



**P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE**  
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**Marina Bay Financial Centre, 25th Floor, Tower 3, 12 Marina Boulevard  
Singapore 018982**

08:30 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Opening proceedings</b>
	<p><b>Opening remarks from Robert G. Pickel</b> Chair, P.R.I.M.E. Finance Management Board; Affiliate, Rutter Associates LLC (New York); Board Member, DROIT Financial Technologies LLC; former Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice Chairman and General Counsel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA); P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>Welcome from Nish Shetty</b> Nish Shetty is Head of Clifford Chance Asia's* International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practice in Asia Pacific and is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners in the region. He has advised on many complex cross-jurisdictional disputes for 29 years, including litigations and arbitrations across Asia, Europe and the US. Nish is on the panel of arbitrators of the key arbitral institutions. He is the founder and ex-chairman of the SIAC's Users Council; the Co-Chair of the Council of Arbitration of MCIA and the first in Asia to be appointed as a Judge of Appeal on the FIA International Court of Appeal in Paris. He is qualified in Singapore and in both England &amp; Wales. *Clifford Chance Asia is a Formal Law Alliance in Singapore between Clifford Chance Pte Ltd and Cavenagh Law LLP.</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks by Jeffrey Golden KC (Hon)</b> Founder and Chair Emeritus of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation; Chair of P.R.I.M.E. Finance Advisory Board; Honorary Fellow and Governor Emeritus, London School of Economics; Member and former Joint Head of Chambers, 3 Hare Court; retired founding partner of Allen &amp; Overy LLP's US law practice; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Crypto winter or is it all sunshine in Asia?</b>
	<p>This panel will cover the approach to digital asset regulation, recent developments including developing case law in the APAC region, potential areas for disputes such as enforceability and valuation, and automation.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Scott Farrell</b> Adjunct Professor, UNSW Sydney. Dr Scott Farrell has more than 25 years' experience in the legal and policy of financial markets and systems. He was formerly a senior partner of King &amp; Wood Mallesons, Chair of the Australian Government's Fintech Advisory Group and leader of various governmental inquiries and reviews. He serves on</p>

	<p>the Payments Systems Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia. He is a P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Douglas W. Arner</b> is the Kerry Holdings Professor in Law and RGC Senior Research Fellow in Digital Finance and Sustainable Development at the University of Hong Kong, where he is also a Senior Fellow of the Asia Global Institute, Associate Director of the HKU-Standard Chartered Foundation FinTech Academy and a Member of the Management Committee of the Techno-Entrepreneurship Core. He is a non-executive director of NASDAQ and Euronext listed early-stage biotechnology development firm Aptorum Group, co-founder and an executive board member of the Asia Pacific Structured Finance Association, and a PRIME Finance Expert. His newest book, FinTech: Finance, Technology, Regulation is due out in November 2023 with Cambridge University Press (Ross Buckley and Dirk Zetsche).</p> <p><b>Akber Datto</b> Founder and CEO at D2LT, a global legal data consultancy advising firms on the use of technology and data to unlock business value through legal change. His work includes developing standards for legal agreement and opinion digitisation for ISDA, ISLA and ICMA. He sits on the Law Society’s Technology Law Committee, chairing the digital assets and smart contracts sub-committee. He is author of the Wiley textbook on Legal Data for Banking, co-editor of the Wiley LegalTech book and a professor at the University of Surrey. He is also a P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>Urszula McCormack</b> Partner and digital economy regulatory specialist at King &amp; Wood Mallesons (Sydney/Hong Kong). Urszula advises global banks, technology companies, crypto firms and payment institutions on new products, cross-border transactions, financial services licensing, data-sharing and compliance. Urszula has also advised several governments and multilaterals on designing robust digital economy legal frameworks across multiple Asia-Pacific markets. Urszula is especially well known for building global digital ecosystems and leading major multi-stakeholder projects involving commercial banks and central banks. She is a P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>Janet Thomas</b> Managing Director, Global Head of Strategic Platform Partnerships at Standard Chartered Bank; Non-Executive Director, Visionable; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Geopolitical tension and the risk to markets</b>
	<p>Geopolitical tensions are rising throughout the world, including in Asia. These tensions could erupt at any time into war or other types of heightened conflict, such as cyberwarfare, economic warfare or “grey zone” attacks, leading to enormous implications for financial markets, financial contracts, and financial market dispute settlement.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <p><b>Aaron Connelly</b> Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Politics and Foreign Policy, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Singapore. Aaron Connelly leads IISS research on Southeast Asian political change and foreign policy. Based in the Singapore</p>

