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## Khaitan & Co expands its regional presence in Chennai by bringing Assentio Legal within its fold

## Synopsis

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Full-service law firm Khaitan & Co has boosted its <u>regional presence</u> in <u>Chennai</u> by bringing in <u>Assentio Legal</u>, a boutique law firm based in <u>South</u> <u>India</u>.

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Thriyambak specialises in corporate, commercial and civil litigation, advising on issues arising under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and has also acted as a sole arbitrator in court appointed mandates. Rohan's expertise lies in general corporate and commercial advisory, mergers & acquisitions, private equity and venture capital, and transactional support across sectors. Renu's experience ranges from representing business houses on their inbound and outbound acquisition strategies, mining, trading and trade financing.

"We are delighted to welcome the Assentio Legal team into our firm. They bring in the right set of talent and values which makes them an ideal match for our presence in South India. We are certain that with their deep experience and understanding of the South Indian market, their excellent track record and skillset will enable us to significantly contribute to our clients with enhanced expertise and execution capabilities," Haigreve Khaitan, Senior Partner, Khaitan & Co said.

This association with Assentio Legal follows Khaitan & Co's recent opening of their Chennai office which is aligned with the firm's broader strategic view of the Southern states of India being a solid base for a number of large and medium scale conglomerates and industries comprising of diverse sectors such as automobiles, textiles, cement, engineering and pharmaceuticals among others.

'We believe that Southern India holds great promise for the firm, and it was only a logical choice for us to set up our presence in Chennai after Bengaluru to cater to our growing set of clients in this region. We are already in talks to expand our local talent pool including with some of our younger colleagues Khaitan & Co expands its regional presence in Chennai by bringing Assentio Legal within its fold - The Economic Times

relocating to Chennai and focussing on setting up our customary state-of-theart infrastructure facilities and also forging new relationships," Khaitan said.

He said the focus of the Chennai office will be on advising clients on general corporate and commercial advisory, M&A, Private Equity and Venture Capital, Solvent and Insolvent Restructuring, Private and Public Investments, Real Estate and Dispute Resolution matters including mediation, domestic and international arbitrations.

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