

## Preface

**A**s the world's economies slowly recover from the global financial crisis, forward looking countries are continuing to invest heavily in key industries in order to strengthen national capabilities and capture long terms opportunities. Singapore for example has been consistently building up its position as a global hub for clinical research activities in Asia. New public clinical research organisations such as the Singhealth IMU and NUHS IMU were recently set up. Furthermore, companies such as Quintiles, ICON and PPD have also expanded their local operations within the past year. The growth of Singapore's CRO sector is keeping pace with the rising clinical development activities in the region. We have therefore chosen to showcase some of key players in Singapore's CRO industry in this edition of the Singapore Biotech Guide. Simply turn to the Special Feature section to learn more about these selected companies.

The Singapore Biotech Guide will continually support the growth of the biomedical sciences industry. It aims to help raise the awareness of Singapore-based biotech

organisations and to provide essential start-up information and relevant industry contact information.

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Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers for their support, without which this guide would not have been possible. We hope you will continue to find this guide relevant and we will appreciate any comment or feedback that will help us improve our publication further. Do feel free to drop us an email at [biotechguide@1st-phase.com](mailto:biotechguide@1st-phase.com).

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