

Year in Review
2018

Riding the Digital Wave

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Foreword



Alvin YEO

Senior Counsel
Chairman & Senior Partner
WongPartnership LLP

I am pleased to present WongPartnership's inaugural Interactive Year in Review. As technology becomes increasingly entrenched in our lives, digital innovation must be a cornerstone of our firm's growth. This digital electronic lookback on the past months is a reminder of how organisations must embrace digital innovation in all aspects of practice. I am pleased to say that we are rising to the challenge.

We were the first Singapore law firm to adopt artificial intelligence to optimise legal services for our clients. While this is the start of a long journey, the initiative has helped us to achieve greater efficiency in managing corporate and business transactions. We have also created a platform for our lawyers called WPGenerate that allows them to use legal technology for automation. Similarly, we have created a platform for our clients called WPGateway that will allow them to subscribe to a new client service that harnesses this legal technology. We have also collaborated with NUS Law to

organise the first ever LegalTech Competition that sought to raise awareness of technology as an enabler to help pro bono organisations improve the way they offer legal assistance. On the FinTech front, we have been at the forefront of developments and have been collaborating with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) since 2017, for the annual FinTech Festival.

To foster growth in the start-up and venture capital network and eco-system, we launched a new Start-Up/Venture Capital Practice last year. We are also partnering industry stakeholders and the government in key initiatives such as being part of the core working group for Venture Capital Model Investment Model Agreements by the Singapore Academy of Law launched in 2018 and providing legal training for start-ups as part of Infocomm Media Development Authority's SG:D Spark programme.

Apart from technology, we have continued to excel professionally, ranking highly in Chambers and

Legal 500 as a top-tier firm in multiple practice areas. We have also clinched the "Best National Firm for Women in Business Law" award for a record fifth time at the Euromoney Legal Media Group's Asia Women in Business Law Awards as well as the "Country Award for Singapore" for a record seventh time last year. To enhance our services, we have also placed more emphasis on developing cross-disciplinary teams to cover specialised areas like FinTech, and a new dedicated commercial crime practice that handles corruption, financial market and securities offences, as well as technology crime, across all major industry sectors.

Regionally, we are celebrating six years of continued success in Myanmar. With WPG, our regional law network, we have been working closely with our member firms across jurisdictions. Through our China office, we acted for a subsidiary of Keppel Land China in its disposal of a 51% shareholding in the holding company of Beijing Aether Property

Development Co., Ltd., valued at US\$297.9 million. In India, we acted for Tencent Holdings Limited as Singapore counsel in its investment in Flipkart, which operates India's leading e-commerce marketplace, as part of a consortium which includes Microsoft and eBay in a US\$1.4 billion fundraising round; and subsequently also acted for Walmart Inc. as Singapore counsel in its acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart for US\$16 billion. This is an award winning deal, recently recognised at both FinanceAsia Achievement Awards 2018 and Asia Legal Awards 2019.

Together with Makes & Partners in Indonesia, we advised KKR Asia Limited in connection with the proposed investment by KKR Jade Investments Pte. Ltd. In Malaysia, we collaborated with Foong & Partners where we acted for OldTown in a voluntary conditional general offer to acquire all the issued ordinary shares of OldTown not already held by the offeror. In the Middle East, we partnered with Al Aidarous Advocates and

Legal Consultants to advise a Malaysian-based contractor with respect to its claim for AED16.2 million against a leading bank in the United Arab Emirates. In the Philippines, our alliance with leading Filipino law firm ZGLaw has brought us together to work on a Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) arbitration involving a dispute with claims over US\$600 million. We are also active in Thailand, where we acted as Singapore counsel to Thai Beverage Public Company Limited in its acquisition of Myanmar Supply Chain and Marketing Services Co., Ltd. and Myanmar Distillery Co., Ltd. for approximately US\$742 million.

Our success would not have been possible without our valued clients, partners and friends. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to more years of a winning partnership.

Awards & Accolades

“WongPartnership has been very professional, knowledgeable, responsive, meticulous and proactive. The firm has consistently provided us with valuable advice and alternatives to meet our business needs.”

IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate
The Guide to the World's
Leading Financial Law Firms



Awards & Accolades

<p>01</p>  <p>34 ranked lawyers. 19 Practices ranked as Leading Firm in Singapore. Ranked in Asia-Pacific, Myanmar and Thailand. Makes & Partners ranked in Indonesia.</p>	<p>02</p>  <p>20 ranked lawyers. 11 Practices ranked. Ranked in Asia-Pacific, China, India and Myanmar. Makes & Partners ranked in Indonesia.</p>	<p>03</p>  <p>48 recommended lawyers. 17 Practices recommended. Recommended in India & Myanmar. Makes & Partners and ZGLaw are also ranked in Indonesia and the Philippines respectively.</p>	<p>04</p>  <p>Ranked in Singapore, China, Hong Kong and Myanmar. Makes & Partners, Foong & Partners and ZGLaw are also ranked in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines respectively.</p>	<p>05</p>  <p>M&A Deal of the Year (Premium).</p>	<p>06</p>  <p>Best National Firm for Women in Business law. Country Award for Singapore. Best National Firm for Talent Management. Best Firm for Diversity by National Firm.</p>
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Note: Foong & Partners, Makes & Partners and ZGLaw are members of WPG, a regional law network.

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Firm of the Year (Singapore) for Employment.

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Outstanding in 10 Practices.

Highly Recommended in 8 Practices.

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Ranked in the top 100 list.

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Ranked in the top 100 list.

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Ranked in the top 100 list.

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Ranked in the top 100 list.

Awards & Accolades

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Ranked as one of the Top 30 restructuring & insolvency law firms in the world in the inaugural edition of GRR.

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Matter of the Year.
Best Domestic Arbitration Firm of the Year.

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5 Practices ranked.

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One of the Top Innovative Law Firms, headquartered in the Asia-Pacific region.

Commended firm for Business of Law: New products & services.

Commended firm for Business of Law: New business & service delivery models.

“Top-notch service and efficient delivery provided by a top-class team”

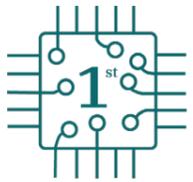
**The Legal 500:
Asia-Pacific**
The Client's Guide to the
Asia-Pacific Legal Profession

Year in Numbers

“They provide good quality advice and work, and will try their best to work with the clients to meet their request and objectives. Lawyers and associates are experienced and competent and provide good suggestions for solutions.”

IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate
The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms

Year in Numbers



1st Law Firm in Singapore

to harness Artificial Intelligence



TOP 2 Singapore Legal Adviser

to Borrowers (by volume, deal count and market share) in the Singapore Borrower Loans market

Bloomberg's Full Year 2018 Global Legal Advisers League Table



Ranked on the Top 100 List

Global Arbitration Review
Global Investigations Review
Global Competition Review



Mergermarket Legal League Table Report FY 2018

Top ranked Singapore firm in South East Asia tables for deal value and value count

Vol: US\$6.69 billion



Thomson Reuters FY 2018 Global M&A Legal Advisors Review

Top ranked Singapore firm in Any Asian (ex-Japan) Involvement
Announced rankings for deal value

Vol: US\$ 22.3 billion

Top ranked Singapore firm in Any Asia-Pacific (ex-Japan) Involvement
Announced rankings for deal value and deal count.

Vol: US\$ 22.3 billion



Thomson Reuters' Full Year 2018 Global Syndicated Loans Review Legal Advisors League Table

No. 1 Singapore law firm ranked in the Asia-Pacific & Japan Borrower Loans market

Top 15 firms in the Asia-Pacific & Japan Borrower Loans market

“Insightful advice, timely response,
excellent drafting and good
client management.”

IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate
The Guide to the World's
Leading Financial Law Firms



Publications

Banking & Finance

Chambers Global Practice Guide 2018 - Banking & Finance - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Employment

Top 10 Employment Law Issues in the Asia-Pacific 2018 [↓](#)

Employment Law Alliance Asia-Pacific Family Leave Survey 2018 [↓](#)

International Arbitration

Global Arbitration Review: The Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review 2018 - Myanmar Chapter [↓](#)

Global Arbitration Review: The Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review 2018 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Global Arbitration Review: The Guide to Advocacy, 3rd Edition, 2018 – Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review, 3rd Edition, 2018 - Objections of Manifest Lack of Legal Merit of Claims: The Success of Arbitration Rule 41(5) Chapter [↓](#)

Global Arbitration Review: The Guide to Advocacy, 2nd Edition, 2017 – Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review, 2nd Edition, 2017 - Objections of Manifest Lack of Legal Merit Claims Chapter [↓](#)

Investigations

Chambers Global Practice Guide 2018 - Anti-Corruption - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting The Deal Through 2018 - Government Relations - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Asia-Pacific Investigations Review 2018 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Investment & Funds

Global Legal Insights, 1st Edition, 2017 - Fund Finance - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Alternative Investment Funds, 5th Edition, 2017 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

China Law & Practice- China Outbound Investment Guide 2017 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences Law Review, 6th Edition, 2018 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Life Sciences Law Review, 5th Edition, 2017 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Mergers & Acquisitions

Getting The Deal Through 2018 - Public Mergers & Acquisitions - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting the Deal Through 2017 - Mergers & Acquisitions - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Private Equity

The Private Equity Review (Investing), 7th Edition, 2018 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting the Deal Through 2018 - Private Equity (Transactions) - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting the Deal Through 2018 - Private Equity (Fund Formation) - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting the Deal Through 2017 - Private Equity (Transactions) - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Getting the Deal Through 2017 - Private Equity (Fund Formation) - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Private Equity Review (Investing), 6th Edition, 2017 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

The Private Equity Review (Fundraising), 6th Edition, 2017 - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Real Estate

Chambers Global Practice Guide 2018 - Real Estate – Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Restructuring & Insolvency

Overview of Singapore's New Restructuring Framework 2017 [↓](#)

Tax

Global Legal Insights 6th Edition, 2018 - Corporate Tax - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

Global Legal Insights 5th Edition, 2017 - Corporate Tax - Singapore Chapter [↓](#)

New Partners

“They’re impressive; their client awareness
and commercial perception is super.”

Chambers Asia-Pacific
Asia-Pacific’s Leading
Lawyers for Business



New Partners

WongPartnership is pleased to introduce 11 new Partners in the last two years.

The new Partners are (Top from left): Tiong Teck Wee, Joel Chng Zi Zhao, Chang Qi-Yang, Jerry Tan Tze Wei and Goh Wei Wei. (Bottom from left) Ho Wei Jie, Monica Chong Wan Yee, Russell Pereira, Bernadette Tan, Lesley Fu Xianglin and Loh Jen Vern.

2018



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“As we continue with our business expansion, we are proud to elect 11 new Partners to join us in our journey towards greater growth and success. Each of these talented individuals is passionate about what he/she does and I have no doubt that our clients will benefit from the collective expertise and experience of our newly elected Partners.”

Ng Wai King
Managing Partner
WongPartnership LLP



WPG
A Regional Law
Network

“Impressive regional presence, led from Singapore and extended by offices in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.”

Chambers Global
The World's Leading
Lawyers for Business



WPG A Regional Law Network



Regional Network

01	Beijing	05	Thailand*	09	India*
02	Shanghai	06	Malaysia	10	Dubai
03	Yangon	07	Singapore	11	Abu Dhabi
04	Manila	08	Indonesia		

*Country desks

WongPartnership launched WPG, a regional law network comprising five prominent law firms across seven countries in a collaboration to provide clients with legal services in ASEAN, China and the Middle East.

In addition to WongPartnership, a Singapore-headquartered law firm with offices in China and Myanmar, other member firms include Al Aidarous Advocates and Legal Consultants in the Middle East, Foong & Partners in Malaysia, Makes & Partners in Indonesia and ZGLaw in the Philippines. Together, WPG is able to offer the expertise of over 400 professionals to meet the needs of clients in all sectors throughout the region.

Doing business together will now not only be better, but easier.

WPG. Winning Partnerships. Leading Excellence.

01 China



With the largest presence in China among Singapore law firms, our award-winning China Practice is a recognised market leader.

Our China Practice works closely with our other regional offices and practices to seamlessly support the legal needs of clients across jurisdictions. We have a strong track record advising our clients on their China-related fund-raising activities, investments, acquisitions and disposals.

On the dispute resolution front, in addition to providing support and assistance in law suits in the Chinese courts, our experienced dispute resolution practice also represents Chinese and foreign parties in international arbitrations at CIETAC, and advises China-based entities in international arbitrations conducted at major arbitration institutions such as the SIAC, HKIAC, AAA, LCIA and ICC.

- Acted for two Claimant entities in the Republic of Korea, in a Singapore-seated ICC arbitration proceedings commenced against three Respondents incorporated in the People's Republic of China, Cayman Islands and the Republic of Korea. This is a highly complex arbitration involving multiple parties and contracts as well as issues of Korean law, Chinese law and Singapore law. The arbitration relates to a claim for approximately US\$100 million for breaches of a software licensing agreement for a popular massively multiplayer online role-playing game;
- Acted for Sunpower Group Limited, a SGX-ST listed company in its issuance of US\$70 million convertible bond due in 2022 with an initial conversion price of S\$0.60 to Blue Starry Energy Limited and Glory Sky Vision Limited;
- Acted as Singapore counsel to Shanghai Textile Group Limited in its proposed restructuring of its 35% shares in SIIC International Trade Singapore Pte Ltd with SIIC International Trade Group at a price of RMB9 million;
- Acted as Singapore counsel to Juewei Food Limited, a PRC listed company in its issuance of RMB1 billion convertible bond; and
- Acted for a subsidiary of Keppel Land China in its disposal of a 51% shareholding in the holding company of Beijing Aether Property Development Co., Ltd., which is developing a prime commercial site in Chaoyang District, Beijing. The consideration for the share sale is US\$297.9 million.

Accolades

Recognised expertise for M&A in China and Foreign Firms and recognised expertise for M&A in Hong Kong
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise in Arbitration (International) – The Asia-Pacific region, Corporate/M&A (International Firms) – China, and Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore
Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2018

02 Myanmar



Myanmar has emerged as an attractive destination for foreign investors across the world following the country's government reforms and opening up of its economy.

Our Myanmar Practice is in a position to capitalise on the country's economic potential. Our lawyers have been involved in Myanmar-related work for several years, having advised clients on foreign direct investments, joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions in Myanmar.

Working seamlessly with our network of offices in Singapore, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and the Middle East, clients from different jurisdictions can rely on our expertise in navigating the Myanmar market across sectors, including hotel and hospitality, construction, real estate, energy, food and beverage, telecommunications and financial services.

- Acted for a large conglomerate in relation to the establishment of a joint venture company in Myanmar to engage in a potential non-bank financial institution business in Myanmar;
- Reviewed and drafted the design consultants' agreements and the FIDIC GMP contract for the development of an 18-storey office building in Yangon, Myanmar.

- Acted for the Pan Pacific Hospitality Pte. Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Pan Pacific Hotels Group Limited, in its joint venture with Shwe Taung Junction City Development Co., Ltd. and City Square Pte. Ltd. for the construction, development and management of the Pan Pacific Yangon, situated in the Junction City development in the city centre of Yangon, Myanmar; and

Accolades

Recognised expertise in Corporate/M&A and Projects & Energy in Myanmar
The Legal 500: Asia-Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia-Pacific Legal Profession 2019

Recognised expertise in Financial & Corporate in Myanmar
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise in General Business Law: International Firms – Myanmar, Arbitration (International) – The Asia-Pacific region, and Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore
Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2018

03 Indonesia



The partnership between Makes & Partners and WongPartnership offers a full range of services to clients including transactional, advisory and dispute resolution capabilities.

Both firms regularly work together on a range of corporate/M&A transactions, both inbound and outbound, in Indonesia and the region. Working seamlessly on various matters, the team has been able to deliver commercially focused advice and negotiation skills that drive successful outcomes for clients. Through a full-service offering, we are able to deliver to clients access to a team of highly experienced dispute resolution lawyers, including a number of specialists who are recognised leaders in their fields, who are committed to protecting their clients' interests throughout the region.

- Acted for two Indonesian companies in two ICC arbitrations against a subsidiary of a Hong Kong public-listed company and a joint-venture company incorporated in the Republic of Indonesia. The disputes relate to the breach of a Land Lease Agreement and a Shareholders' Agreement to develop, construct, own, manage and operate an oil storage and oil blending complex in the Riau Islands in Indonesia involving claims of over US\$466 million;
- Acted for one of the world's largest private equity firms in relation to its investment into an Indonesian public-listed company (the "Company") in the consumer goods sector, in an SIAC arbitration against the principal of the Company with claims in excess of US\$45 million. The Company and its subsidiaries are currently also undergoing restructuring proceedings in Indonesia which Makes & Partners is advising the client on;
- Acted for KKR Asia Limited in connection with the proposed investment by Demeter Indo Investment Pte. Ltd., an affiliate of KKR Asian Fund III, in its acquisition of an approximate 12.64% stake in PT Nippon Indosari Corpindo Tbk., Indonesia's leading mass market bread company, from Bonlight Investments Limited; and
- Acted for PT Bank Danamon Indonesia Tbk. ("PT Bank Danamon") as Singapore counsel in Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group's proposed acquisition of a 73.8% stake in Indonesia's fifth most profitable bank, PT Bank Danamon, from Asia Financial (Indonesia) Pte Ltd. and other affiliated entities.

