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Cross-border advice to Singaporean and other South East Asian clients doing business in Switzerland, and representation in international arbitration proceedings seated in Singapore and other South East Asian jurisdictions, offers also our office in Singapore.

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Expertise

Schellenberg Wittmer has been advising and representing South East Asian clients on a cross-border basis for more than twenty years, before establishing its first overseas office in Singapore in 2013. Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd is registered as a foreign law practice with the Singapore Attorney General. Since its establishment, our Singapore subsidiary has worked as gateway for South East Asian clients to Switzerland and for Swiss and European clients to South East Asia.

For investments into Switzerland, we advise our South-East Asian clients on M&A and finance transactions and all legal, tax and regulatory aspects of doing business in Switzerland, focusing on areas such as financial services, real estate, information technology, construction and major projects, life sciences, infrastructure and luxury brands.

Conversely, we also assist Swiss and European clients with their investments and projects in South-East Asia. In these cases, our role is to coordinate legal matters between parties in Europe and South-East Asia, and to act as an intermediary with in-depth knowledge of both regions.

Last but not least, we offer first-tier representation in international arbitrations seated around the globe. Schellenberg Wittmer has one of the world's leading international arbitration practices, ranked first-tier in Chambers, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal, and regularly featured in GAR30 as one of the thirty leading arbitration practices worldwide. With our team in Singapore, we assist all clients in arbitrations proceedings (including in sports) seated in Singapore, Hong Kong and other arbitral seats in the region, as well as clients from South East, South and East Asia in arbitral proceedings around the globe.

Deals and Cases

- Swiss counsel to a major Singapore bank entering into a fund distribution agreements subject to Swiss law
- Swiss Counsel to SIX Swiss Exchange-listed ams AG, a leading worldwide supplier of high-performance sensor solutions headquartered in Austria, in its acquisition of 100% of the share capital of Heptagon Advanced Micro-Optics Pte. Ltd., Singapore, a global leader in micro-optics and optical sensing solutions
- Counsel to a Vietnamese client against a Singaporean entity in an SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore in the steel industry
- Counsel to a Swiss client in a high-stake post-M&A dispute against a BVI company subject to SIAC arbitration in Singapore
- Counsel to a German plant construction company in a dispute subject to ICC arbitration in Singapore against a subcontractor in a project in the Philippines
- Successful representation of an Asian athlete in a dispute with a sports federation over an imminent ban leading up to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. The athlete was ultimately permitted to participate in the Games and went on to become an Olympic Champion

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers & Partners
- Legal 500
- Who's Who Legal
- IFLR 1000
- Asian Legal Business

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