## Bird & Bird Advising Biofourmis on pioneering COVID-19 project

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Tech & Comms team advised Boston based global leader in digital therapeutics, Biofourmis on the deployment of an AI-driven remote monitoring platform to observe patients in Hong Kong who are diagnosed with or suspected to be infected with the virus. The company went on deploy its solution in Singapore, the UK and Australia.

Given the urgency of the situation, including the need to draft and negotiate documents within a week, we assembled a cross jurisdictional team to take advantage of time zone differences so that we could work around the clock. This is a great example of our firm's global capabilities in the tech space, as well as our integrated approach towards helping our tech clients leverage AI for the benefit of mankind. Our team was led by Daniel Song, a Counsel with our Singapore office, who played a pivotal role in guiding the clients, ably supported by UK partner Ronald Hendrikx, and associates Ben Woodfield and Bridget Chamberlain, as well for Hong Kong, counsels Michelle Chan and Clarice Yue. Daniel has since assumed the role of General Counsel of Biofourmis.

The program aims to provide disease surveillance by remotely monitoring quarantined suspected COVID-19 individuals and detecting the signs of disease development, as well as remotely monitoring the diagnosed cases to understand how the virus affects humans. Biopharmaceutical companies that are developing the vaccines for COVID-19 can also benefit from the AI remote monitoring system, as it aids them in understanding the effectiveness of the vaccines during clinical trials. In addition, Alban Kang and Lorraine Tay, with our Senior Associates, Audrey Lim and Hui Ling Tan, have worked closely alongside Biofourmis to ensure that it has an effective global IP protection to protect its invaluable R&D efforts, as it continues to break new ground.

"Bird & Bird demonstrated its global reach and deep talent pool by fielding a multi-disciplinary team of tech, data privacy and commercial lawyers across 4 jurisdictions to conclude simultaneous roll outs of our Covid solution in the middle of a pandemic."

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