Biography

Alberto was born in Italy, obtained a BA and MSc degree in the UK and has lived in Asia for over 20 years. He is the Managing Partner of Dezan Shira & Associates, one of the largest, independent, pan-Asia advisory firms with over 300 professionals and 20 offices in China, India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia. Through the Dezan Shira & Associates Asian Alliance, the firm has also established an exclusive franchised network with firms in Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand becoming one of the largest, fastest growing and integrated player in the region.

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