

# Disruptions in the legal profession – an alternative organisational & service delivery model

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# ZICO Holdings Inc. (ZHI) - an integrated provider of multi-disciplinary services in ASEAN





# Cross selling & integrated services

Framework to facilitate referrals and cross-selling of clients incl. public sector entities, government-linked companies, public-listed and private companies, MNCs, SMEs, law firms, and individuals.

### Multi-disciplinary practice (MDP)

Integrated services housed under a regional brand synonymous with quality solutions. Resource sharing ensures efficient delivery of comprehensive services to clients.





Exchange Securities Trading Ltd on 11 November 2014.







### **Strong relationship with ZICO Law network**

ZICO Law has offices in 15 cities across 8 countries throughout SE Asia. We leverage on ZICO Law's local market presence to access clients across ASEAN.

ASEAN-based professional services firms, offering advisory and transactional services, management and support, and licensing services.

"We are innovative entrepreneurs riding on disruptions in legal services"

# **ZHI business segments**



#### **Advisory & Transactional Services**

#### **Legal Services**

• Offer legal services in Myanmar and Lao PDR through our subsidiary law firms.

#### **Shariah Advisory**

- Advise on Sukuk issuances, Islamic funds, as well as on other Islamic capital market products and instruments.
- Approved Shariah advisor and provider of Shariah Review and Shariah audit services by the Central Bank of Malaysia
- Key advisory services provided include advising regulatory authorities on Shariah issues in law reform to faciliate islamic finance, advising and maintaining of Shariah compliance funds, and structuring and advisoing on Islamic capital market instruments.

#### **Trust Services**

- Carry out trust company business in Laubuan International Financial centre
- Provide trust services in Singapore

#### **Corporate Services**

• Incorporation and corporate secretarial services in Malaysia and Singapore.

#### **Consulting Services**

• Strategic advice on business and governmental issues in the ASEAN region

#### **Investor Services**

• Provide comprehensive suite of share registrar services

#### **Multi Family office**

Wealth planning Services

#### **Management & Support Services**

- Strategic advisory
- Market intelligence
- Business relations Public sector relations

Cross-promotion and

integration of

services

Risk management

#### **Regional Management Business Support Services**

- · Accounting, finance and budgeting
- Information technology
- Human resource
- Knowledge management & training
- Business development & corporate communications

#### **Licensing Services**

Licensing of the "ZICO", "ZICO Law" and "ZICO Law Trusted Business Advisor" trademarks

**Business Agreements** 

#### **ZICO Law Network**

- Roosdiono & Partners\*
- SokSiphana&associates \*
- Zaid Ibrahim & Co\*
- ZICOlaw Sabah\*
- ZICOlaw & Co\*
- ZICOlaw Singapore Pte Ltd\*
- ZICOlaw Thailand Ltd\*
- ZICOlaw Vietnam Ltd\*

# **Succinct analysis of ZICO business model**



"ZICO's innovative business model which gives it access to markets will provide the ammunition to pursue its acquisitions and allow it to expand faster than its competitors.....

The uniqueness of ZICO's model is that it combines a high-growth but highly-cyclical legal service income stream with trust and corporate secretarial services, a reliable source of revenue that will help to buffer the ups and downs of the legal services segment .....



# **Innovative business model**







### Partnership Model

- Focus on core competence of practising law
- Maintain professional independence and autonomy
- Compliant with regulatory rules on law firms

Integration and cross-selling of services

## **Corporate Structure**

- External capital to fund business expansion
- Incentivise performance and talent retention via share schemes
- Venture into new services
- Centralise management and support functions

# Rationale for restructuring ZICOlaw & Listing of ZHI



- Access to external capital and technical & management services to facilitate and accelerate expansion of services and enhancement of network.
- Overcome structural problem of law firm partnerships lack of real equity on the "balance sheet" – a dis-incentive for partners to invest in future growth.
- Structured as an MDP to "house" companies / firms providing a range of services which can be integrated and cross sold.
- Big Law, New Law and Non Law can co-exist in a corporate structure.
- Shares in a listed company provides a platform to attract and retain talent –
  alignment of performance with an additional form of reward.
- Tradable securities with ↑ capital an attractive "currency" to acquire businesses and hire experienced laterals for senior management roles.

# Disruptions & a "new normal" for legal services



# Client demand, legal tech & competition

Single –discipline firms e.g. legal, consulting, accounting firms etc.