	<p>office, he writes, commissions and edits research on Southeast Asian politics and foreign policy, and leads a series of roundtables and events on these subjects throughout the region. He is a frequent commentator in the press on Southeast Asian politics and foreign policy, with his analysis featured in the New York Times, Financial Times, Washington Post, BBC, CNN, Reuters, AFP, and elsewhere.</p>
12:00 – 1:00	<p><b>The impact of inflation, monetary policy, geo-political tensions and regulatory changes on markets and the potential for disruption and disputes</b></p>
	<p>Inflation, monetary policy, geo-political tensions, the recovery from COVID-19, and regulatory changes have been impacting the economies and financial markets of the APAC region and the rest of the world. This panel of speakers from China, Japan, the Philippines, and Singapore will discuss these trends and the potential for them to cause disruption and disputes in the financial markets.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Rick Grove</b> P.R.I.M.E. Finance Management Board; Chief Executive Officer and Partner, Rutter Associates LLC (New York); former Fixed Income and Commodity Derivatives Executive, Bank of America and Paribas Capital Markets; former Chief Executive Officer, ISDA; former lawyer, Cravath, Swaine &amp; Moore (New York and London); P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>John Ho</b> Head of Legal, Financial Markets, Standard Chartered Bank; Financial Stability Board’s Taskforce Member on Legal, Regulatory and Supervisory Frameworks; FIA Asia Pacific Advisory Board Member; Co-Chair of the ISDA South East Asia Legal &amp; Regulatory Committee and the ISDA Asia Pacific ESG Working Group; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert.</p> <p><b>TG Limcaoco</b> is the President and CEO of Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), the first bank in Southeast Asia and one of the Philippines’ largest. He is also currently the president of the Bankers Association of the Philippines and Chairman of Philippine Payments Management Inc which oversees the Philippine payments system. He was formerly the CFO of Ayala Corporation. He has held former positions with BZW Asia and JP Morgan. He has an MBA from the Wharton School of Pennsylvania and a BS in Mathematical Sciences (Honors Program) from Stanford University.</p> <p><b>Amane Oshima</b> President &amp; CEO, Fund Corporation for the Overseas Development of Japan’s ICT and Postal Services (Japan ICT Fund); former President &amp; CEO of Mizuho-DL Financial Technology Co., Ltd; former Co-Head of Global Markets Division of Mizuho Bank and Deputy Head of Global Markets Company of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.</p> <p><b>Melody Wang</b> Lead, Disputes and Investigation Practice at Shanghai Lang Yue Law Firm in joint operation with Allen &amp; Overy LLP; Listed arbitrator with Hong Kong International Arbitration Center. Melody is dual qualified in the PRC and the United States (New York) and focuses her practice on complex financial disputes and investigations. She regularly appears before PRC courts and government regulators on</p>

	financial matters and is also routinely engaged as a PRC law expert in foreign litigation and arbitration proceedings in connection with PRC legal issues.
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Group picture and lunch break</b>
2:00 – 2:30	<b>Keynote remarks: Minister Edwin Tong SC</b>
	<p><b>Mr Edwin Tong SC</b> is Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Law. He is also Chairman of the Chinese Community Liaison Group, and Deputy Chairman of the People’s Association.</p> <p>At the Ministry of Law, he focuses on the development and promotion of Singapore’s legal and dispute resolution sector, including the Singapore Convention on Mediation. He also handles wide-ranging aspects of law reform, such as intellectual property, corporate restructuring and insolvency, and legal aid.</p> <p>Before taking office, Mr Tong spent his entire working life at Allen &amp; Gledhill LLP. In that time, he was concurrently Head of the Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency Department, Co-Head of the Litigation &amp; Dispute Resolution Department, and a member of the Exco. He was widely acknowledged to be a leading lawyer of the Singapore Bar and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2015.</p>
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Innovative trends in arbitration: How is Asia leading the way?</b>
	<p>This session will explore current procedural and substantive topics of note, such as: the role of the tribunal adviser; recent court decisions; and how new technologies are impacting arbitration.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Nish Shetty</b> is Head of Clifford Chance Asia's International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practice in Asia Pacific and is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners in the region. He has advised on many complex cross-jurisdictional disputes for 29 years, including litigations and arbitrations across Asia, Europe and the US. Nish is on the panel of arbitrators of the key arbitral institutions. He is the founder and ex-chairman of the SIAC’s Users Council; the Co-Chair of the Council of Arbitration of MCIA and the first in Asia to be appointed as a Judge of Appeal on the FIA International Court of Appeal in Paris. He is qualified in Singapore and in both England &amp; Wales.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Colin Ong KC</b> is a Chartered Arbitrator; Civil Law professor; and Brunei/Singapore lawyer. <i>Who’s Who Legal</i> ranks him <i>Thought Leader</i> in Arbitration/ Construction/ Litigation. He is the 1st ASEAN practising lawyer to be a Queen’s Counsel (now King’s Counsel). <i>Legal 500 English Bar (Asia-Pacific)</i> ranks him a Tier-1 English Silk in Energy/ Construction. He has sat as arbitrator or acted as counsel in over 370 arbitrations across the world. <i>Who’s Who Legal</i> describes him as “<i>One of the most highly regarded arbitration practitioners in Asia. He is extremely well known as arbitrator and counsel.</i>”</p>

