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China: Banking & Finance (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	2	3	Fred Chang Li Xiaoming Stephen Payne	Fred Chang Li Xiaoming Stephen Payne	–
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP operates a strong, three-partner practice in Beijing comprising Fred Chang, Li Xiaoming and Steve Payne, who transferred to Beijing from the firm's Washington office in August 2006. The team reports an increase in advising Chinese banks on outbound financing, advising on 36 such facilities in 2006 for China Development Bank alone, while it also boasts considerable restructuring and insolvency expertise. A standout deal involved advice to Deutsche Bank and Citigroup on a range of facilities – with an aggregate value approaching US\$2bn – to finance Aleris International's acquisition of the aluminium-rolled products of Corus Group.</p>						

China: Capital Markets (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	4	2	4	–	–	–

China: Corporate/FDI (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	4	4	5	John Leary (NEW) Fred Chang (NEW)	Xiaoming Li	Xiaoming Li
Editorial						
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At White & Case LLP, John Leary advised Publicis on its acquisition of Emotion Asia Pacific, while the arrival of Fred Chang from King & Wood boosted the team's investment fund expertise.

China : Dispute Resolution (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3 (UP)	4	3	4	–	Kim Rooney Li Xiaoming	–

China: Projects (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	3	Li Xiaoming Steve Payne (NEW)	Li Xiaoming	Xiaoming Li Hallam Chow
Editorial						
White & Case LLP's main area of strength is project finance, with Li Xiaoming's energy and infrastructure project practice benefiting from the relocation of Steve Payne from Washington.						

China: TMT (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	2	3	–	John Leary Xiaoming Li Kenneth Ellis	John Leary

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China: Tax (Foreign Firms)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1 (NEW)	–	–	1	–	–	–
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP offers value-added tax advisory work. It advised a US-based consumer goods company in negotiating preferential tax treatment for its investments in China, conducted a Hong Kong and China tax compliance study for a European apparel manufacturer and retailer, and handed the pre-IPO tax restructuring of several Chinese operating companies. Clients include Coca-Cola, Remy Cointreau and Cirrus Logic. Anthony Fay has left to go to in-house AIG.</p>						

Hong Kong: Asset Finance (Aircraft Finance)						
Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	2	Hallam Chow	Hallam Chow	Hallam Chow
Editorial						
<p>White & Case's Hallam Chow has an outstanding reputation and maintains an active asset finance practice. He continues to represent several key banks in relation to aviation financings.</p>						

Hong Kong : Banking and Finance						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals

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3	3	3	4	Matthias Schemuth (NEW) Hallam Chow (NEW)	Kenneth Ellis	Ed Cairns
Editorial						
White & Case is best known for project finance work and asset finance business. Matthias Schemuth relocated to the Hong Kong office from London in 2006, and in concert with Hallam Chow the firm boasts an impressive project finance team, illustrated by its role on several of Asia's most prestigious projects. Like the firm's mighty global presence, the Hong Kong office boasts fine connections to the most influential lenders.						

Hong Kong: Capital Markets – Debt						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	3	3	Kenneth Ellis Joshua Zimmerman	Kenneth Ellis Joshua Zimmerman	Kenneth Ellis Ian Hardee
Editorial						
In Kenneth Ellis and Joshua Zimmerman, White & Case boasts two US securities partners of exceptional calibre. The firm has a particularly prominent record in relation to equity offerings emanating out of South East Asia and is also active in relation to high-yield debt.						

