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Fangda Welcomes Partner Zhao Yan to Launch Tax Practice

Fangda is delighted to announce that leading lawyer **Zhao Yan** has joined the firm's Beijing office as a partner to launch our **tax** practice. Mr. Zhao has over two decades' experience in advising clients on a broad spectrum of tax-related areas, from tax advisory on M&A deals, international/non-resident tax, tax planning for high-net wealth families and individuals to contentious/regulatory tax work such as advising clients on general tax audits, special investigations, and transfer pricing investigations, among other matters, initiated by tax authorities. He has been listed as a recommended lawyer in the field of PRC tax law by *The Legal 500* as well as other prominent legal directories for consecutive years.

Prior to joining Fangda, Mr. Zhao was previously a partner of another leading PRC law firm, and had worked with three of the "Big Four" accounting firms. He is a qualified PRC lawyer as well as a Certified Tax Agent of the PRC.

Michael Han, Chairman of Fangda's management committee, says, "*We are delighted to welcome Zhao Yan to Fangda, who will further strengthen our capability to deliver a comprehensive service. We are confident that our new tax practice will have strong synergies with many of our existing practices such as M&A, fund formation, insolvency & restructuring, labor and employment, compliance and government investigation, as well as family wealth management. This will enable us to provide real one-stop legal service to our clients.*"

Zhao Yan says, "*I'm very excited to join Fangda and to help the firm complete its service offerings. I am looking forward, along with my Fangda colleagues, to applying my deep experience and acquired strengths to provide the most effective solutions to clients on all their tax-related issues.*"