

Stephanie Keen

Office Managing Partner
Singapore

Biography

With the benefit of international experience, and vast regional knowledge, Stephanie knows how to get the job done. Adopting a direct and straightforward manner, Stephanie applies her no-nonsense approach in her role as Singapore Managing Partner while leading the Corporate practice in South East Asia and Australia and the Private Equity practice in Asia Pacific and the Middle East. Stephanie has been based in Singapore since 2009.

Recognised as one of few leading private equity lawyers in Asia, Stephanie is praised by clients for being very good at looking at the bigger picture. She is particularly adept at closing international deals in complex Asian markets, adopting a focused approach whilst being alert to cultural nuances.

Time spent in London and New York advising large corporations and private equity houses ensures that Stephanie gets what is important when looking at investment opportunities, particularly from commercial and risk appetite perspectives. Stephanie's legal representation spans advising corporates, lenders, and private equity houses on leveraged buy-outs, cross-border transactions, mergers and acquisitions, equity offerings, and corporate restructurings.

Stephanie is a dynamic supporter of diversity and



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Languages

English

Practices

Commercial

Corporate Governance

Employment

Investment Funds

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

citizenship in the work place, recognising its importance both locally as well as to the global firm. Stephanie heads up the diversity committee in Singapore, sits on the firm's global diversity committee and most recently has been appointed regional head for diversity in Asia Pacific for the firm's corporate practice group.

Stephanie is practical, efficient, uncompromising, and results-oriented. Frequently praised for her extraordinary combination of work ethic, judgement, and diplomacy, Stephanie is the trusted advisor clients want sitting on their side of the table in negotiations.

Representative experience

Walmart Inc. on the US\$16 billion acquisition of a 77 percent majority stake in Flipkart Private Limited, the prominent Indian e-commerce marketplace company.

PayPal on a US\$125 million investment into Pine Labs, India's largest retail payment platform, alongside Temasek (the sovereign wealth fund of the Singapore government).

eBay Inc. on its acquisition of the Japan business of Giosis Pte Ltd., an e-commerce marketplace company.

Navis Capital Partners, an Asian private equity firm, on the sale of its controlling stake in MFS Technology, a flexible printed circuit board solutions provider in Singapore, Malaysia, and China.

Navis Capital Partners on the acquisition of a major stake in a denim and garment manufacturer in South East Asia headquartered in Vietnam.

Consumer
Education
Financial Institutions
Life Sciences and Health Care
TMT

Areas of focus

Bolt-ons
Buy Outs
Co-investments
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
Exits
Fashion and Luxury Brands
Management Incentive Plans
Management Teams
Private Equity and Venture Capital
Real Estate Funds
Retail and Consumer Goods
Secondaries
Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs
Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions
Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense
Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances
Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions
Sovereign Investors
International Programs

Navis Capital Partners on its acquisition of an 80% equity stake in ISA Industrial Limited, from ISA's shareholders, CNS Holdings Limited, and Schweizer Leder Beteiligungs GmbH.

Conergy, the largest downstream solar power project developer, on its Singapore joint venture with Astronergy, a PRC solar panel manufacturer and ongoing projects managed by the joint venture.

Volaris Group Inc. on the acquisition of Tarantula Global Holdings Pte. Ltd. a Singapore based provider of telecom site management software, operating primarily from its with subsidiaries in India.

Dell in a US\$3.055 billion deal to sell its global information technology services division, Dell Services, to NTT Data.

OCK Group Berhad and CapAsia ASEAN Infrastructure Fund III L.P on the acquisition of Southeast Asia Telecommunications Holdings Limited from VinaCapital.

GE Healthcare on its US\$1.065 billion acquisition of three healthcare business lines from Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.

Henderson Group plc on the establishment of TIAA Henderson Global Real Estate.

Koch Industries on the reorganization of its Asia entities following its US\$7.2bn acquisition of Molex Incorporated.

Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, and Unitas Capital on sale of Metalform Group, precision metal component business in Singapore, to MMI Holdings,

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Education and admissions

Education

Master of Arts, University of Cambridge, St John's College, 2001

Postgraduate Diploma (Legal Practice), The College of Law, 1995

Bachelor of Arts, University of Cambridge, St John's College, 1994

Memberships

Law Society of England and Wales

Singapore Venture Capital Association

Asian Venture Capital Association

Singapore Law Society

British Chamber of Commerce

Court admissions

England and Wales

Accolades

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Chambers Asia Pacific

Stephanie is described by a client as

KKR owned entity.

News Corporation on the acquisition of ESPN's 50% equity interest in ESPN STAR Sports ("ESS"), giving News Corporation full ownership of ESS.

Awards and rankings

- Corporate/M&A: International (Singapore), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Power Players: Women Leading in Law, 2018
- Leading Individual Corporate/M&A International, *Chambers Asia*, 2012-2018
- Leading Individual Corporate and M&A - Foreign Firms, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2012-2018
- Leading Individual M&A and Private Equity, *IFLR1000 Asia Pacific*, 2012-2018
- Managing Partner of the Year, *Asian Legal Business South East Asia*, 2016

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Doing business – Consumer sector
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Watch: Understanding Singapore's Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Business integrity for consumer companies
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Off to the races: The commencement of the Payment Services Act *Corporate Alert*
- News
 - Doing Business in Singapore: Consumer Sector – IP
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Doing Business in Singapore: Consumer Sector

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Chambers Asia Pacific, 2018

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Chambers Asia Pacific, 2018

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Chambers Asia-Pacific 2019

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Chambers Asia 2015