Hong Kong: Capital Markets – Equity						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	4	4	5	Kenneth Ellis Joshua Zimmerman	Kenneth Ellis, Joshua Zimmerman	Kenneth Ellis Ian Hardee

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Hong Kong : Corporate/M&A						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	3	3	6	Seung Chong Kenneth Ellis Jeremy Leifer Sharon Hartline (NEW)	Seung Chong Jeremy Leifer Kenneth Ellis	Olivia Lee Kenneth Ellis Sharon Hartline Jeremy Leifer
Editorial						
White & Case's determined growth in recent times has enabled it to gain an enviable market share of prominent deals, particularly in China. In 2006, Seung Chong led a team that advised funds group Pacific Alliance in the first-ever LBO of a Chinese business, the US\$122m acquisition of Goodbaby. Pre-IPO investments include that of Starwood Capital Group's US\$30m strategic investment in Shanghai Jin Jiang International Hotels, also led by Seung Chong. Kenneth Ellis, Jeremy Leifer and Sharon Hartline are the other lead partners in Hong Kong.						

Hong Kong : Dispute Resolution						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	3	3	6	Kim Rooney	Kim Rooney	Kim Rooney
Editorial						
White & Case has a strong record in Asia region arbitrations, including a string of investor/state disputes in which the firm has gained a reputation for representing sovereign governments. The firm has recently represented the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines in ICSID and ICC						

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arbitrations respectively. Kim Rooney is a widely recognised arbitration specialist, though the Hong Kong office has a growing presence in litigation, including shareholder disputes, white-collar crime and employee fraud work.

Hong Kong: Financial Services/Regulatory						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	3	–	4	Jeremy Leifer Sharon Hartline (NEW)	Jeremy Leifer Seung Chong	–
Editorial						
White & Case's Sharon Hartline and Jeremy Leifer have gained much greater recognition in the funds environment. The firm's exposure to private equity and hedge funds has increased dramatically.						

Hong Kong: Projects						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	4	Matthias Schemuth Hallam Chow	Matthias Schemuth Hallam Chow George Crozer	Hallam Chow George Crozer
Editorial						
White & Case's prestigious record in LNG projects is maintained by Matthias Schemuth, who relocated to Hong Kong from London in September 2006. The firm is representing the lead arrangers on the Sakhalin II LNG project, one of the more prestigious projects of recent times in Asia. Hallam Chow has an excellent reputation and mixes asset finance and project finance expertise. Chow previously represented BP Berau and the other sponsors on the US\$2.6bn financing of the Tanguh LNG project in Indonesia.						

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Hong Kong : Restructuring and Insolvency						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	1	1	3	Mark Fairbairn	Mark Fairbairn Edward Cairns	Mark Fairbairn Edward Cairns Jeremy Leifer
Editorial						
White & Case suffered the departure of the highly regarded Edward Cairns to an in-house position during 2006 and now the once sizeable department is down to its last remaining partner in Hong Kong, Mark Fairbairn. The creditor-orientated practice has gained a reputation for advising hedge funds and distressed funds, and providers of mezzanine and senior debt. It also maintains a healthy relationship with key banks such as Standard Chartered.						

Hong Kong: TMT						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	3	3	–	Kenneth Ellis Hallam Chow	Kenneth Ellis Hallam Chow
Editorial						
White & Case's representation of Orascom Telecom on its HK\$10.1bn (US\$1.3bn) acquisition of a 19.3% interest in Hutchison Telecommunications International from Hutchison Whampoa, demonstrates the firm's presence in the technology arena.						

India: Foreign Firms						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006

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2	2	–	4	Doug Peel Nandan Nelivigi	Doug Peel Nandan Nelivigi	Nandan Nelivigi
Editorial						
<p>Emerging markets expert Doug Peel at 'commercial and solution-oriented' White & Case LLP, heads the India group from London, while cross-border specialist Nandan Nelivigi is US based. This internationally spread practice has been actively recruiting lawyers for its M&A, capital markets, energy and project finance departments, and recently advised Arcelor Mittal on its bid for a majority stake in Indian iron ore exporter Sesa Goa in addition to assisting Yahoo! with its investment in BharatMatrimony.com, one of the largest matrimonial portals for internet users in India. On the capital markets side, the practice represented Merrill Lynch on Ansal Properties & Infrastructure Properties' equity share issue and acted as international counsel to DLF International's IPO, the largest capital markets deal to date in India, while in projects, Reliance Energy was advised on the development rights agreement for a proposed SEZ. One client declares Doug Peel to be 'one of the most creative and proactive lawyers I have worked with and he also makes an effort to staff projects in such a manner that legal fees are kept under control. The pool of mid-level associates is extraordinary and a great boost to managing costs'.</p>						

