

Flat Planet Group welcomes Veteran I.T. Recruitment firm, Joe Riley & Associates to its fold

FLAT PLANET DEEPENS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUES ITS TRANSITION TOWARDS HIGH-VALUE AND SKILLED PROFESSIONAL ROLES

26-year veteran IT recruitment specialist firm Joe Riley & Associates (JRA) has joined the Flat Planet Family of companies effective April 2019, as announced by Flat Planet Founder and Group CEO, Chris Moriarty. “As one of the Philippines’ longest established and most reputable recruitment firms, Flat Planet is thrilled to welcome them into our Group,” said Moriarty.

Joe Riley, 78, established his recruitment business in Australia and the Philippines in 1993. He has expressed his delight on passing his firm and teams onto a highly-regarded and respected operation Flat Planet. “It was important to me that my team, my clients, and my legacy were put into the hands of a sustainable and professional firm as I begin to move forward into retirement,” said Riley.

JRA is a specialist IT-centric recruitment firm that has a long history of both recruiting IT teams for major global firms based in the Philippines, providing short-term IT skills to in-house teams via a labour hire business model.

There is a strong cultural synergy between JRA and Flat Planet given their common focus on promoting the Philippines as a source of high-value professional talent.

“I respect Joe’s leadership in this space,” said Moriarty. “Despite being operational in the Philippines for so many years, Joe deliberately side-stepped the boom in lower-value contact centre positions, and remained firmly focused on high-value professional roles for professional Filipino talent.”

JRA will be headed up by IT recruitment industry veteran Mara Lazatin, who many years ago, started her career at JRA before moving onto an international role. Returning to the Philippines with nearly 15 years of domestic and international recruitment experience focused exclusively on IT roles, Lazatin is excited about the opportunity presented.

“The Philippines talent market is transitioning into one highlighting highly-skilled, high-value professional people,” said Lazatin. “JRA’s role in the industry is continuing to evolve in line with the times, and we plan to continue maintaining leadership in this arena.”

After almost 10 years of operations in the Philippine BPO industry, Flat Planet has steadfastly remained focused on working with high-value Filipino talent, opening opportunities and creating pathways to a better future for committed professional individuals.

“We welcome Joe Riley’s legacy into our fold and are fully cognizant of our duty to care for JRA’s clients, teams, stakeholders and all the high-quality, skilled, and aspirational candidates that walk through our doors,” said Moriarty.



Established in 2010, Flat Planet is a boutique BPO that recruits, hires, accommodates and manages bespoke teams in Southeast Asia on behalf of firms around the world. Flat Planet’s high-value teams feature professional skills sets from technology, finance, accounting or engineering disciplines.

It is Flat Planet’s mission to provide foreign firms with a safe, sustainable, and reliable pathway to both build teams, and explore opportunities within Southeast Asia. In late 2018, Flat Planet opened its first centre in Vietnam and commenced operations in Malaysia, both to complement and enhance its well-established, multi-site, Philippine-based teams.



Established in 1993 by Joe Riley, JRA has remained a tightly-focused leader in the business of identifying and recruiting skilled Filipino IT talent.

JRA recruits and, depending on need, may also contract and supply skilled IT talent to firms with operations in the Philippines.

JRA is an accredited supplier of recruitment services to many of the Philippines’ leading corporations as well as many of the large, foreign-owned, and globally-branded, service delivery centres.

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