Tax advisors

**Accountants** 

Lawyers

**Financial advisors** 

**Management consultants** 

Strict regulatory frameworks create clearly delineated boundaries between professions

Multi-disciplinary firms



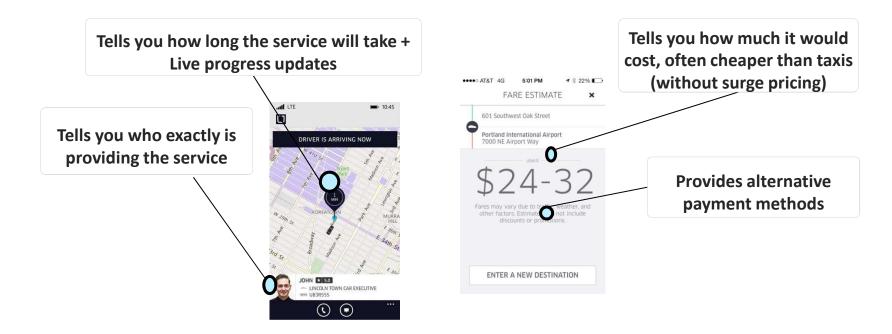
Blurred boundaries between professions

## What can lawyers learn from Uber? Focus on what clients want!

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"Lawyers, like cab drivers, are useful and capable service providers who nonetheless are sabotaging themselves through their own lousy delivery models."

--Jordan Furlong. What makes Uber tick and what lawyers can learn from it (8 June 2016), The Lawyerist

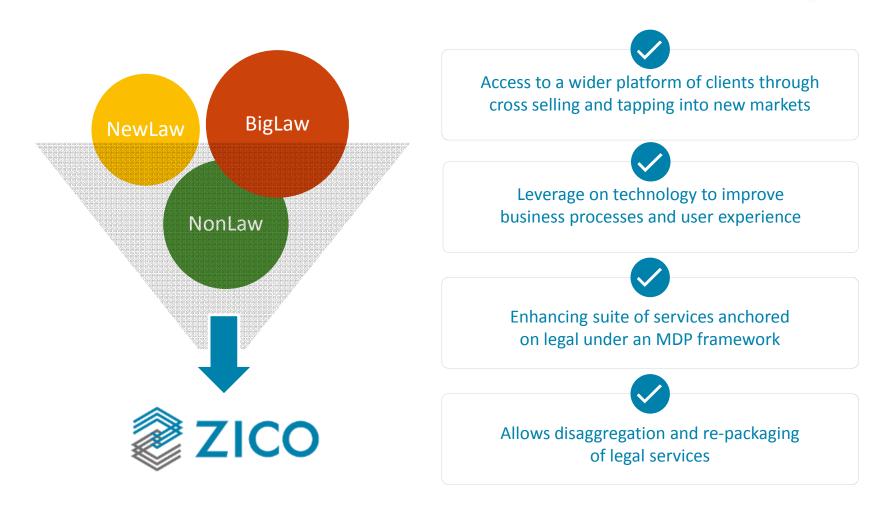


# **66** "Flaws in delivery models

has allowed new competitors to leverage on legal tech to enhance access & convenience for buyers of legal services"

# Alternative organisational & service delivery model





Instead of a zero sum game, BigLaw, NewLaw & NonLaw can collaborate!

# A collaborative "eco system" of services to capitalize on disruptions in the delivery of legal services

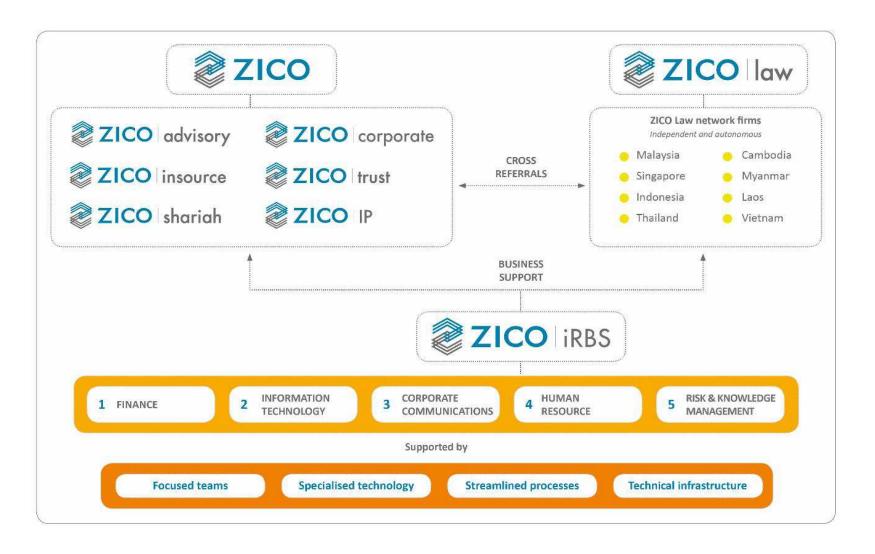




# MDP framework is flexible for delivery of legal services,

# supported by a shared services platform





# "Convergence" of services across the business life cycle

– widen horizons of "clients" for lawyers





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