Japan: Overview						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
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Editorial						
<p>International firms have invested in a number of different strategies to make the most of the opportunities that Japan has to offer. Generally speaking though, there are five basic models. The first is the full-service firm that provides both international and domestic advice to its clients. These have developed through the years from either joint ventures or mergers with local firms, and as can be seen by the examples set by the likes of White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association), or Baker & McKenzie GJBJ Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Koma Law Office, can be extremely successful.</p>						

Japan: Banking and Finance (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
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1	1	1	6	Arthur Mitchell (NEW) Robert Grondine Keiko Tashiro	Akinori Watanabe (NEW) Keiko Tashiro Robert Grondine	Toshio Dokei Dominic Gregory Christopher Wells Keiko Tashiro Robert Grondine
Editorial						
<p>In July 2007 Arthur Mitchell, former general counsel of ADB, joined White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association)'s finance practice in Tokyo. Market veteran Robert Grondine continues to head the eight-partner group and clients are 'impressed by the depth of his knowledge'. The firm was also involved in the financing arrangements of SoftBank's acquisition of Vodafone's Japanese telephony operations, advising Deutsche Bank. Other recent highlights include representing ScanDisk on the multiple financing arrangements of its joint venture with Toshiba involving Flash Partners. The total value of the arrangements upon which the firm has advised through 2006/2007 exceeds US\$1.6bn. Asset finance specialist Keiko Tashiro is also highly recommended, and the firm is also noted for its ship financing work.</p>						

Japan: Capital Markets (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3 (UP)	4	4	4	Christopher Wells	Christopher Wells Ichizo Takayama Tetsuya Morimoto	Christopher Wells Ichizo Takayama Tetsuya Morimoto
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) acted for Deutsche Bank in its role as sole initial purchaser in SoftBank's €500m debt issue, one of the largest high yield bond issues to date by an Asian company. Christopher Wells is recommended.</p>						

Japan: Corporate/M&A (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006

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1	1	1	5	Robert Grondine Yuji Ogiwara (NEW) Koichiro Ohashi (NEW) Arthur Mitchell (NEW) Tetsuya Morimoto Akinori Watanabe (NEW)	Robert Grondine Keiko Tashiro Tetsuya Morimoto	Robert Grondine Keiko Tashiro Tetsuya Morimoto
Editorial						
<p>Robert Grondine heads the corporate and M&A group at White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association). Both Yuji Ogiwara and Koichiro Ohashi were promoted to the partnership recently, increasing the number of partners in the group to nine. Arthur Mitchell, the former global counsel for ADB joined the firm as senior counsel in September 2007. In 2006, the firm advised Deutsche Bank on SoftBank's acquisition of Vodafone. More recently, it represented Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries in its purchase of a 3% interest in Westinghouse Electric and represented Haier in a major joint venture and M&A transaction with Sanyo Electric involving Sanyo's consumer refrigeration division. The firm is well versed in US, UK and domestic insolvency and restructuring techniques, and recently acted on the Jinro, Agfa and United Airlines JLL restructurings. Tetsuya Morimoto and Akinori Watanabe are all highly recommended.</p>						

Japan : Dispute Resolution (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	4	Robert Grondine Mika Suzuki Yuji Ogiwara (NEW) Akinori Watanabe	Robert Grondine Akinori Watanabe Mika Suzuki	Robert Grondine Akinori Watanabe Mika Suzuki
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) is promoted this year in recognition of the breadth of the firm's practice. With seven partners, the firm provides quality international and local advice. Focus areas include arbitration and mediation, IP, tax, employment, product safety, insolvency, antitrust as well as general commercial litigation. The firm also represents its clients on regulatory matters before the WTO on behalf of Japan.</p>						

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Robert Grondine heads a group that houses the talents of Mika Suzuki, Yuji Ogiwara and Akinori Watanabe.

