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CQS announces that Geoff Barker and members of his team Nick Bibby, Neil Scrase, Vishal Mahtani, Chrisy Law, Amanda Chan and Ivan Kan will join CQS in Hong Kong.

Geoff Barker will manage the same Asia Macro fund and strategy at CQS that was previously known as Counterpoint. The Macro strategy is adjacent to CQS' existing footprint in Hong Kong, and complementary to CQS' existing Asian and global capabilities.

Sir Michael Hintze, CQS Founder and Senior Investment Officer commented: "Geoff's Asia-focused Macro strategy adds an important centre of excellence to CQS as we continue to broaden and deepen our investment bench. Geoff and the team will be a valuable addition to our Hong Kong presence."

Xavier Rolet, CQS' Chief Executive Officer, said: "Asia is the fastest growing capital market globally, with China forecast to contribute 50% of all new net assets under management from 2017 to 2021. Our clients are increasingly asking us how to best participate in this growth and to provide investment solutions for them."

Geoff Barker added: "In an increasingly complex world with geopolitical crosscurrents, CQS' global platform will give us access to the best minds, high quality research and to state-of-the-art systems and technical support. I have known people at CQS both in Hong Kong and London for many years, so there is trust and good chemistry. We are excited to be joining the CQS family."

Completion of the move is subject to SFC approval.

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Notes to Editors:

CQS is an investment management firm founded by Sir Michael Hintze in 1999. As at 1 June 2019, CQS had funds under manager of USD17.4bn¹. The Firm's deep experience allows it to offer solutions for investors across a range of return objectives and risk appetites. CQS is an active asset manager with expertise across corporate capital structures including corporate credit, structured credit, asset backed securities, convertibles, loans and equities. It is committed to delivering performance and high levels of service to its investors. CQS has offices in London, New York, Hong Kong and Sydney. Our investors include pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, funds of funds, endowments and foundations, and private banks.

Geoffrey Barker was the Portfolio Manager of the Counterpoint Asian Macro Fund. Prior to this, Geoffrey was the manager of the BIA Pacific Macro Fund (2006-2013) that was twice named "Best Asian Macro Fund of the Year". Previously, he was

the Chief Economist and Head of Research for HSBC in Asia. He also ran the research department and was the Japan economist both for Baring Securities and Smith New Court in Tokyo. Geoffrey has lived in the Asian region for 24 years after leaving London. He holds an MBA from City University Business School in London and a BSc in Economics and Politics from Bath University, England

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