Accolades

Recognised expertise in Capital Markets (Tier 1), Corporate/M&A and Banking & Finance
Chambers Asia-Pacific – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019

Recognised expertise in Capital Markets (Tier 1) and Corporate/M&A
Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2018

Recognised expertise in Capital Markets (Tier 1), Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A and Restructuring & Insolvency
The Legal 500: Asia-Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia-Pacific Legal Profession 2019

Recognised expertise in Capital Markets (Tier 1), M&A (Tier 1), Banking, Project Development, Project Finance and Restructuring & Insolvency
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise in Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Corporate/M&A, Private Equity, Consumer Goods and Services, Construction, Insurance, Real Estate, Technology and Telecommunications, Real Estate and Restructuring and Insolvency
Asialaw Profiles – The Definitive Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Domestic and Regional Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise in Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Corporate and M&A, and Restructuring and Insolvency
Asian-Mena Counsel Firms of the Year 2018

04 Malaysia



Trade flows between Singapore and Malaysia remain strong, and we continue to support various clients in their business activities in Malaysia. We also advise a number of leading Malaysian companies and entrepreneurs in their transactions and disputes across Asia-Pacific. Our clients in Malaysia include government-linked enterprises, Malaysian banks and foreign investors.

As specialists in banking, capital markets, corporate law, dispute resolution, fund management, litigation, mergers and acquisitions and real estate, we are an established leader in the swiftly growing and constantly evolving business environment that is ASEAN.

The importance of intra-ASEAN trade and business within the framework of the ASEAN Free Trade Area has led to the establishment of our presence in Malaysia through Foong & Partners, a member of WPG.

- Acted for OldTown Berhad (“OldTown”) as Singapore counsel in the voluntary conditional general offer by Jacobs Douwe Egberts Holdings Asia NL B.V. (“JDE”) to acquire all the issued ordinary shares of OldTown not already held by JDE. This deal was undertaken in collaboration with Dato’ Foong Chee Meng, Chong Siew Mun and Leong Wai Lun from Foong & Partners; and
- Acted for Infologic Pte Ltd, a Singaporean transport information systems company, in its successful claim against ItraMAS Technology Sdn Bhd, a Malaysian engineering company, for breach of a contract for the manufacture and supply of GPS trackers for the RapidKL bus fleet.

Accolades

Recognised expertise in Capital Markets, Infrastructure and M&A
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World’s Leading Financial Law Firms 2019

05 Middle East



We have been expanding our reach into the Middle East over the last ten years. We have been on the ground working with clients, including Singaporean and other Asian-based companies who are entering the Middle East market, and Middle Eastern companies who have business interests in Asia.

Our alliance with independent law firm Al Aidarous Advocates and Legal Consultants, a member of WPG, combines the strengths and experience of two highly regarded firms to deliver outstanding client service and a full range of specialist expertise including banking and finance, infrastructure, projects and construction, real estate, funds & asset management, mergers & acquisitions, as well as international arbitration and other modes of dispute resolution.

With offices in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, clients have the ease of doing business with lawyers with multi-law capability combined with local language skills and the legal resources essential to the delivery of major projects and transactions.

- Acted as member of the Appeals Board under auspices of the Dubai Healthcare City Authority, the governing authority of Dubai Healthcare City, to hear appeals from the Fitness to Practise Panel (a professional inquiry tribunal) on medical malpractice or misconduct cases relating to doctors and other healthcare professionals;
- Acted as member of the Appeals Board under auspices of the Dubai Healthcare City Authority, the governing authority of Dubai Healthcare City, to hear appeals from the Fitness to Practise Panel (a professional inquiry tribunal) on plumbing works executed for an iconic racecourse in Dubai;
- Advised a Singaporean firm of architects with respect to its claim of US\$3.8 million for outstanding professional fees for works executed for a large scale eco-village project in Abu Dhabi; and
- Advised a Malaysian based contractor with respect to its claim for AED16.2 million (arising out of a bank guarantee) against a leading bank in the United Arab Emirates.
- Advised a Malaysian engineering company, a shareholder in a UAE based sub-contracting construction company, with respect to claims for (i) fraudulent misrepresentation (ii) delay damages (iii) defective works (iv) costs to complete works and (v) compensation for losses for mechanical, engineering and

Accolades

Recognised expertise in Dispute Resolution, UAE
Chambers Global – The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2017

06 Philippines



One of the world's fastest growing economies, the Philippines is evolving into a strong manufacturing and services economy. Our commitment to providing integrated regional coverage and comprehensive service capability to clients doing business in Asia is strengthened by our alliance with ZGLaw, a member of WPG. Clients can now take advantage of the numerous development opportunities this changing economy presents through a single point of contact with us.

Jointly, our firms can advise clients on a range of matters including corporate finance, corporate restructurings, cross-border litigation, international arbitrations, mergers and acquisitions, projects and trust establishment.

ZGLaw, a full-service firm, is best known for its tax practice, as well as its work in banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, public private partnership litigation and dispute resolution.

- Assisted a full service bank in the Philippines with setting up a Singapore branch office to carry out wholesale banking in Singapore under a licence granted by the Monetary Authority of Singapore;
- Acted as counsel for a BVI fund in an SIAC arbitration against a Philippines conglomerate over toll road concessions in South East Asia concerning claims in excess of US\$1 billion; and
- Advised Menarini Asia-Pacific, part of the world's largest Italian biopharmaceutical company, on managing its IP portfolios throughout Asia;
- Acted for the liquidator of one of the largest steel manufacturers in South East Asia in an SIAC arbitration commenced against the liquidator and the secured creditors of the steel manufacturer, for alleged breach of an asset purchase agreement (governed by Philippine law), involving claims of over US\$600 million.
- Acted for Brimwood Investments Limited in the acquisition of intellectual property rights and brand name relating to Japanese tableware;

Accolades

Recognised expertise in Banking and Finance, Corporate and M&A, Dispute Resolution and Tax
The Legal 500: Asia-Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia-Pacific Legal Profession 2019

Recognised expertise for Banking, Capital Markets, M&A, Project Finance and Restructuring and Insolvency
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise for Banking and Finance, Corporate and M&A, Dispute Resolution, Energy and Tax
Asialaw Profiles – The Definitive Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Domestic and Regional Law Firms 2019

Recognised expertise for Taxation
Asian-Mena Counsel Firms of the Year 2018

07 Thailand



As one of the largest economies in South East Asia, we expect even more opportunities for deal makers in Thailand. We have worked on many significant transactions involving Thai entities in cross border deals, including capital markets, corporate, mergers & acquisitions and dispute matters. Clients benefit from the substantial experience of our lawyers in our Thailand Practice, with recognition from leading legal publications such as Chambers.

Tapping on Singapore's geographic location as a hub in ASEAN and the country's position as a conduit for investments into South East Asia, we are well placed to advise clients on their business ventures involving Thai entities.

- Acted for Thai telecommunications company, Intouch Holdings, through its venture capital arm InVent, as lead investor in Event Pop Holdings' Series A funding round; and
- Acted as Singapore counsel to Thai Beverage Public Company Limited in its acquisition of Myanmar Supply Chain and Marketing Services Co., Ltd. and Myanmar Distillery Co., Ltd. for approximately US\$742 million.

08 India



Our India desk is well positioned to provide support to clients as they venture into this enormous market. Specialising in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, real estate and hospitality-related investments and strategic alliances, we also provide outbound Indian clients with assistance and support for their investments in overseas markets. In addition, we act for them in their capital raising efforts as they list their securities, including structured products and interests in their real estate assets, in foreign debt and equity capital markets.

Our dispute resolution team acts for clients in India-related arbitrations conducted under the auspices of major arbitration institutions such as the SIAC and ICC, as well as India-related proceedings in the Singapore Courts.

- Acted for a Non-Banking Financial Company incorporated in India regulated by the Reserve Bank of India, and its subsidiaries ("Group"), in connection with the debt restructuring of the Group and its ultimate beneficial owners;
- Acted for Tencent Holdings Limited as Singapore counsel in its investment in Flipkart, which operates India's leading e-commerce marketplace, as part of a consortium which includes Microsoft and eBay in a US\$1.4 billion fundraising round, and subsequently also acted for Walmart Inc. as Singapore counsel in its acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart for US\$16 billion;
- Acted for Farallon Group in the voluntary unconditional cash offer by Brenformexa Limited (the "Offeror") for all of the issued units in Indiabulls Properties Investment Trust, other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror;
- Acted for former majority shareholders of Ranbaxy in setting aside proceedings before the Singapore High Court of an arbitral award in excess of US\$500 million; and
- Acted as Singapore counsel for KKR Jupiter Investors Pte. Ltd., the holder of convertible preference shares of JBF Global Pte. Ltd. (the "Company"), in relation to the debt restructuring of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Accolades

Recognised expertise for foreign firms in India
 The Legal 500: Asia-Pacific – The Client's Guide to the
 Asia-Pacific Legal Profession 2019

Corporate

“Always has the client’s interest at the top of their agenda, and will not compromise on their integrity. The firm works tirelessly to ensure the best legal and commercial outcome is achieved.”

IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate
The Guide to the World’s Leading
Financial Law Firms



Corporate



Our Corporate Group offers an extensive range of corporate advisory and transactional services and we advise on all aspects of corporate transactions and deal making in Singapore and across the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions.

Our specialties in this area are broad, encompassing corporate advisory, corporate real estate, mergers and acquisitions, and competition and regulatory work. With our practice areas built on the experience and expertise of our lawyers, we ensure our clients receive high-quality legal services that achieve the optimum outcomes they deserve.

Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions

- Acted as Singapore counsel to Walmart Inc. in its acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart for US\$16 billion;
- Acted for ESR Funds Management (S) Limited (the manager of ESR-REIT) and two of the financial advisers to ESR Funds Management (S) Limited, RHB Securities Singapore Pte. Ltd. and United Overseas Bank Limited, in the merger with Viva Industrial Trust by way of a trust scheme of arrangement. The merger valued Viva Industrial Trust at S\$936.7 million and created Singapore's fourth largest industrial REIT with approximately S\$3 billion in assets;
- Acted for Nesta Investment Holdings Limited, which is controlled by a consortium comprising HOPU Logistics Investment Management Co., Ltd., Hillhouse Capital Logistics Management Ltd., SMG Eastern Limited (an entity wholly owned by the CEO of Global Logistics Properties), Bank of China Group Investment Limited and Vanke Real Estate (Hong Kong) Company Limited, in the acquisition of Global Logistic Properties Limited for approximately S\$16 billion by way of a scheme of arrangement. This is the largest public acquisition deal in Singapore to date;
- Acted for CWT Limited ("CWT"), its controlling shareholder C & P Holdings Pte. Ltd ("C & P") and the Liao family (which is a shareholder of C & P) in the pre-conditional voluntary general offer by HNA Belt and Road Investments (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (the "Offeror") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of HNA Holding Group Co. Limited) for all the issued and paid up ordinary shares in the capital of CWT other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror, its related corporations, and their respective nominees, for approximately S\$1.4 billion;
- Acted for a consortium led by Yanlord Land Group Limited and Perennial Real Estate Holdings Limited in the acquisition of an approximately 33.4% stake in United Engineers Limited and a 29.9% stake in WBL Corporation Limited, resulting in the consortium having to make mandatory general offers for the remaining stock units and preference shares of United Engineers Limited, and possibly having to make a chain offer for the remaining shares of WBL Corporation Limited, with a combined value of S\$1.83 billion;

Corporate Real Estate

- Acted for a Canadian pension fund's investee company in its acquisition of Cape Investments II Pte. Ltd., which indirectly owns the property located at 78 Shenton Way, from an entity managed by Alpha Investment Partners, with a property valuation of approximately S\$680 million;
- Acted for Deka Singapore Raffles Place LP, a partnership comprising Deka Immobilien Investment GMBH ("Deka Immobilien"), a unit of Germany's Deka Group, and Deka Singapore A Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deka Immobilien, in the sale of Chevron House, a 32-storey commercial development located in the central business district of Singapore, for S\$660 million to Oxley Beryl Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oxley Holdings Limited;
- Acted for ESR Funds Management (S) Limited (the manager of ESR-REIT) and two of the financial advisers to ESR Funds Management (S) Limited, RHB Securities Singapore Pte. Ltd. and United Overseas Bank Limited, in the merger with Viva Industrial Trust by way of a trust scheme of arrangement. The merger valued Viva Industrial Trust at S\$936.7 million and created Singapore's fourth largest industrial REIT with approximately S\$3 billion in assets;
- Acted for Capitol Retail Management Pte. Ltd. ("CRM") (in its capacity as trustee-manager of Capitol Retail Trust), Capitol Hotel Management Pte. Ltd. ("CHM") (in its capacity as trustee-manager of Capitol Hotel Trust) and Capitol Residential Development Pte. Ltd., as Borrowers, in the financing in relation to the acquisition by Perennial (Capitol) Pte. Ltd. and New Capitol Pte. Ltd. of the shares in Capitol Investment Holdings Pte. Ltd., CRM and CHM from Chesham Properties Pte. Ltd.;
- Acted for Sembcorp in the divestment of its Singapore medical waste division to TEE Medical Services, a 50-50 joint venture company between TEE Infrastructure and Dymon Asia Capital (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.'s private equity arm;

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Private Equity

- Acted for Nesta Investment Holdings Limited, which is controlled by a consortium comprising HOPU Logistics Investment Management Co., Ltd., Hillhouse Capital Logistics Management, Ltd., SMG Eastern Limited (an entity wholly owned by the CEO of Global Logistics Properties), Bank of China Group Investment Limited and Vanke Real Estate (Hong Kong) Company Limited, in the acquisition of Global Logistic Properties Limited for approximately S\$16 billion by way of a scheme of arrangement. This is the largest public acquisition deal in Singapore to date;
- Acted for GTCR LLC as Singapore counsel in its acquisition of the EaglePicher Technologies business from Vectra Co., a portfolio company owned by certain investment funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC;
- Advised DCP Capital Partners in the acquisition of printed circuits board solution provider MFS Technology, from Navis Capital Partners and Novo Tellus Capital Partners;
- Acted for the Offeror in its acquisition of all the issued units in a registered business trust listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, to be effected by way of a trust scheme in compliance with the Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers; and
- Acted for KKR Asia Limited in connection with the proposed investment by Demeter Indo Investment Pte. Ltd., an affiliate of KKR Asian Fund III, in its acquisition of an approximate 12.64% stake in PT Nippon Indosari Corpindo Tbk, Indonesia's leading mass market bread, from Bonlight Investments Limited.

Rankings

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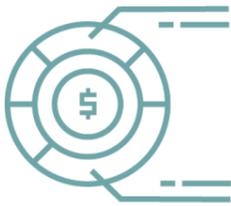
Financial Services

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Our Financial Services Group advises major domestic and international financial institutions, domestic and international issuers, and the treasury and financial departments of established companies on matters relating to financial markets and institutions.

Our Group covers a wide range of financial transactions. As specialists in equity and debt fund raisings in Singapore, securitisations, structured products, derivatives, asset management, financial services and regulatory advice, we have developed deep experience and connections in Singapore and elsewhere across the global financial world.

Asset Management & Funds

- Acted for Indies Capital Partners, a leading Singapore-based Indonesia-focused alternative asset manager with a strategic alliance with Värde Partners, a US\$14 billion global alternative investment firm, in the establishment of its second private credit fund, Indies Special Opportunities II, L.P., which achieved a final closing of US\$145 million in committed capital;
- Acted for East Asia Advisory Pte Ltd in the establishment of EV 6, a US\$30 million fund for start-ups in the seed to Series A stage across ASEAN with a focus on the Indonesian market;
- Acted for TLC Capital Management Pte. Ltd. and Titan Dining Partners Ltd in the establishment of Titan Dining LP, a private equity fund that acquired the Asia-Pacific master franchise holder of the “Tim Ho Wan” brand, Tim Ho Wan Pte. Ltd., and its affiliate Dim Sum Pte. Ltd., which owns and operates Tim Ho Wan stores in Singapore. Jollibee Worldwide Pte Ltd., a subsidiary of Jollibee Foods Corporation, acquired 45% stake in Titan Dining LP for S\$45 million;
- Advised Temasek Holding as principal investor in a fund managed and co-invested by Ascendas-Singapore Pte Ltd that would invest approximately 20 billion rupees (S\$398 million) in development logistics assets key Indian cities of Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore and Ahmedabad;
- Advised Savills Investment Management Pte. Limited in the set-up of Savills IM Japan Residential Fund;

Banking & Finance

- Acted for a club of lenders in a S\$1.2 billion “green loan” granted to Frasers Property Aquamarine Trustee Pte. Ltd. (in its capacity as trustee-manager of Aquamarine Star Trust) for the refinancing of Frasers Tower, a premium Grade-A energy-efficient office tower with its own park and podium roof gardens, located at the gateway to Singapore central business district;
- Acted for the Borrowers in the grant of loan facilities of up to S\$1.54 billion to Wallich Residence Pte. Ltd, TPC Commercial Pte. Ltd. and TPC Hotel Pte. Ltd. for the continuing development of an integrated development (which includes office, residential, hotel and retail components) in Tanjong Pagar;

- Acted for the Mandated Lead Arrangers, the Original Lenders, the Original Hedge Counterparties, the Account Bank, the Facility Agent and the Security Agent as transaction counsel in the US\$30 million financing to City Square Commercial Company Limited, for the development and construction of the commercial component of the landmark “Junction City” project situated in New Bogyoke Market and Open Air Bazaar, on Bogyoke Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon, Myanmar;
- Acted for MM Treasure Corporation in the financing in connection with the construction, development and completion of “One Bangkok”, primed to be Thailand’s largest integrated development, targeted to transform Bangkok’s city-centre and become a new global landmark;
- Acted for a syndicate of lenders in a financing granted to subsidiaries of ARA Asset Management Limited, for the acquisition of a portfolio of 38 hotels under the Hyatt Place and Hyatt House franchise across 21 states in the United States;

