China and Northeast Asia





Our China & Northeast Asia Desk advises investors from and into Mainland China and Hong Kong, SAR, Korea and Japan, among others. We also represent clients in international disputes related to China and Northeast Asian Countries through our international arbitration practice in Singapore and Switzerland.

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Expertise

Schellenberg Wittmer has been advising and representing Chinese and Northeast Asian clients for decades. Our international team, which includes native Mandarin, Korean and Japanese speakers based in Switzerland and Asia, is best suited to provide first-tier assistance to our clients from the region.

We have extensive experience in advising Chinese and Northeast Asian investors seeking to invest into Europe, providing sound expertise on M&A transactions, private equity and venture capital, joint ventures, financing, corporate and tax issues, real estate transaction, large-scale construction and infrastructure projects, information and communications technology and intellectual property matters, data protection, employment law, as well as estate planning and structuring services.

We also regularly assist clients seeking to invest into the region through our established network of trusted contacts in China, Korea, Japan and other countries in the region.

With one of the world's leading international arbitration teams based in Singapore and Switzerland, we offer clients stellar strategic advice and advocacy for international commercial, investment and sports disputes.

With our experience and understanding of the market, we manage to bridge cultural gaps and achieve the results our clients' desire, be it through negotiations, mediation, adjudication or arbitration proceedings seated throughout the Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, the Americas and Africa.

We also advise clients with respect to all aspects of China's Belt & Road initiative, from financing, joint ventures and M&A transactions over contract drafting and construction claims management to representation in construction, infrastructure, energy and related disputes.

Deals and Cases

- Advising a Chinese investor for the due diligence, the acquisition and the financing of several office and retail buildings situated in the central business district of Geneva
- Representing a Korean multi-national before the Swiss Supreme Court
- Advising a Chinese investor for the due diligence, the structuring and the acquisition of a 5 star hotel situated in a mountain resort in Switzerland
- Representing a Korean client in relation to an international arbitration seated in Singapore
- Advising a Chinese investor regarding a strategic investment in a SIX listed company through an innovative structure involving a block trade of shares to build the physical share position of the client
- Advising a Japanese client in a dispute with a German multi-national
- Representation of a Chinese client in an international arbitration concerning the interests in a Chinese joint venture
- A Collar transaction agreement entered into between the client and a bank to hedge the client's long position and margin loans to provide financing to the client
- Representing a Chinese Olympic
 Athlete before the Court of Arbitration
 for Sports and the Swiss Supreme
 Court
- Representing a Chinese entity in an international arbitration against a German company regarding the construction industrial plants in China

Recognitions

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

- Chambers & Partners
- Legal 500
- Lexology Index Switzerland
- The IFLR
- Global Arbitration Review (GAR100)
- Global Investigations Review (GIR100)

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