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SIAC Welcomes New YSIAC Council and Co-Chairs

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) is pleased to welcome the new Young SIAC (YSIAC) Council and Co-Chairs.

Mr Benson Lim and Ms Jennifer Lim will serve as the new Co-Chairs of the YSIAC Council. Both had formerly served as APAC Regional Leads on the YSIAC Council.

YSIAC is a global platform for young arbitration practitioners to forge deep international networks, develop their arbitration practices, and build thought leadership in the arbitration community. The YSIAC Council is the central steering and co-ordinating body for YSIAC, and is led by Co-Chairs, with regional committees in APAC, Americas, and EMEA led by Regional Leads.

Nine new members will join the YSIAC Council, and will serve for a two-year term. These new members are: Ms Tine Abraham, Mr Kingshuk Banerjee, Ms Fatima Ghaith, Mr Alan Li, Mr Liu Xin, Ms Zeina Obeid, Mr Xing Chengdong, Ms Mariana Zhong and Ms Zhu Yixuan. Selected YSIAC Council members will take on roles as Regional Leads.

The YSIAC Council comprises a diverse group of lawyers, arbitrators, academics, and in-house counsel from 29 jurisdictions. The members of the new YSIAC Council are set out below:

Table 1: YSIAC Council Members

S/N	Name	Organisation	Jurisdiction	Role
1	Mr Benson Lim	Simmons & Simmons	Singapore	Co-Chair
2	Ms Jennifer Lim	Sidley Austin LLP	Singapore	Co-Chair
3	Ms Mariana Zhong	Hui Zhong Law Firm	China	APAC lead
4	Mr Kingshuk Banerjee	Khaitan & Co	India	APAC lead
5	Ms Kate Lan	Carey Olsen	Singapore	APAC lead
6	Ms Hiroko Yamamoto	King & Spalding	USA	Americas lead
7	Ms Khushboo Shahdadpuri	Al Tamimi & Company	UAE	EMEA lead
8	Mr David Hu	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP	UK	EMEA lead
9	Ms Zara Eleanor Sadler Shafruddin	Jones Day	Australia	APAC member
10	Mr Alan Li	Jincheng Tonda & Neal	China	APAC member
11	Mr Xing Chengdong	Rajah & Tann	China	APAC member

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12	Mr Haomin (Michael) Zhang	Zhong Lun Law Firm	China	APAC member
13	Ms Zhu Yixuan	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	China	APAC member
14	Mr Liu Xin	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	China/Hong Kong SAR	APAC member
15	Mr Matthew Townsend	Reed Smith	Hong Kong SAR	APAC member
16	Ms Tine Abraham	Trilegal	India	APAC member
17	Ms Sushmita Gandhi	IndusLaw	India	APAC member
18	Mr Anirudh Krishnan	AK Law Chambers	India	APAC member
19	Mr Krishnayan Sen	Independent Practitioner	India	APAC member
20	Mr Simon Barrie Sasmoyo Adiwidagdo	Assegaf Hamzah & Partners	Indonesia	APAC member
21	Ms Debby Sulaiman	Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung	Indonesia	APAC member
22	Mr Gai Matsushita	Nishimura & Asahi	Japan	APAC member
23	Mr Masataka Sato	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Japan	APAC member
24	Ms Lexi Takamatsu	Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	Japan	APAC member
25	Ms Jocelyn Lim Yean Tse	Skrine	Malaysia	APAC member
26	Ms Lilien Wong	Shearn Delamore & Co	Malaysia	APAC member
27	Mr Dranyl Jared P. Amoroso	Quisumbing Torres	Philippines	APAC member
28	Mr Daniel Soriano Hofileña	Kalaw Prasad and Hofileña Law	Philippines	APAC member
29	Mr Brandon Bang	Shin & Kim	Republic of Korea	APAC member
30	Mr Arie Chase Eernisse	Peter & Kim	Republic of Korea	APAC member
31	Ms Hyunyang Koo	Lee & Ko	Republic of Korea	APAC member
32	Mr Seokchun Yun	Peter & Kim	Republic of Korea	APAC member
33	Ms Asiyah Arif	Providence Law Asia LLC	Singapore	APAC member
34	Mr Daniel Gaw	WongPartnership LLP	Singapore	APAC member
35	Mr Ashish Kabra	Nishith Desai Associates	Singapore	APAC member
36	Ms Yi-Jun Kang	Morrison Foerster	Singapore	APAC member
37	Mr Lau Chee Chong	Omni Bridgeway (Singapore) Pte Limited	Singapore	APAC member
38	Ms Margaret Joan Ling	Allen & Gledhill LLP	Singapore	APAC member
39	Mr Calvin Qiu	Berkeley Research Group	Singapore	APAC member
40	Mr Aditya Singh	White & Case LLP	Singapore	APAC member