Debt Capital Markets

- Acted for Pacific International Lines (Private) Limited (“PIL”) on the intermediated exchange of bonds which raised S\$60 million for PIL;
- Acted for Vibrant Group Limited in its exchange offer where it made an offer to holders of its S\$100 million 7.35% subordinated perpetual securities to exchange their holdings for new fixed rate notes issued under the S\$500 million Multicurrency Debt Issuance Programme;

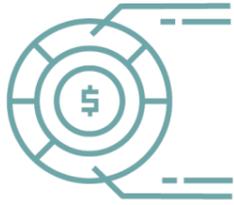
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Financial Services



- Acted for Sunpower Group Ltd. in its proposed issuance of 2.5% convertible bonds due 2022 of an aggregate principal amount of up to US\$70 million with an initial conversion price of S\$0.60 together with the issuance of warrants exercisable at an aggregate amount of US\$30 million with exercise price of S\$0.70 (if exercised between issuance and up till the end of 2019) and S\$0.80 (if exercised in 2020);
- Acted for First Sponsor Group Limited, in a renounceable and non-underwritten rights issue (the “Rights Issue”) of S\$162.2 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.98 per cent. perpetual convertible capital securities (“Convertible Securities”), on the basis of one Convertible Security for every four existing ordinary shares. The Rights Issue was managed by DBS Bank Ltd;
- Acted for a proprietary investment arm of a financial institution in connection with its investment in a private logistics player;

Equity Capital Markets

- Acted for DBS Bank Ltd. as Sole Issue Manager, Bookrunner and Underwriter in the initial public offering of shares by APAC Realty Limited and Asia-Pacific Realty Holdings Ltd and the listing by APAC Realty Limited on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;
- Acted for RE&S Holdings Limited, a concept owner and operator of F&B Outlets in Singapore and Malaysia that provides customers with Japanese cuisine and dining experiences, in its initial public offering of shares and listing on Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;
- Acted as special Singapore counsel for the issuer, WAVE Life Sciences Ltd., a Singapore-incorporated company focused on developing targeted therapies for patients impacted by rare diseases, in respect of its initial public offering and listing on NASDAQ;
- Acted for Hyphens Pharma International Limited, one of Singapore’s leading specialty pharmaceutical and consumer

healthcare groups, in its initial public offering of shares and listing on Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;

- Acted for Biolidics Limited, a Singapore-based medical technology company focusing on the development of cell enrichment systems, in its initial public offering of shares and listing on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;

Financial Services Regulatory

- Advised BDO Unibank, Inc on legal and contractual matters relating to the opening of its branch in Singapore;
- Acted as Singapore regulatory counsel to the Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son Limited in its acquisition of a major German bank’s Global Trust Solutions business;
- Acted for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, Singapore Branch as Singapore counsel in the statutory voluntary transfer of its retail and wealth management business in Singapore to DBS Bank Ltd pursuant to Sections 55B and 55C of the Banking Act (Chapter 19 of Singapore) (“Statutory Transfer”). The Statutory Transfer involved making the necessary lodgement with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and subsequently, obtaining the sanction of the High Court of Singapore in a two-stage approval process;
- Acted for NTUC Income (“NTUC”) in a proposed strategic partnership with Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd (“Fullerton”) to appoint Fullerton as the investment manager of a portfolio of NTUC assets estimated at S\$23 billion;
- Acted for Eurex Clearing AG (“Eurex”) in its application to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for recognition as a Recognised Clearing House (“RCH”) in Singapore. Eurex has obtained RCH status;

Real Estate Investment Trusts

- Acted for Dasin Retail Trust Management Pte. Ltd. and Zhongshan Dasin Real Estate Co., Ltd., the trustee-manager and sponsor of Dasin Retail Trust respectively, in an initial public offering of units representing in Dasin Retail Trust on the main board of the Singapore Exchange under Regulation S to raise approximately S\$160.1 million (including the proceeds from the issuance of cornerstone units);
- Acted for Sasseur REIT and its sponsor, Sasseur Cayman Holding Limited, in an initial public offering of Sasseur REIT on the main board of the Singapore Exchange raising S\$396 million in total gross proceeds. Sasseur REIT is the first outlet mall REIT listed in Asia;
- Acted for Citigroup Global Markets Singapore Pte. Ltd., DBS Bank Ltd. and Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., as joint global co-ordinators and bookrunners, in the equity fund raising by Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust (comprising a private placement and a non-renounceable preferential offering of units), which raised gross proceeds of approximately S\$476 million;
- Acted for Mapletree Logistics Trust Management Ltd., as manager of Mapletree Logistics Trust, and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited as trustee of Mapletree Logistics Trust, in relation to the acquisition by Mapletree Industrial Trust of a 50.0% interest in 11 property holding companies, and the private placement by Mapletree Logistics Trust, which raised gross proceeds of approximately S\$220 million; and
- Acted for Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited as joint lead managers and underwriters to the renounceable rights issue by OUE Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust, which raised gross proceeds of approximately S\$587.5 million to fund the acquisition of the office components of OUE Downtown.

Rankings

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Top 2 Singapore legal advisers to Borrowers (by volume, deal count and market share) in the Singapore Borrower Loans market
Bloomberg’s Full Year 2018 Global Legal Advisers League Table

No. 1 Singapore law firm ranked in the Asia-Pacific & Japan Borrower Loans market and Top 15 Firms in the Asia-Pacific & Japan Borrower Loans market.
Thomson Reuters’ Full Year 2018 Global Syndicated Loans Review Legal Advisors League Table

Top 100 Firms in the world for corporate investigations
Global Investigations Review (GIR) 100, 2018

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

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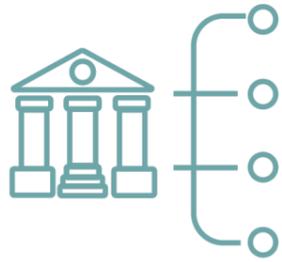
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A market leader in Singapore, our Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group comprises four Senior Counsel and handles disputes over a wide range of areas, including international arbitration; banking, finance, insolvency and restructuring; commercial and corporate; construction, engineering, energy, infrastructure; intellectual property; professional negligence; regulatory; crime; family; and private wealth.

Our extensive expertise in litigation, arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution extends beyond Singapore to all of the principal jurisdictions in Asia and beyond.

Banking & Financial Disputes

- Successfully acted for Credit Suisse AG in defending a claim by a former private wealth client for losses in his private bank account, opened in the name of his BVI-incorporated vehicle. The dispute involved questions of BVI law, limitation periods, and whether the client had any legal standing to claim losses sustained by the vehicle; the plaintiffs' claim was wholly dismissed by the High Court;
- Successfully acted for Takashimaya Singapore Ltd. in its high-profile dispute with Ngee Ann Development Pte. Ltd. over the proper construction of the Lease provisions for rent review. Given the substantial size of the leased premises and the length of the Lease if all options to renew were exercised, the difference in the parties' positions could mean an additional aggregate rental in excess of S\$800 million;
- Acted as counsel in an SIAC arbitration involving a BVI fund against a Philippines conglomerate over toll road concessions in South East Asia concerning claims in excess of US\$1 billion. The arbitration concerns a dispute over the rights to and ownership of shares in the Dutch holding company of an infrastructure venture for toll roads in South East Asia, and involved complex issues of Dutch law principles on property and contract;
- Acted for an international bank in breach of contract and negligence claims against a Singapore-listed collateral manager in respect of pledged goods that were stored in a bonded warehouse at Qingdao Port. This matter takes place against the backdrop of the commodities fraud scandal in Qingdao (and other ports) where several banks had their collateral held in a bonded warehouse (as part of metals financing) pledged to more than one party due to fraud;

Commercial & Corporate Disputes

- Acted for Ms Serina Wee, former finance manager of City Harvest Church, Singapore, in relation to charges involving conspiracy to commit criminal breach of trust, involving the unauthorised use of S\$24 million in church funds, and for conspiracy to falsify the church's accounts in respect of a further S\$26 million expended to cover up the unauthorised transactions. This matter has been described as one of the 'most anticipated trials of the decade' in *The Straits Times*;
- Acted for the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (the "State") in parallel investor-state arbitration commenced under ICSID by PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited ("PNGSDP"), as well as in High Court proceedings. In the High Court proceedings, the State is pursuing an action against PNGSDP for breach of trust and breach of agreement in relation to PNGSDP's management of assets in excess of US\$1.5 billion;

