

## Press Release

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### **INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN ASIA-PACIFIC: ASCENT PARTNERS GROUP LIMITED**

**Victoria, Malaysia** – Institutional Partnership in Asia-Pacific

Alliance for Responsible Forest Management (ARFM) has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Ascent Partners Group Limited (APGL), a private organisation providing advisory services in the areas of corporate, technology, mergers and acquisitions, litigation support, financial reporting, and valuations. As a Financial Institutional Partner to ARFM, the focus of the Partnership is to support ARFM communicate the importance of best practice in responsible forest management across the tropical world to governments, the private sector, civil society, and communities, as well as raise the needed finance to support ARFM activities, programmes and initiatives. The work will intersect across the three regions of the ARFM network as well as support the delivery of the annual General Assembly.

Mr Simon Mak, Chief Executive Officer of APGL and his staff bring decades of experience in investment advisory services, risk analysis, transaction support, mergers and acquisitions, and cost management services, where they support organisations in the actualisation of environmental and social governance strategies across sectors and industries. Since 2017, they have been committed to the UN Global Compact corporate responsibility initiative and its principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

The ARFM Secretariat would like to thank our Executive Board and Institutional Partners, The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), and The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Forestry Research Institute of Ghana (CSIR-FORIG), and Forestry Foreign Affairs Office, Royal Forest Department, Thailand (RFD), for their hard work, dedication and pursuit to improve best practice in tropical forest management in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Kindly contact the ARFM Secretariat for more information.

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### About:

The ARFM fosters holistic, continuous, and responsible forest management on the ground by capturing proven, localised best practice approaches for all types and scales of commercial forestry. We provide forestry education to the private, civil, public and community sectors, applying multidisciplinary topics and holistic management, including sustainable yield, silviculture, forest restoration and conservation, community forestry and rights-based approaches, and forest management at the landscape level. We support continuing education and extension training, including upper management and Directorship, to address local challenges and opportunities linked with current global environmental degradation issues and climate change challenges. We nurture stakeholder engagement and partnerships through the dissemination of information, facilitating networking and fostering collaborative action amongst stakeholders and communities. We support international Conventions, Agreements, and commitments through education and training, including COP 26 to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030 and safeguard biological diversity, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework under the CBD.



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