisis, from investigating what went wrong and working to contain any other crises that may arise to assisting with the response and remediation and then designing and implementing internal controls to guard against recurrences.

Transactional and Business Intelligence

We understand that the rigorous analysis of information is critical to making strategic business decisions involving mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public and private placements of securities, outsourcing/offshoring and other cross-border transactions. More than simply providing raw data, our teams of multilingual investigators and analysts conduct global investigations, analyse source documents and provide objective

assessments of transactional risks to our clients. Beyond the traditional concept of due diligence, our work in this area involves matters of competitive and defensive intelligence, image and reputation assessment, intellectual property and brand protection, political and anti-corruption risk assessments, and hedge fund investigations.

Litigation Intelligence and Investigations

Our professional teams provide a suite of investigative services for legal advisors engaged in white-collar investigations, complex commercial litigation and regulatory proceedings. We investigate the factual accuracy of statements, analyse complex fact patterns, discover hidden assets, track down witnesses and evaluate their credibility. Other litigation consulting services include electronic discovery, document management, forensic accounting, damages assessment, economic consulting, expert testimony and crisis communications planning.

Integrity Advisory Services

Safeguarding a company's hard-earned reputation is of paramount importance to today's global organisations. Internal controls play a critical role in preventing, or cautioning, potential threats that could tarnish a corporation's image and impact its business transactions. Our experienced teams conduct independent reviews and investigate suspected problem areas, including anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, and corruption concerns relating to the U.S. FCPA and UK Bribery Act, for diverse businesses with operations in the Asia Pacific region. We help analyse policies and procedures to find gaps or breaches in existing safeguards, and are adept at designing and implementing controls that serve to diminish deficiencies. We can then monitor these controls going forward to ensure compliance with imposed sanctions.

Technology Investigations

Our team of technology professionals lead the industry in strategic and innovative services for data discovery, analysis, management and security. We have vast experience in state-of-the-art forensic and data mining tools used to quickly and efficiently recover, search, sort, sift and analyse massive amounts of data. Our ground breaking strategies enable us to effectively assess situations and conduct swift, targeted searches for specific information through a defensible collection process that is compliant with relevant data privacy requirements. Our technology experts are also skilled in the design and implementation of systems that protect proprietary information in both electronic and hard copy forms, including trade secrets and employee data.

Representative Assignments

- Engaged by a European multinational pharmaceutical firm to identify the source of counterfeit products found in several Southeast Asian markets. Our client was particularly concerned because the counterfeits contained no active ingredients and there were potential health risks for customers using the drug. Extensive investigative work traced the source of the counterfeit drug to Zhejiang, China. The counterfeiting operation was coordinated by a well-organised Taiwanese syndicate that had established connections throughout Southeast Asia. After sufficient evidence was gathered, we coordinated multiple raids in each jurisdiction to seize the infringing product. A raid was also conducted at a key location in Taiwan, which was coordinating the illicit activity. Computer forensics provided further evidence of the distribution network, the key players involved, and details on both quantities manufactured and the profits made from the counterfeiting activities.
- Successfully identified, in the PRC and Hong Kong, concealed assets worth US\$100 million belonging to the chairman (guarantor) of a major failed (formerly listed, later privatised) PRC-based metals company.
- A U.S.-based fund had received information to suggest that there may be some issues associated with its investment portfolio in Japan. It was also concerned that details of several investments had not been disclosed by its former representative in the country. We were engaged to gain an understanding of the issues that could be used to back its decision-making regarding the future of its investments in the country and provide useful leverage for discussions with former representatives and/or evidence for any subsequent legal proceedings against third parties. We undertook an analysis of relevant documentation found at the client's office in Japan, and combined this with discreet external inquiries to identify any information to suggest that the former representative or others mismanaged the portfolio or failed to disclose important information. In addition, we conducted data forensic imaging and analysis of office computers to locate any indication of fraudulent activity. Our investigation revealed that the former representative and his associates had set up a number of Special Purpose Companies without the knowledge of our client's management. At the same time, the client's name was used by some of these Special Purpose Companies to make investments, even though the funds appeared to have come from the former representative without the client's approval. We subsequently supported several civil and criminal actions taken against those involved.



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