

NEW: Department Profiles to appear on the editorial pages

At present, our editorial pages show the ranking tables together with our commentary (see first screenshot from our website).

The second screenshot shows how the new Department Profiles will be added to the editorial pages. This enables the user to see both what we say about the firms and what the firms choose to say about themselves.

The third screenshot shows an editorial page where the law firm has failed to provide a Department Profile.

The new editorial pages will be launched shortly. We hope that the departments concerned will find it easy to complete their own profiles. The process is simple:

1. Go to 'My Account' and in the left-hand column choose 'Department' under 'Create/Edit Profiles.'
2. Select the relevant guide.
3. Select the relevant department.
4. Now you can enter your text in all the boxes under the four tabs: *Overview, Members, Industries & Clients, International.*
5. You can go back and edit these boxes at any time.

1. Current page view

Ranked Firms Ranked Lawyers

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AnyLaw LLP Clifford Chance Linklaters	SomeLaw LLP Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Hogan Lovells International LLP King & Wood Mallesons Norton Rose Fulbright White & Case LLP	Ashurst LLP Herbert Smith Freehills Latham & Watkins Mayer Brown JSM Simmons & Simmons	Deacons DLA Piper LLP Reed Smith Richards Butler Slaughter and May	Jones Day

AnyLaw LLP [View Profile >](#)

From the Chambers Asia-Pacific guide

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Notable practitioners

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Sebastian Blythe is a noted expert on an impressive array of PRC-related transactions, particularly acquisition and project finance. He acted for Middle Kingdom Asset Management as guarantor of two loans totalling CNY3.2 billion.

Timothy Lam recently acted for Cathay Construction Bank in the financing for BAU's USD2.9 billion acquisition of Hyper C's appliances business. Clients appreciate "his practical advice" and his in-depth knowledge of "what's happening in the market."

Karl Humboldt is known for "keeping a cool head in the most challenging of negotiations." His clients include a range of hedge funds, corporate borrowers and financial institutions.

Brenda Chan recently advised Great Wall Asset Management on two loans of CNY600 million and CNY500 million provided to Pluto Group and Scheherazade Holdings. Clients say "she is just brilliant - I would want her on any deal I was involved in, no question."

Suzy Chou acted for Marco Polo Holding on refinancing its USD4 billion existing senior and SBLC-backed facilities with new bank lenders. She is praised for her "amazing ability to tackle convoluted transactions within tight timescales."

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Currently, only the Chambers commentary is shown below the ranking table.

2. New: with Department Profile

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AnyLaw LLP - Banking & Finance (International Firms)

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Department profile by AnyLaw LLP

Overview **Members** **Clients** **International** **Deals**

Our team has been advising Asia's major banking institutions, international corporations and private equity sponsors for over four decades. The department has been involved in some of the most innovative and complex financing arrangements across Asia, including cross-border syndicated and bilateral loans, asset-based lending agreements and construction and development loans.

The AnyLaw banking department has developed expertise in debt capital markets arrangements, such as the issuance of bonds and MTNs, as well as a wide range of Islamic Finance products including sukuk. Our particular strength lies in the representation of major local and international banks in transactions that have an ASEAN component. Here we are able to call upon experienced banking lawyers based in six countries across the region.

We also assist our clients with regulatory matters including compliance with multi-jurisdictional bank forms. Alerts to clients on the introduction of new laws and regulations which affect their business are delivered regularly by our team. Today, we are working closely with international banks and other financiers in their development of Fintech projects - from payment services to virtual currencies.

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All the firms named in the ranking table can now create their own Department Profile to be shown alongside the Chambers commentary.

3. New: without Department Profile

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SomeLaw LLP - Banking & Finance (International Firms)

Commentary from the Chambers Asia-Pacific guide

What the team is known for Highlighted for tackling an impressive range of transactions, notably cross-border deals, including acquisition finance, leveraged finance and project finance as well as syndicated lending. The team handles lending matters in the shipping, technology, life sciences and real estate sectors.

Strengths Clients say the team provides very practical advice: "Their proposals are always focused on helping us get things done in the real world, rather than giving us a lesson on the ins and outs of an area of law."

Interviewees also praise the firm's level of knowledge: "They seem to have a truly over-arching perspective on the entire banking and financial field."

Work highlights Advised Open Sesame Group on a USD2.5 billion term loan facility provided by a syndicate of banks. Represented Elysian Pensions Management on its acquisition of a 30% stake in HomeStuffs Japanese business Uchi, for USD420 million.

Significant clients Eastern Ocean Bank, Cathay Holdings, National Bank of Macau, Hong Kong Shipping Bank.

Notable practitioners

Barbara Lo numbers corporate borrowers, financial institutions and fund management groups among her impressive client roster. She led the firm's representation of Denning on financing the acquisition of 78% of Himalayan Projects' stake in Regal Finance. "Barbara always brings a real sense of purpose to the work; she's totally in control."

Dennis Tang joined the firm in June 2016 from AnyLaw. He brings with him many years of experience in acquisition finance, syndicated loans and debt restructuring. He recently assisted a syndicate of Asian and European banks led by EBSF and VAB on a USD1.8 billion syndicated term loan facility provided to Unicorn Technology and Software.

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