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## OVERVIEW

Edward Bennett is a partner at the firm's Singapore office. He is a member of the Asset Management and Investment Funds practice. Ed counsels on a wide range of corporate and business transactional matters, including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, secondary buyout, and refinancing. Ed's experience includes advising on the formation of private equity buyout, infrastructure and debt funds, secondary transfers of fund interests, as well as subsequent closings and the structuring of a number of carried interest schemes. He works with fund managers and institutional investors across the globe on the structuring, establishment, and commitments to these funds.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ed has worked across Asia since 2011 after relocating from London. Prior to joining the firm, Ed served as a partner at the Singapore office of an American multinational law firm. Through this role, Ed counseled clients on a wide range of corporate and business transactional matters, including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, secondary buyout, and refinancing. Ed has recently been advising on the investor and target side on Singapore and U.S. based seed financings in addition to other venture capital investments, particularly in the life sciences and fintech sectors.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recommended, Investment Funds: Local Firms, Singapore, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2020, 2021)
- Recommended, Corporate and M&A: Local Firms, Singapore, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2019)

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Practice Group of the Year, Asset Management, Law360 (2017)
- Member, Singapore Venture Capital Association

## EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, College of Law of England & Wales, 1999
- LL.B., Downing College, Cambridge, 1998

## ADMISSIONS

- Foreign Practitioner permitted to practice Singapore Law (commercial, corporate finance and corporate) and foreign law in Singapore
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- April 2024 , Global Survey of ESG Regulations for Asset Managers
- April 2024, ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 14 March 2024, Singapore Tax: Implications of Section 10L on Investment Funds
- 6 March 2024, Driving Investment in Decarbonisation
- 6 November 2023, Singapore: MAS Consults on Simplified Regulatory Framework for Fund Managers
- 20 October 2023, Singapore: Updates to Tax Incentives for Single Family Offices
- 20 October 2023, S\$2 Billion Money Laundering Case Threatens Singapore's Reputation
- 12 April 2023, Singapore: MAS Publishes Observations From Inspection of Venture Capital Fund Managers
- 16 March 2023, Singapore: Financial Institution Guidance to Enhance Vigilance Over Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing
- 28 April 2022, How to Successfully Expand in Asia

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Singapore Investment Activities: Legal Perspective," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 26 October 2023
- Co-Author, "Expert Briefing: Investment Activities in Singapore: A Legal Perspective," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 19 October 2023

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 October 2021, 2021 Investment Management Conference

- 06 September 2021, K&L Gates Straits Law LLC Adds Funds Partner in Singapore

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "APAC Fund Manager Briefing: Current Top of Mind Issues to Ponder On," *AIMA.org*, 11 March 2022

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Transactions