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Mr Desmond Ko is a Head of Client Acceptance of North Asia at Vistra.

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Desmond possesses strong professional knowledge in anti-money laundering/ counter terrorism financing/ tax regulations/ sanctions, plus rich operational experience in forming and running teams for handling Onboarding/Renewal, KYC Operations, Account Maintenance, and Risk Management for Corporate and Institutional Banking (CIB) business and Private Banking/Wealth Management business in Hong Kong and across Asia Pacific region.

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In his leisure time, Desmond enjoys football, swimming and travels, and he is a fan of 'Manchester United Football Club'.