Panel Chair

Sean Yu Chou, LLB Law 1992
Partner at WongPartnership LLP

Sean Yu is the Head of the Banking & Financial Disputes Practice, the Joint Head of the Restructuring & Insolvency Practice and a Partner in the International Arbitration, Financial Services Regulatory and Malaysia Practices at WongPartnership LLP.

Sean Yu graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Bristol in 1992 and is admitted to the English Bar (Middle Temple) and to the Singapore Bar. He was a Justices' Law Clerk with the Singapore Supreme Court before entering private practice.

Sean Yu is recognised as a leading lawyer for International Arbitration in Best Lawyers 2017, for Dispute Resolution & Litigation in Asialaw Leading Lawyers – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers 2018 and is acknowledged as a dispute resolution star in Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2018.

He also sits as an arbitrator and is on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the Asian International Arbitration Centre. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is currently the Chairman of the Board of its Singapore Branch.

Sean Yu is also endorsed as a leading Restructuring & Insolvency lawyer in Best Lawyers 2017, and The Legal 500: Asia Pacific and is named for Banking – Regulatory in Who's Who Legal 2017.
Panellists

Jane Horan, EdD Education (Hong Kong) 2013
Founder and CEO at The Horan Group

Author, speaker, and leadership expert, Jane Horan is the founder of The Horan Group, a strategic consulting firm helping organisations build inclusive work environments and individuals find meaningful careers.

Prior to the Horan Group, she held senior Asia Pacific management positions at The Walt Disney Company, CNBC and Kraft Foods. Jane has an extensive background in diversity and inclusion, cross-cultural leadership and career transitions, a frequent speaker on Transformational Women Leaders, Workplace Politics, Navigating Networks, Career Purpose, and Unconscious Bias.


Her consulting work is with Fortune 100 companies, NGO’s and academic institutions in Asia, North America and Europe, concentrating on inclusion, purpose and career development. Jane holds an Educational Doctorate from Bristol University in Leadership Education, is a Visiting Associate Researcher with Hong Kong University, Program Director for the Conference Board Talent, Leadership and Diversity Council, and previously on the board of both SCWO and the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore.

Gina Lim, MBA 1998
Head of Financial Institutions Sales at DBS Bank

Gina Lim is Executive Director, Head of Financial Institutions Sales, Global Transaction Services. She is responsible for developing the Regional FI strategy and tactical execution for both Banks and Non- Bank Financial Institutions GTS business in DBS Bank Group.

Gina joined the bank in June 2012 and prior to that, she was in heading a number of Product Sales and Relationship management roles in Wholesale Bank and Strategy & Planning role with Global Financial Institutions team in Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) since being an International Graduate Recruit in 1997. In her stay with SCB, she had worked in Singapore, Hong Kong and London.

Gina was born in Singapore and she holds an MBA in International Business from University of Bristol.
Dharma Nadarajah, BEng Computer Systems Engineering 1992
Executive Vice-President and Group GM at Venture Corporation Limited

Dharma joined Venture Corporation Limited in February 2001. He is responsible for the Group’s Advanced Manufacturing & Design Solutions businesses across the globe covering a full spectrum of high value-added services including product design and engineering, supply chain and supplier management, advanced manufacturing and test process development, order management and optimisation, product development and manufacturing, new product introduction management, as well as high-precision multi-cavity tool design and fabrication and clean room medical-grade injection moulding.

Prior to joining Venture, he gained extensive experience in the disk drive industry as an Engineering Manager and a Senior Process Engineer at Quantum and Seagate respectively, specialising in Magnetic Heads manufacturing technology and processes. He had cross-border working exposure in Singapore, Malaysia, the United States, and Indonesia in those companies. Dharma was also trained in the United Kingdom as a Field Engineer for Schlumberger Wireline, and deployed on various offshore oil platforms around the world.

Dharma holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree in Computer Systems Engineering from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, which he attended as a Malaysia Public Service Department scholar. He also holds an MBA from the Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, where he was the Institute of Engineers’ Gold Medallist.

Ivan Woods, BSc Economics 1991
Managing Director and Head of Investment Advisor at Stepping Stone

Ivan left Bristol in 1991 with a mediocre 2.1 in Economics, going on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant with PWC in London. From there he joined European Capital, a small merchant bank in the City, working on mostly Asian infrastructure projects including Bangkok’s Skytrain and Blue Line MRT projects, the Taiwan High Speed Rail and various oil & gas and energy deals.

Spending so much time in the region (including a year on secondment in Tokyo) led to a move to Hong Kong in 2000, then Dubai in 2009 and Singapore since 2013. Work has included senior roles with the World Bank and HSBC, with regional investors and financial institutions, and as an independent consultant on infrastructure projects and private equity / VC fundraisings.

Ivan now runs the Singapore office of Stepping Stone, an accounting & advisory firm focusing on SME businesses. He also leads Stepping Stone’s corporate finance team.
Veiverne Yuen, MEng Aeronautical Engineering 2005
Co-Founder and Chief Investment Officer at tryb

Veiverne is a Private Equity professional who was previously a Vice President at the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC Pte Ltd). At the GIC, Veiverne was a founding member of the Integrated Strategies Group, a direct investment team focused on large and structured deals in private equity, PIPEs and credit. During his five years at GIC, Veiverne led and worked on over US$5 billion in deals across a broad range of sectors such as financial services, technology, infrastructure and commodities.

Prior to his time at the GIC, Veiverne was the South East Asia lead for Rabobank’s Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory desk. In this role, he led multiple deals including the China-Singapore Jilin Food Zone and the Northern Corridor Economic Region in Malaysia. Veiverne’s team also provided regular commodity price forecasts used by the bank for trade finance, equities and credit activities.

Veiverne also held roles at the Monetary Authority of Singapore in Capital Markets Supervision, and Rolls-Royce plc in the United Kingdom as a design engineer. Veiverne holds an MSc in Applied Finance from the Singapore Management University, as well as a MEng in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Bristol.