Japan : Insolvency (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	3	–	Robert Grondine	Robert Grondine Tetsuya Morimoto Akinori Watanabe

Japan : Intellectual Property (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	4	4	–	Christopher Wells	Christopher Wells David Case
Editorial						
White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) handles corporate licensing and IP litigation. The firm has recently advised Inverness Medical on a patent litigation case in Japan and NSK on, among other matters, patent infringement.						

Japan : Projects (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	4	Hendrik Gordenker	Hendrik Gordenker Toshio Dokei Dominic Gregory	Hendrik Gordenker Toshio Dokei Dominic Gregory

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White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) advises on project finance, particularly in the energy sector. Hendrik Gordenker's team of foreign lawyers and bengoshi is well known for its LNG-related expertise, including upstream, project development and financing. The firm has advised on the Brunei Methanol project, acting as common lenders' counsel, and has advised the sponsors - Tokyo Electric power and its partners - on projects to construct, own and operate five LNG tankers.

Japan: Real Estate/Construction (International Firms and Joint Ventures)

Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	3	Tetsuya Morimoto Gerald Fujii (NEW) Eric Roose (NEW)	Tetsuya Morimoto	Tetsuya Morimoto Dominic Gregory

Editorial

White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) offers foreign and domestic real estate clients advice on Japanese law through partner Tetsuya Morimoto; foreign law, thanks to recently promoted partner Gerald Fujii; and tax law through US-qualified tax attorney Eric Roose. The firm represented Secured Capital Japan in its disposition of a portfolio of properties for ¥25bn to Galileo Japan Trust. The firm has also advised Secured Capital Japan on a series of successful real estate funds.

Japan: Securitisation (International Firms and Joint Ventures)

Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	3	3	Christopher Wells (NEW)	–	–

Editorial

White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association) has a combined capital markets and securitisation practice group that is led by

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Christopher Wells.

Japan: Tax (International Firms and Joint Ventures)						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1 (NEW)	–	–	2	Gary Thomas (NEW) Akira Akamatsu (NEW) Eric Roose (NEW) Yasuo Igarashi (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>At White & Case LLP- White & Case Law Offices (Registered Association), Gary Thomas is a tax specialist with extensive experience in transfer pricing and other international tax issues. He is a qualified zeirishi in Japan. Fellow partner Akira Akamatsu, formerly of the NTA, leads the firm's Japan tax controversy practice. Eric Roose and leverage leasing expert Yasuo Igarashi are also highly recommended. Examples of the firm's top-quality work include acting for Lehman Brothers Global Real Estate Fund on its joint investment with Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund in a portfolio of Japanese properties with a value in excess of US\$1bn. Other high-profile clients include Dresdner Securities, CapitaLand, BNP Paribas and Citibank.</p>						

Malaysia: Overview						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
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Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP International Lawyers and Jones Day are relatively active in Malaysia, while Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP handles work from Tokyo</p>						

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and Hong Kong.

Philippines: Foreign Firms						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	2	3	Sharon Hartline	Sharon Hartline	Sharon Hartline
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP has a variety of experience in the Philippines, notably in high-profile dispute resolution such as its continuing role as adviser to the Philippine government on the NAIA terminal three arbitration and the Benpres Holdings debt restructuring. Sharon Hartline in Hong Kong has experience in investment, projects and disputes and continues to advise on a light rail transit project in Manila and a water project in Cebu.</p>						

Singapore: Overview						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
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Editorial						
<p>Offshore firms have slimmed down their Singapore presence substantially in recent years with the downturn that hit in the new millennium. Now an upturn in the economy, coupled with a rise in oil prices, means that projects, energy and M&A work are all buoyant areas and firms are looking to staff up again as they deal with increasing demand from clients. However, as with local firms, they are seeing a shortage of candidates at the right level and are in any case taking a cautious approach. Alliances that stop short of the full JLV include Deacons and Kelvin Chia Partnership; and White & Case LLP International Lawyers and Venture Law LLC.</p>						