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41	Ms Jae Hee Suh	A&O Shearman	Singapore	APAC member
42	Ms Sarocha Thongperm	The Capital Law Office	Thailand	APAC member
43	Mr Nguyen Ngoc Minh	Dzungsr & Associates	Vietnam	APAC member
44	Ms Minh, Nguyen Thi Thanh	ACS Legal Vietnam Company Limited	Vietnam	APAC member
45	Mr Santiago Peña	Bomchil	Argentina	Americas member
46	Ms Heloisa do Amaral	LealCotrim Advogados	Brazil	Americas member
47	Mr Gustavo Kulesza	BMA Advogados	Brazil	Americas member
48	Ms Victoria Demarchi	Jana & Gil Dispute Resolution	Chile	Americas member
49	Mr Jose Ignacio Azar Denecken	Cariola Diez Perez-Cotapos	Chile	Americas member
50	Ms Ana María Rincón	Rincón Castro Abogados	Colombia	Americas member
51	Mr Martin Chocano	Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados	Peru	Americas member
52	Mr Viren Mascarenhas	Milbank LLP	USA	Americas member
53	Ms Charlene Valdez Warner	Linklaters LLP	USA	Americas member
54	Mr Oleg Volodin	Resolut	Cyprus	EMEA member
55	Mr Franz D. Kaps	Baker McKenzie	Germany	EMEA member
56	Mr Flavio Ponzano	ArbLit	Italy	EMEA member
57	Mr Soufiane Elahmadi	Cabinet Elahmadi d'arbitrage	Morocco	EMEA member
58	Ms Ngozi Efobi	Greenville Liquefied Natural Gas Co. Limited	Nigeria	EMEA member
59	Mr Chinedum Umeche	Banwo & Ighodalo	Nigeria	EMEA member
60	Ms Sofia Elena Cozac	Stratulat Albulescu SPARL	Romania	EMEA member
61	Mr Yan Kalish	Rybalkin, Gortsunyan, Dyakin & Partners	Russia	EMEA member
62	Ms Fatima Ghaith	Weatherford	Saudi Arabia	EMEA member
63	Mr Sebastiano Nessi	Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle	Switzerland	EMEA member
64	Ms Artemis Malliaropoulou	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	The Netherlands	EMEA member
65	Ms Zeina Obeid	Obeid & Partners	UAE	EMEA member
66	Ms Yasmin Bailey	Vinson & Elkins RLLP	UK	EMEA member
67	Mr Gerald Leong	Herbert Smith Freehills LLP	UK	EMEA member

In 2023, the former YSIAC Committee was restructured as the YSIAC Council to strengthen engagement, enhance outreach, and increase opportunities for ground-up initiatives. To facilitate the transition, selected members had continued their term on the YSIAC Council for an additional year, and will now be stepping down.

SIAC would like to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to the following outgoing YSIAC Council members for their dedication, commitment and unstinting support.

Table 2: Outgoing YSIAC Council Members

S/N	Name	Organisation	Jurisdiction
1	Ms Wendy Lin	WongPartnership LLP	Singapore
2	Mr Daryl Chew	Three Crowns LLP	Singapore
3	Ms Kate Apostolova	Clifford Chance	Singapore
4	Mr Samuel Leong	SIAC	Singapore
5	Mr Justin Rassi	Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	USA
6	Ms Adriana Uson	SIAC	USA
7	Ms Marina Zenkova	Independent Practitioner	UAE
8	Ms Dharshini Prasad	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	UK
9	Ms Vicky Zhao	JunHe LLP	China
10	Mr David Gu	JunHe LLP	China
11	Ms Sherlin Tung	Withersworldwide	Hong Kong SAR
12	Ms Sharon Chong	Skrine	Malaysia
13	Mr Paul Tan	Gibson Dunn	Singapore
14	Mr Kartikey Mahajan	Khaitan & Co	Singapore
15	Ms Monisha Cheong	WongPartnership LLP	Singapore
16	Ms Lijun Chui	Bird & Bird ATMD LLP	Singapore
17	Mr Ng Si Ming	Chua & Partners	Singapore
18	Ms Wonyoung (Karyn) Yoo	Kim & Chang	Republic of Korea/USA
19	Mr Warathorn Wongsawangsiri	Herbert Smith Freehills	Thailand
20	Mr Pham Minh Thang	YKVN LLP	Vietnam/Singapore
21	Mr Sergio Nascimento	Sergio Bermudes Advogados	Brazil
22	Ms Sonali Mathur	Independent Practitioner	USA
23	Mr Rahul Donde	RD Dispute Resolution	Switzerland
24	Mr Nicholas Poon	BreakPoint LLC	UK/Singapore

Ms Gloria Lim, CEO of SIAC, said: “We are delighted to welcome talented and dynamic individuals to the YSIAC Council. I would like to express our appreciation to the outgoing Co-Chairs, Daryl and Wendy, and retiring members for their dedication and contributions. I look forward to working with the new Co-Chairs, Benson and Jennifer, to continue to develop YSIAC as a global platform for young arbitration practitioners to get involved in the arbitration community, grow their careers and networks, and share their knowledge and expertise.”

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