

L.E.K. Consulting Expands Global Education Practice, Adding Three Partners Who Serve Education Organizations in Emerging Markets

Singapore (March 7, 2018) — L.E.K. Consulting, a global management consulting firm, is expanding its offerings to the global education industry and welcoming three new partners to the firm's education practice. Together these partners have worked in over 90 countries on more than 600 education sector engagements. They are joined by a team of 40 dedicated education sector consultants and sector specialists.

The new partners, Ashwin Assomull, Danish Kamal Faruqui and Anip Sharma, each have significant experience serving public and private education organizations in emerging markets, including those in Asia, Africa and Latin America. They will be based out of L.E.K.'s office in Singapore.

"We are delighted to welcome to L.E.K. these three partners who have deep credentials in the education sector, especially in the emerging markets, where we see great opportunity to help make a meaningful difference for a continuum of organizations," said Nick Holder, Partner and Head of L.E.K.'s Asia-Pacific region. "We are excited to be increasing our offerings to and expertise for key players and investors in early years education, K-12, higher and vocational education, transnational education, English learning and tutoring and education technology."

Said Mr. Assomull, "We are pleased to join L.E.K., whose people and approach to expanding its global education practice stand to benefit the sector and set new standards. L.E.K. is known for helping their clients achieve real impact, and we all look forward to doing so for L.E.K.'s clients across the education ecosystem. "

Mr. Assomull has extensive experience advising clients in the higher education sector on buy- and sell-side due diligence, market-entry strategy, pricing strategy and growth strategy. He has also worked with post-secondary education institutions and education investors on investment opportunities, post-acquisition business plans performance optimization and profit improvement strategies. He joins L.E.K. from EY-Parthenon and holds a B.S. degree from the London School of Economics and an MBA from London Business School.

Mr. Faruqui has worked with clients across the full education spectrum, including higher education, K-12, early years, transnational education, English language learning, tutoring and education technology. He has also advised private equity investors in the sector. He holds a BA from Delhi University and an MBA from the Indian School of Business. He is a chartered accountant and joins L.E.K. from EY-Parthenon.

Mr. Sharma has a successful track record advising education clients on market potential, growth and market-entry strategies, investment decisions and pricing strategies. His clients have spanned the education segments, including K-12, higher education, transnational education, early years, English language training, tutoring and education technology. He joins L.E.K. from EY-Parthenon and holds a bachelors of technology from the Indian Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Indian School of Business.

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