	<p><b>Jelita Pandjaitan</b> Partner, Asia Head of Litigation, Arbitration &amp; Investigations at Linklaters Singapore; Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert. She is admitted in Hong Kong and Australia and is fluent in English, with proficiency in Bahasa Indonesia.</p> <p><b>Dr. Túlio Di Giacomo Toledo</b> is Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA); PCA Representative in Singapore. He heads the PCA’s Singapore Office and provides legal and administrative support to arbitral tribunals and parties in PCA proceedings. He is regularly called upon to assist in the PCA’s diplomatic work with its contracting parties and other intergovernmental organisations. Before joining the PCA in 2015, he clerked at the International Court of Justice and worked as a practicing lawyer in Brazil.</p>
3:30 – 4:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
4:00 – 5:00	<b>Insolvency law reform</b>
	<p>Amidst bank failures and a rising risk of global recession, this panel will discuss whether the time is ripe for insolvency law reforms to be considered a priority on the policy agenda across Asia and beyond. This session will reflect on the current financial climate and examine the effect of insolvency law reforms on economic and financial activity.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Camilla Macpherson</b> Head of Secretariat, P.R.I.M.E. Finance; Fellow, CIArb; guest lecturer on the University of Leiden’s International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration advanced master’s programme; and member of the International Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Ang</b> Managing Partner and Vice-Chairman of Rajah &amp; Tann, Singapore. Patrick has three decades of expertise handling contentious and non-contentious matters. His areas of expertise include corporate restructuring and insolvency, acting for financial institutions and companies in high-profile landmark cases including Lehman brothers, Nortel Networks and Swiber.</p> <p><b>Andrew Chan</b> Partner at Allen &amp; Gledhill LLP, Singapore. Andrew is a specialist in dispute resolution (court and arbitration), trusts and insolvency. He has given expert evidence in foreign courts and in arbitrations, and has mediated insolvency disputes. Andrew has represented Sri Lanka as Singapore counsel in an investment treaty arbitration. Andrew is consistently listed as a leading restructuring and insolvency lawyer in all major legal directories. In October 2011, Andrew was presented the “Minister for Law Outstanding Volunteer Award”, the highest volunteer award for individuals given by the Ministry of Law Singapore, for providing expertise and helping shape insolvency practice in Singapore.</p> <p><b>Rishi Hindocha</b> Partner, Allen &amp; Overy Singapore. Rishi has experience advising on restructuring, insolvency and financing matters in a wide range of industries and jurisdictions. Before joining Allen &amp; Overy’s Singapore office, Rishi was based in</p>

	<p>London with Allen &amp; Overy’s award winning London restructuring practice group and advised on some of the largest and most complex cross-border financings and restructurings. Rishi was voted a Rising Star at the 2023 IFLR Asia Pacific Awards, a Rising Star in the 2022 Global Restructuring Review 40 under 40 and featured in INSOL International’s 2022 Young Practitioner Spotlight.</p> <p><b>Sushil Nair</b> Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Co-Head, Corporate Restructuring &amp; Workouts at Drew &amp; Napier LLC, Singapore.</p>
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5:00 – 5:30	<b>Closing Remarks, including briefing on P.R.I.M.E. Finance work on capital markets development in Asia</b>
5:30 – 7:00	<b>Cocktail reception</b>

*Agenda subject to change*