- Successfully acted before the Court of Appeal for the shareholders of a major family-owned dairy and beverage group in Singapore and Malaysia with an annual sales revenue of nearly S\$500 million, in a claim for relief against the other shareholders;

International Arbitration

- Acted for Swissbrough Diamond Mines (Pty) Ltd and related parties in defending an arbitral award relating to an ongoing investment treaty arbitration against the Kingdom of Lesotho, concerning claims for the expropriation of diamond mining licences in excess of US\$1.8 billion and denial of justice based on the shuttering of an earlier arbitral tribunal constituted to hear the matter. We were appointed as counsel for the related PCA arbitration which has been stayed pending the court proceedings. We also acted for Stephen Jagusch, Queen's Counsel, an expert in investment treaty arbitration, for his ad-hoc admission to appear as co-counsel in the court proceedings together with lead counsel from WongPartnership;
- A three member Tribunal seated in Singapore awarded a sum of S\$750 million, among others, as damages for fraudulent misrepresentation and/or concealment of material facts in connection with the sale of a majority stake in a large pharmaceutical company. Proceedings seeking enforcement of the award commenced in Singapore and India. We act for the primary sellers of the shares, who have sought to set aside and/or resist enforcement of the award on grounds of excess of jurisdiction and breach of natural justice. We also acted for Indian Senior Advocate, Mr Harish Salve, in the first ever application to the Singapore courts, which succeeded on appeal, for his ad-hoc admission, making Mr Salve the first Indian Senior Advocate to appear before the Singapore courts as co-counsel in the setting-aside application together with lead counsel from WongPartnership;

Specialist & Private Client Disputes

- Acted successfully for a SGX-listed company in their appeal before the Singapore Court of Appeal as to the company's ability to commence proceedings in Singapore. This is the first case where the Court of Appeal decided on the effect of a non-exclusive jurisdiction clause with alternate jurisdictions and where proceedings had been commenced in one of the contractually chosen forum. We had submitted that as proceedings were commenced in one of the contractually chosen forum, the Spilida test is not applicable and the defendant has to demonstrate "exceptional circumstances amounting to strong cause" before the Court would stay the proceedings;

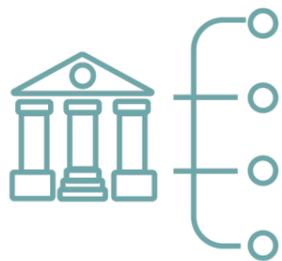
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Litigation & Dispute Resolution



- Acted for the executors of the estate of Quek Kiat Siong (deceased) against AIA Singapore Pte. Ltd. in the Singapore High Court and the Court of Appeal in a landmark decision which departed from almost a decade of precedents established in the English courts. The Court of Appeal agreed with us that phrases such as “accidental means” (as opposed to “accidental death”) do not exclude claims where the proximate cause of the insured’s injury or death was deliberate or voluntary on the part of the insured (such as suicide);
- Acted for a major German bank to defend claims by Stanley Pan Fang-Jen, a co-founder of Hong Kong based TPV Technology Ltd for alleged losses in excess of US\$280 million in his private bank accounts in the names of his off-shore companies. This is one of the biggest private client claims in Singapore to date;
- Acted successfully for the Management Corporation of Grange Heights Strata Title Plan No. 301 in defending a S\$63 million claim by Lee Tat Development Pte Ltd for malicious prosecution, abuse of process, malicious falsehood and trespass, in one of the longest-running saga in Singapore’s legal history;
- Acted successfully for PH Hydraulics and Engineering Pte Ltd in the Civil Appeal No. 234/2015. In that seminal decision, the Court of Appeal held conclusively, for the first time, that, as a general rule, punitive damages cannot be awarded purely for breach of contract absent concurrent liability in tort. On appeal, the Court of Appeal reversed the findings of fraud and declined to award punitive damages, holding that the present case was not a situation which merited an award of punitive damages;
- Successfully acted for the initial shareholders of a group of companies, including a prominent businessman and director of public-listed companies in Singapore and Malaysia, in defending a claim exceeding US\$40 million brought against them by a private equity fund. The dispute centered mainly on the interpretation of an indemnity clause in a Convertible Bond Subscription Agreement;

Restructuring & Insolvency

- Acted for Hyflux Ltd, a nationally strategic water treatment firm listed on the Singapore Exchange, and its subsidiaries in the restructuring of over S\$3 billion in debt. We successfully obtained a moratorium and a subsequent extension of the moratorium while negotiations surrounding the restructuring continue;
- Acted for one of Singapore’s leading ground engineering solutions providers, Ryobi Kiso (S) Pte Ltd in its restructuring via a scheme of arrangement in Singapore. We successfully obtained a moratorium under Section 211B of the Companies Act and are currently working with the company and its financial advisors to formulate a scheme proposal that will be acceptable to the creditors;
- Advised Miclyn Express Offshore Limited, a reputed provider of support vessels and project transportation solutions to the offshore oil and gas industry, on the restructuring of its existing indebtedness. The key existing debt of the Miclyn group are amounts outstanding under the Singapore law governed US\$150 million 8.75 percent senior secured guaranteed notes issued by a subsidiary of Miclyn and a Singapore law governed facility agreement between DBS Bank and certain members of the Miclyn group;
- Acted as Singapore counsel to EMAS Chiyoda Subsea Limited (a subsea joint venture between Mainboard-listed Ezra and conglomerates Chiyoda Corporation and Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha) and its subsidiaries in a US\$1.6 billion cross-border debt restructuring exercise;
- Acted for the Ad Hoc Committee of noteholders of Noble in relation to the financial restructuring of the Noble Group, a Hong Kong based commodities trader listed on the Singapore Exchange;

Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering

- Acted for a renowned property developer of a luxurious condominium project against the main contractor in an arbitration, under the arbitration rules of the Singapore Institute of Architects, in a dispute of approximately S\$33.6 million in relation to issues of extension of time, delay, variation works and defects;
- Acted for Penta-Ocean Construction Co Ltd in its joint venture with Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd and Boskalis International BV to carry out the design and construction for Tuas Terminal Reclamation, Wharf Construction and Dredging Phase 2

– Package 3 (“Works”) in Singapore. The JV was the Works by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (“MPA”) in April 2018, with a value of over S\$1.4 billion. WongPartnership’s involvement included reviewing the JV agreement and negotiating performance bonds as security for the respective JV partners’ obligations under the contract with MPA;

- Acted for the developer in an arbitration that was commenced by the main contractor whose employment had been terminated and was seeking from the developer some S\$37 million, in respect of the building and construction of a new condominium;

Energy, Projects & Construction

- Acted for a Singapore-listed multinational conglomerate in an international arbitration under the International Chamber of Commerce Rules against a state in the Middle East in relation to disputes and differences arising from the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a state-of-the-art integrated waste management facility which costs over US\$1 billion;
- Acted for and defended the main contractor, a subsidiary of a listed company, and its corporate officer in respect of the collapse of a viaduct under construction at Upper Changi Road East in July 2017, and in criminal proceedings brought by the Attorney-General’s Chambers, the Ministry of Manpower, and the Building and Construction Authority in relation to this incident. The matter is likely to have significant repercussions for the construction industry, especially in respect of contractors’, designers’, and corporate officers’ liability for workplace incidents;

• Advised on the project documentation for the Singapore-Johor Bahru Rapid Transit Link, a rail shuttle service that will run between Woodlands North station in Singapore and Bukit Chagar Station in Johor Bahru. This project is to be implemented under a Public Private Partnership model, and to be undertaken by a joint venture company to be formed by SMRT Corporation and a Malaysian entity;

• Acted for a main contractor in an SIAC arbitration against its subcontractor for claims of some S\$3.5 million and defending counterclaims of some S\$4 million in respect of civil, structural and architectural works carried out for a relocation of a pumphouse located at an airport facility project; and

• Successfully acted for a main contractor in resisting a \$9 million liquidated damages set-off in adjudication proceedings on the legal ground that the Employer’s Representative had failed to make a valid determination on the extension of time due to the main contractor.

Rankings

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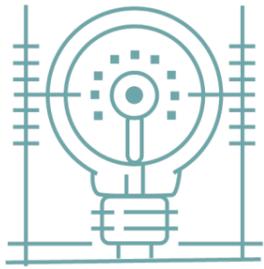
Intellectual Property, Technology, Media & Telecommunication, Data Protection and FinTech

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Intellectual Property, Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Data Protection and FinTech



An established leader in the market, our Intellectual Property, Technology, Media and Telecommunications (IPTMT), Data Protection and FinTech practices work with leading clients in a diverse range of sectors.

Advising on the full spectrum of intellectual property (IP) matters, our Intellectual Property Practice works with some of the region's best-known brand and IP rights owners. On the enforcement front, our team has acted on behalf of international rights protection agencies in the music and movie industries, assisting them with strategic initiatives for dealing with emerging IP issues. We also assist government regulators with the formulation of policies, licensing schemes and research projects.