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Singapore: White & Case–Asset Finance						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	2	–	–	–

Singapore: White & Case–Banking and Finance						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3 (UP)	4	3	5	Bertie Mehigan	Bertie Mehigan	–
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP International Lawyers' Bertie Mehigan has shifted his focus from restructuring to financing work, advising on the financing for the acquisition of United Broadcasting Corporation, while banking clients include Credit Suisse and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation. Private equity investment also furnished the firm with quality instructions, bringing the practice into structured mezzanine and equity-linked investments. Corporate and banking clients across the region keep the firm busy on cross-border matters.</p>						

Singapore: White & Case–Capital Markets						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
4	4	3	5	–	Chen Guan Feng Kenneth Ellis	–
Editorial						
<p>The pan-Asian capability of White & Case LLP International Lawyers was demonstrated on the S\$600m credit facility of the largest public to private LBO in Singapore's history, where the clients were Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank AG and JPMorgan as joint-mandated lead arrangers.</p>						

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Singapore: White & Case—Corporate M&A						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	3	5	Kenneth Ellis (NEW) Barrye Wall	Barrye Wall Kenneth Leung Tan Kah Tian	Barrye Wall
Editorial						
White & Case LLP International Lawyers advised Rajawali Corporation on its acquisition of a stake in PT Semen Gresik, a major Indonesian deal, while Middle East activity included investors from Qatar and Oman closing deals around the region. Kenneth Ellis and managing partner Barrye Wall are the key figures, receiving good local support from Venture Law LLC.						

Singapore: White & Case—Projects						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	4	Brian Miller Brad Roach	Brian Miller Brad Roach	Brian Miller Daniel Chung
Editorial						
White & Case LLP International Lawyers' Brian Miller has vast experience of the regional market, and current matters include the Carmen Water project in the Philippines for the IFC and the Metropolitan Cebu Water District, the financing of the Kaeng Khoi 2 power project in Thailand, and a major exploration joint venture for PT Medco Energi Internasional in Indonesia. Counsel Brad Roach is another key figure in the group.						

Singapore: White & Case—Restructuring & Insolvency
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1	1	1	3	Bertie Mehigan	Bertie Mehigan	Bertie Mehigan
Editorial						
<p>In Bertie Mehigan, White & Case LLP International Lawyers has one of the region's leading lights in restructuring. It continues to act on the last throes of the Asia Pulp & Paper matter, and has taken new mandates around the region for Benpres Holdings, Singapore Telecommunications on the reorganisation of C2C, and a Canadian acquisition which required negotiation over outstanding debt on the part of the target.</p>						

Singapore: Venture Law–Banking, Finance, Capital Markets						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
3	3	3	5	Lock Yin Mei Kenny Kwan	Yin Mei Lock Kenny Kwan	Ng Wai King Yin Mei Lock
Editorial						
<p>Venture Law LLC is recognised as one of the leading players in the IPO market, having advised Thai Beverage on its US\$950m IPO alongside its alliance partner White & Case LLP International Lawyers. More recently it advised on the largest private sector offshore bond out of Indonesia in 2006, the PT Berau Coal bond offering, and acted for the joint bookrunners and underwriters in the S\$216m Regulation S global placement of shares in Wilmar International following the reverse takeover of Ezyhealth Asia Pacific, a landmark transaction in the Singapore market. Lock Yin Mei and Kenny Kwan spearhead this impressive practice. In banking matters the firm also acted for Deutsche Bank, RBS and Barclays Capital on €1.17bn senior facilities to a German group of companies.</p>						

Singapore: Venture Law–Corporate/M&A						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals

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3 (UP)	4	4	5	Kenny Kwan Lock Yin Mei	–	Ng Wai King
Editorial						
<p>Venture Law LLC enjoys a close working relationship with alliance firm White & Case LLP International Lawyers and this is reflected in a workload that is very international in nature. The firm advised Government Investment Corporation of Singapore on the US\$950m investment and financing of the buy-out of coal mining company PT Adaro Indonesia. The firm has also assisted its global partner on various other matters around the region. Kenny Kwan and Lock Yin Mei are recommended.</p>						

South Korea: Foreign Firms						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	1	4	Eric Yoon	Eric Yoon	Eric Yoon Mark Fairbairn
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP's New York-based partner Eric Yoon leads a team of four partners and five associates with transactional expertise in Korea. Yoon has over 14 years' experience advising on Korea-related matters, inbound and outbound. He led the firm's advice to SK Corporation in its joint venture with Indonesian energy company PT Pertamina. The two companies agreed to jointly invest US\$175m to build and operate an oil plant in Indonesia. Other highlights include acting for a private equity fund in its negotiations with the National Tax Service of Korea with respect to a claim arising out of the latter's promulgation of a revised tax rule targeting certain 'tax haven' jurisdictions.</p>						

Thailand: Overview						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
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Editorial

There is a heavy presence of international law firms in Bangkok although some have downsized, or left altogether, as pricing pressures squeeze the top end of the market. Linklaters, among others, predicted the pinch and reduced its numbers some time ago and now retains an excellent niche in high-end corporate and banking work, with few other firms matching its capability in sophisticated structured financings. The newest addition to the scene was DLA Piper in 2003, which already boasts a sizeable practice that includes new recruits Suraphon Rittipongchusit and Supreedee Nimitkul who joined from Siam Premier in March 2007. Other global heavyweights in Thailand include Allen & Overy (Thailand) Co, Ltd, Clifford Chance (Thailand) Limited, Herbert Smith (Thailand) Limited, Hunton & Williams (Thailand) Limited and Norton Rose (Thailand) Limited. The first foreign player to open in Bangkok, Baker & McKenzie, also remains the largest with over 100 lawyers in Thailand. Despite its international branding it is universally considered to have 'gone local', due to its predominantly Thai workforce and its excellent contacts, but it still benefits from an extensive global network and handles both international and domestic work. Although it fields a smaller team, White & Case (Thailand) Limited enjoys a similarly solid reputation and continues to grow in strength.

Thailand : Banking and Finance

Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	4	Chinnavat Chinsangaram Kulachet Nanakorn (NEW)	Weerawaong Chittmitrapap Chinnavat Chinsangaram	Weerawaong Chittmitrapap Chinnavat Chinsangaram Manida Zimmerman

Editorial

White & Case (Thailand) Limited represented a syndicate of international and local banks on the refinancing of US\$800m of debt for IRPC (formerly Thai Petrochemical Industry Company) and also advised Kasikornbank on a US\$84m financing and bond issue to Tycoons Worldwide Group. The firm has an excellent pedigree for finance work and also counts Bangkok Bank, Siam Commercial Bank and Standard Chartered as clients. The 'experienced' Chinnavat Chinsangaram heads a sterling team that was recently bolstered by the arrival of counsel Kulachet Nanakorn.

Thailand : Capital Markets

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Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	4	Kenneth Ellis (NEW) Weerawong Chittmittrapap (NEW) Peangpanor Boonklum	Peangpanor Boonklum Troy Schooneman	Weerawong Chittmittrapap Peangpanor Boonklum
Editorial						
<p>White & Case (Thailand) Limited has had a hand in most of the major Thai IPOs: closing the US\$870m IPO for Thai Beverage in May 2006 and the US\$657m IPO for Rayong Refinery in June 2006. The firm also recently represented Thailand's state-owned Energy Fund Administration Institute in the US\$660m domestic public offering of unsecured bonds. Asia head Kenneth C Ellis leads a 'knowledgeable' four-partner team that includes 'leading lights' Weerawong Chittmittrapap and Peangpanor Boonklum.</p>						

