

# Congratulations



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Makarim & Taira S. (M&T) has entered a new chapter in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year as one of Indonesia's leading law firms, with the appointment of Maria Sagrado as the new Managing Partner in May 2023. Maria has been part of the firm for more than 22 years. She began her journey at M&T as a Trainee and rose through the ranks to become a Partner in 2013, on the strength of her

remarkable dedication and passion for the legal profession.

Throughout her career, Maria has built an extensive portfolio of prominent clients, earning high credibility in the banking, corporate, and fintech practice areas. International legal directories have recognized her outstanding abilities in managing complex cases, particularly in providing clients with innovative solutions in transaction structures.

Over the past 10 years as a Partner, Maria has also demonstrated sterling leadership qualities. Her patient, detail-oriented and flexible approach foster a conducive working environment in her teams, enabling the development of a talented younger generation of lawyers. Maria is also known for her openness to new ideas, possessing a long-term strategic vision while also focusing on the nuts and bolts of the realities on the ground.

As a law firm with an international reputation, M&T remains committed to upholding the highest standards of quality in all aspects of its services, while staying agile and responsive to the evolving business and legal dynamics. With her sights set on the future, Maria looks forward to leading the firm to stay ahead of the competition. "I believe that Makarim & Taira S. will continue to be one of Indonesia's most trusted and leading law firms through its ability to be adaptive and impactful to all of its stakeholders, thus creating a force to be sustainable," she explains.

Maria also sees the benefits of a collaborative and inclusive work environment in building a solid law firm. Furthermore, she places a strong emphasis on the importance of upholding fundamental human values, such as compassion, which has been one of the firm's defining characteristics and is manifested through various high-impact social community programs.

Maria Sagrado, whose legal expertise spans various sectors, obtained her bachelor's degree in law from Universitas Airlangga in Surabaya, East Java, and completed her LL.M in International Commercial and European Law at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. She also holds a master's degree in Notarial Studies from Indonesia's Pelita Harapan University.

We are confident that under Maria's leadership, the M&T will continue to improve and seize new opportunities in Indonesia's dynamic legal landscape while maintaining its high standards of service. Please join us in congratulating Maria Sagrado on her new role. We look forward to the continued success of M&T under her leadership, as well as the progress and prosperity of the firm's clients.