In the technology space, we have worked on complex IT roll outs for major institutional clients (both customers and vendors), often for software systems which are mission critical, including banks, securities exchanges and financial institutions. On the media front, our clients include government media regulatory bodies, some of the world's best known content producers in the motion picture and music industries, as well as collecting societies and content protection agencies, television networks and other creative sector clients including filmmakers and song writers, producers and production houses, and project investors.

As a market leading firm in the Telecommunications sector, we advise major telecommunications companies and industry leaders on various commercial and regulatory issues arising under the Telecommunications Act and Telecom Competition Code. We have worked with some of the world's largest

telecommunications and network hardware companies, advising them on wholesale telecommunications customer agreements, equipment procurement, network roll-outs and competition/consolidation compliance.

On the Data Protection front, we have advised many large local and multinational clients on their data compliance obligations, including some of Singapore's largest banks, insurers, telecommunications, transport, media, hospitality, healthcare and property companies.

Our FinTech Practice is a multidisciplinary sector integrating financial services with innovative technology. Our leading lawyers and specialists in the fields of technology and media, financial regulation and compliance, intellectual property, capital markets, corporate mergers and acquisitions, tax and employment are able to assist clients holistically in all legal, transactional and regulatory aspects of FinTech. Whether it be a financial institution, FinTech provider, technology corporation, investor or venture capitalist, we are committed to building strategic long term relationships and partnerships with our clients, and to support them in the journey to shape the future of finance.

FinTech

- Advised Temasek Holdings, which together with returning investor GGV Capital, led the \$20 million Series B investment round raised by CashShield;
- Advised United Overseas Bank Limited in the strategic alliance with Grab to deliver payment services to Grab's ASEAN-wide user base;
- Advised various financial institutions on the implementation and roll-out of their e-payment solutions and digital wallets, including the national PayNow initiative;
- Advised Centrality, the blockchain-based marketplace platform, in its token generation event which raised US\$80 million in CENNZ tokens in 6 minutes;

IPTMT & Data Protection

- Advised Singapore Airlines Limited on its digital innovation projects, including its research collaboration with A*STAR, collaboration with NUS Enterprise to create a joint accelerator program, and advising on key IT projects under SIA's digital transformation plan;
- Advised a leading multinational technology company specialising in artificial intelligence and internet-related services on initiatives relating to the use of autonomous vehicles in Singapore;
- Advised various owners of critical infrastructure on cybersecurity and data protection related issues, as well as their compliance with their obligations under the Cybersecurity Act and Personal Data Protection Act;
- Advised Parkway Pantai on the integration of patient records with the move towards making available its patient records on the National Electronic Health Record system, including structuring arrangements to take into account the unique relationships between Parkway Pantai and parties such as its doctors working in their own specialist the provision of information from private specialist clinics;

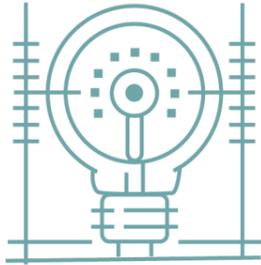
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Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for
Business 2019

“WongPartnership LLP stands out for providing exceptional quality work, with clear, concise advice executed in a timely fashion”

The Legal 500: Asia-Pacific
The Client's Guide to the Asia-Pacific
Legal Profession 2019

Intellectual Property, Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Data Protection and FinTech



- Advised a multinational conglomerate specialising in e-commerce and technology on its multi-million dollar collaboration with Nanyang Technological University, to establish a Joint Research Institute;
- Advised GoTruck (a subsidiary of Pan-United Corporation Ltd) in its development and launch of a resource sharing platform for the construction sector;
- Advised the National Arts Council on its various initiatives to promote and champion the arts in Singapore, including the appointment of the artistic team to represent Singapore at the 58th Venice Biennale; the introduction of the Singapore Producers Platform to nurture outstanding and committed individuals with a passion for production work; and the launch of “The Art and Consequence of Collaboration” with the Australian Network for Art & Technology and Experimenta, jointly organised by the National Arts Council, Culture Academy and Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay;
- Advised various multinational corporations on their global cybersecurity incidents and their engagements with the Personal Data Protection Commission and their customers;
- Advised Marriott International Inc. in a corporate restructuring exercise involving a review of its brand assets and hotel licensing & management agreements in Asia-Pacific;
- Advised DBS Bank Ltd. on the launch of PayNow for Corporates;
- Advised Pizza Hut on its collaboration with MasterCard to introduce humanoid robots at selected Pizza Hut’s outlets and for payment processing;
- Advised Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited on its strategic partnership with StarHub; and
- Advised Smithsonian Channel on channel licensing and carriage agreements in connection with its launch of the Smithsonian Channel outside of North America.

Rankings

Tier 1 in Copyright – Singapore

Managing Intellectual Property – IP Stars Handbook: Trade Mark, Copyright and Patents 2018

Tier 1 in Copyright – Singapore

ILO Client Choice Awards 2018

Recognised expertise in Telecommunications, Media & Technology – Singapore

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Recognised expertise in Intellectual Property and TMT – Singapore

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Specialised Practices

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Specialised Practices



WongPartnership's Specialised Practices comprise lawyers who are recognised experts in their fields. Our Specialised Practices contribute depth in the solutions and advice which we are able to provide to our clients in specialised areas ranging from corporate governance, tax to competition.

Our lawyers will be able to offer you the tailored, professional advice you require to conduct your business and affairs in Singapore and around the world.

Competition & Regulatory

Our Competition & Regulatory Practice is at the forefront of developments in competition policy, and we are well placed to lead clients through their relationships and dealings with government authorities. We take a lead role in any interaction with the Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS), handling all aspects of competition compliance in Singapore such as merger control analysis, confidential guidance and notifications to the CCS, as well as the coordination of multijurisdictional merger filings for our clients.

- Acted as Singapore counsel to Luxottica Group S.p.A. ("Luxottica") in relation to the merger control filing of the proposed multibillion-dollar merger between Luxottica and Essilor International (Compagnie Generale d'Optique) S.A. with the Competition Commission of Singapore;

- Acted for Nippon Chemi-Con Corporation and Singapore Chemi-con (Pte.) Ltd. ("SCC") in respect of the investigation by the Competition Commission of Singapore of SCC's involvement in cartel conduct with other Japanese suppliers of aluminium electrolytic capacitors;

Crime: Litigation, Investigations & Prosecution

Our Crime: Litigation, Investigations & Prosecution team is a dedicated commercial crime practice that handles corruption, financial market and securities offences, as well as technology crime, across all major industry sectors.

- Acted for Mr Ong Jenn in respect of criminal proceedings for drug-related proceedings in Singapore. The prosecution has proceeded on various different charges. One set of proceeded charges was for allegedly abetting the trafficking of cannabis in a conspiracy with an individual who was a seller of the drugs. Mr Ong claimed trial to these charges and the matter was heard before the State Courts in 2017;

- Acted for a Singapore-based oil trading company that was being investigated by both Singapore and foreign anti-corruption authorities in respect of allegations that employee(s) of the company may have been involved in cross-border corrupt practices. As external counsel, we conducted investigations and carried out witness interviews to ascertain facts, assess veracity of statements based on contemporaneous documents, advised on potential wrongdoing and/or liability, steps to be taken in relation to the various authorities and damage limitation, and reviewing and improving the corporate governance and processes of the client. The investigations spanned a number of years, and recently concluded with no criminal charges and/or further action having been laid against the client and/or any of its officers and employees;

- Advised a local company in relation to multi-jurisdictional corruption investigations involving the CPIB in Singapore and the FBI in the United States of America. The CPIB investigations in Singapore were commenced following investigations by the FBI into a multi-national company. Eventually, two officers/employees employed by that company were charged in the USA for engaging in a scheme to defraud the company through kickbacks from raw material suppliers. Our client was engaged in commodities trading with an annual turnover of about \$200 million. We were engaged to assist our client in relation to the ongoing investigations and we also conducted a review of the company's practices. Investigations were eventually ceased with no action taken against our client or any of its officers;

“They are responsive, practical and close to what’s happening in the market.”

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“WongPartnership LLP’s team is to the point and commercially minded and is a pleasure to deal with”

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Specialised Practices



Employment

Our Employment Practice is cross-disciplinary in nature and our team encompasses lawyers well-versed in corporate practice as well as disputes work. We draw on the best of both worlds in providing practical solutions for our clients in all aspects of employment law.