Thailand : Corporate M&A						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	3	Weerawong Chittmittrapap (NEW)	Chinnavat Chinsangaram Troy Schooneman	Chinnavat Chinsangaram Peangpanor Boonklum
Editorial						
<p>Led by Weerawong Chittmittrapap, the five-partner team at White & Case (Thailand) Limited displays 'excellent knowledge on corporate issues' and is active in M&A, private equity investments and joint ventures. The firm represented Rayong Refinery on its proposed joint venture with The Aromatics (Thailand), involving a combined investment of more than US\$1.2m by RRC and ATC. Representative clients include ACCOR Asia-Pacific, Express Asset, GE Capital and Shin Corporation.</p>						

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Thailand : Dispute Resolution						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	4	Weerawong Chittmitrapap (NEW)	Chinnavat Chinsangaram	Chinnavat Chinsangaram
Editorial						
<p>White & Case (Thailand) Limited's three-partner practice is overseen by corporate specialist Weerawong Chittmitrapap. The firm has sound cross-border capabilities, augmented by its major global network, and is currently defending a Thai state entity in complex arbitration proceedings brought by a German investor alleging breach of a bilateral investment treaty between Thailand and Germany.</p>						

Thailand : Projects						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	3	Chinnavat Chinsangaram Brian Miller (NEW)	Weerawong Chittmitrapap Chinnavat Chinsangaram	Weerawong Chittmitrapap Manida Zimmerman
Editorial						
<p>Chinnavat Chinsangaram's team at White & Case (Thailand) Limited benefits from close ties with Singapore-based projects specialist Brian Miller - formerly executive partner in Bangkok, Miller remains active in the Thai market. The firm handles a particularly high volume of projects work and recent standout deals include representing Siam City Bank and Export-Import Bank of Thailand on the financing of a US\$63m loan to Dhara Dhevi Hotel Co for a luxury leisure project and advising the project borrower, Gulf Power Generation Co, and its parent company, Gulf Electric Public Co, on the US\$663m Kaeng Khoi 2 power project.</p>						

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Thailand : Real Estate and Construction						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	2	3	–	–	–
Editorial						
<p>White & Case (Thailand) Limited's real estate practice draws strongly on its expertise in banking and corporate matters to advise on property financings, real estate funds and acquisitions. The firm recently acted for City Development, a Singapore-based property developer and hotel owner, on the acquisition of Exchange Tower, as well as advising it on a transfer of investment in the Millennium Hilton Hotel Bangkok, worth approximately US\$66.9m.</p>						

Thailand : Restructuring and Insolvency						
Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
1	1	1	3	Weerawong Chittmitrapap	Weerawong Chittmitrapap	Weerawong Chittmitrapap Chinnavat Chinsangaram Manida Zimmerman
Editorial						
<p>White & Case (Thailand) Limited defied the market trend to record an increase in headline insolvencies recently. Under the guidance of restructuring head, Weerawong Chittmitrapap, the team represented steel manufacturer, Nakornthai Strip Mill, in the restructuring of approximately US\$800m of debt and also advised sports footwear company, Bangkok Rubber, on its rehabilitation process, which involved debts worth US\$280m. Sunflag, IRPC and TT&T are also recent clients.</p>						

Thailand : TMT

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Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Firm Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals Mentioned 2008	Individuals Mentioned 2007	Individuals Mentioned 2006
2	2	1	3	Troy Schooneman (NEW)	Weerawong Chittmitrapap	Weerawong Chittmitrapap Manida Zimmerman
Editorial						
<p>White & Case (Thailand) Limited won the mandate to represent TT&T on the planning and negotiation for the restructuring and refinancing of TT&T debts. Troy Schooneman has notable experience in the telecoms sector and recently advised a consortium of Thai Banks on the bridge loan financing and subsequent long-term financing of TA Orange.</p>						