- Acted for Mr Ricardo Leiman and Rothschild Trust Guernsey Limited, in respect of their multi-million dollar claim against Noble Resources Limited and Noble Group Limited for unpaid dividends, bonuses, stock options and shares granted to Mr Leiman during his term as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer of the Noble Group;
- Advised Asahi Kasei Plastics Singapore Pte Ltd on a review of proposed changes to its collective agreement with the Chemical Industries Employees Union;
- Advised on transfer of employees and assets in Singapore, in connection with \$130 million acquisition by Microsemi Corporation of the high performance timing business of Vectron International, a Knowles Corporation subsidiary;
- Acted for SMRT to review its HR Disciplinary Procedures & Guidelines. SMRT employs about 9,500 people, and is the premier multi-modal land transport provider in Singapore. Its core businesses are in rail operations, maintenance and engineering as well as in bus, taxi and automotive services;

Private Wealth

Drawing on expertise from across our various practice groups, our Private Wealth Practice has been advising high net-worth individuals, families, international private banks and trust companies, foreign government officials and royalty from diverse nationalities and residencies over the years. Our focus is asset protection, succession and estate planning across generations, estate and trust administration, charitable giving and tax planning.

- Advised an ultra-high net worth individual (who has just exited her ownership of a bank) in the structuring of a trust and investing entity for the family's wealth, and assisting in the establishment of a family office in Singapore; obtaining the regulatory clearance from MAS for the underlying investing entity; and providing regulatory and legal advice as well as legal documentation to support the application to the MAS for the section 13X tax exemption scheme for the private investment fund structure to hold the family wealth;
- Acted for an individual, who is the beneficial owner of a group of multinational companies worth S\$1.5 billion to review the integrity of the trust structure set up previously for succession and asset protection, its durability and ability to withstand attacks by pending claims and divorce proceedings as well as the validity of the transfer of the assets into the trust;
- Acted as counsel for Tuyet Minh Pham in a dispute in the High Court of Singapore over a bank account held in the joint names of one Thomas Hooft (deceased) and herself. This dispute related to the beneficial ownership of the funds in the account;
- As a continuation of the structuring of the family trust for the client before the listing of the family's business in a REIT in Singapore, we acted for and advised the second generation of the family as to the set-up of their respective trusts for succession planning and asset protection. This entailed planning for family members, assets and income stream which are allocated in various jurisdictions;

Corporate Governance & Compliance

Our Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice provides a comprehensive suite of corporate governance and compliance services to public and private companies. We advise directors, board committees and management on their duties and responsibilities including corporate governance best practices and strategies.

- Advised Singapore Post Limited on the review of the circumstances surrounding the company's consideration and approval of the acquisition of a US e-commerce company, TradeGlobal Holdings Inc in November 2015 for around US\$170 million;
- Advised Next-Generation Satellite Communications Limited in relation to findings made in an investigation into its acquisition of Multi Skies Nusantara Limited and its subsidiaries, including on its continuing obligations under the Listing Rules and Companies Act;
- Advised the directors and former directors of a company listed on the Singapore Exchange in relation to potential breaches and offences pertaining to disclosure of material information;
- Advised an international bank on an incident occurring in Malaysia involving loss of customer data, in respect of potential issues under personal data protection legislation, banking legislation, and risk-management measures, as well as assisting in addressing queries from various regulatory authorities; and
- Assisted the Chinese subsidiary of a local listed company on an internal investigation into certain potentially questionable contracts with and payments made to three PRC entities.

Rankings

Tier 1 in Private Wealth and Tax – Singapore
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Employment Firm of the Year
Asian-Mena Counsel's Firms of the Year 2018

Employment Firm of the Year
Asia Legal Awards 2017

Highlights

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Highlights

2017/18 were two years of many firsts. As part of the firm's vision to innovate with technology, we were the first Singapore law firm to deploy artificial intelligence and document automation technology to enhance and innovate legal services for our valued clients. We launched our Start-Up / Venture Capital Practice and collaborated with NUS to organise the first LegalTech Competition. We led thought leadership seminars on various hot topics to include innovation and technology. We also celebrated our 25th Anniversary and introduced our regional network, WPG. It has been an exhilarating time for the firm and we look forward to greater achievements with the continued support of our clients, partners and friends.

Celebrating 25 years of growth and success

In 2017, WongPartnership marked 25 years in the legal profession with the official launch of WPG, a regional law network that brings together a group of five prominent law firms across seven countries in a collaboration to provide clients with legal services in ASEAN, China and the Middle East. The WPG law network comprises WongPartnership and its member firms Al Aidarous Advocates and Legal Consultants (Middle East), Foong & Partners (Malaysia), Makes & Partners (Indonesia) and ZGLaw (Philippines). The celebration was attended by clients, partners and friends.



Highlights

Taking the lead in artificial intelligence

WongPartnership was the first Singapore law firm to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) in 2017 through our adoption of an AI/machine learning based platform for the legal profession. The solution detects patterns across large volumes of contracts, enhancing due diligence and other contract review processes, thereby allowing our lawyers to focus their review on key documents and issues.

Leveraging technology to improve document creation

To further innovate with technology, we adopted an intelligent document automation software in 2017 that enables us to streamline the process of document creation so that our lawyers serve our clients with greater efficiency and effectiveness. We have also innovated our client service offerings to leverage such technologies to provide clients with more holistic legal solutions.

Managing data in this digital age

In July 2017, we hosted a seminar and discussion on the Consultation Paper issued by the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) of Singapore on Managing Personal Data in the Digital Economy. The PDPC has in the consultation proposed to introduce some far reaching changes to the PDPA, including mandatory breach notification, and allowing for notification to be the basis for collection, use and disclosure of personal data in certain circumstances. The seminar explored how businesses would be impacted by these changes, and the key issues that businesses may need to consider in response to the consultation.

Discovering trends in FinTech developments

Having been a firm supporter of the Singapore FinTech Festival since 2017, we have continued organising workshops as part of the Festival to provide key insights on current industry trends and the corresponding legal and regulatory developments. The discussions focussed on practical, legal and regulatory considerations which market entrants should consider as Singapore aspires to become a cashless society; the regulatory framework for data protection and cybersecurity; practical issues in relation to managing data; and the legal, regulatory and tax issues surrounding the use of ICOs as a form of fund raising. As part of the Singapore FinTech Festival 2018, WongPartnership hosted a workshop in November, where experts from WongPartnership as well as its WPG member firms from Indonesia and Philippines examined the latest trends and issues pertaining to start-up fundraising in Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines – from VC funding, P2P lending to ICOs.



Our Partners hosting a FinTech workshop together with partners from our WPG member firms from Indonesia and Philippines.



WongPartnership's Managing Partner, Mr Ng Wai King, with DBS' Head Group Legal, Compliance & Secretariat, Mr Lam Chee Kin, and the winners of the LegalTech Competition.

Improving access to legal aid

Last year, we collaborated with NUS Law to organise the inaugural LegalTech Competition, "Code for a Cause", an initiative which seeks to use technology to improve access to legal aid. The competition garnered interest from 18 teams of law, business, computing and engineering students to develop a legal technology platform or solution that can help one or more groups of beneficiaries of the Pro Bono Group in NUS. The finale saw five teams walk away with cash prizes for their commendable efforts and innovation. The top prize went to a team of law and engineering students who came together to create a chat bot via Facebook Messenger, designed to respond to legal questions posed by migrant workers in a variety of languages.

Fostering growth in the start-up and venture capital ecosystem

As part of WongPartnership's efforts to foster growth in the start-ups and venture capital eco-system in Singapore, we launched our new Start-Up / Venture Capital Practice last year, which brings together expertise from various practice groups to offer comprehensive advice to clients in this area. We are also part of the core working group for Venture Capital Investment Model Agreements, an initiative by the Singapore Academy of Law's Promotion of Singapore Law Committee and the Singapore Venture Capital & Private Equity Association to allow early stage financing deals to be consummated more quickly.

Highlights



New protocol to help manage disputes

Our Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Partners Christopher Chuah and Candy Agnes Sutedja were part of the working group behind the development of the Singapore Infrastructure Dispute-Management Protocol last year. The new protocol was launched by the Ministry of Law to help parties involved in mega infrastructure projects manage disputes and minimise time and cost overruns.



Understanding Singapore's New Cybersecurity Act

Singapore's Cybersecurity Act ("CSA") was passed on 5 February 2018. The CSA establishes a new regulatory framework addressing critical information infrastructure (CII), as well as computers or computer systems interconnected with these CIIs, imposing new compliance obligations such as audit and notification requirements. Our Partner, Lam Chung Nian, led an interactive discussion on Singapore's new Cybersecurity Act. Participants found answers to various questions such as how businesses needed to comply with cybersecurity incident reporting, new offences under the CSA and penalties for non-compliance.



Bonding over durians and history

WongPartnership held its second Alumni event last year that saw our Alumni members come together for an evening of feasting and catching up with old friends. The event was held at the House of Tan Yeok Nee, a 17th century traditional Chinese mansion and also a national monument. Many had the opportunity to tour the mansion while learning more about its heritage and how it came to be a heritage site after its restoration following the ravages of World War II. Others had fun at a photo booth, indulged in traditional ice cream and local fare, while durian fans revelled in delectable durians.

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