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## THE FIRM

Rahmat Lim & Partners is an award-winning, full-service law firm in Malaysia which is dedicated to the provision of high-quality legal services. With its extensive experience and premier client base, the firm's partners and practices have been consistently recognised and ranked as leaders in the market and have won various awards since the firm was established in 2010.

The firm is, first and foremost, a Malaysian law firm, but takes pride in having a distinctive global approach and perspective, and aims to provide effective domestic and cross-border solutions for its local and international clients.

The firm's lawyers have advised on many of the nation's largest and most high-profile transactions, and offer quality services to clients requiring representation across a wide range of contentious and non-contentious matters. Its Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property & Technology, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Corporate Real Estate practices are all ranked in international and regional legal publications.

While its lawyers are drawn from diverse backgrounds, Rahmat Lim & Partners stands firmly on the principles of integrity, excellence and professionalism. These core values form the foundation of its culture, and enable it to act as trusted legal advisors to its clients.

The firm is uniquely placed as an associate firm of Allen & Gledhill LLP, an award-winning full-service commercial law firm, which has offices in Singapore and Myanmar. Currently one of the largest law firms in Singapore and South-east Asia with over 450 lawyers across its network of associate firms and offices, Allen & Gledhill is consistently ranked as a market leader in Singapore for every major practice. Rahmat Lim & Partners' associate firm in Myanmar, Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar), is a fully licensed law firm which provides Myanmar legal and tax advice, and issues Myanmar legal opinions.

Furthermore, the firm has strong working relationships with a network of leading law firms worldwide and serves both local and international clients on cross-border transactions globally, including China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, the United Kingdom and the United States of America as well as the regions of Europe and the Middle East. This experience allows it to take on an effective lead counsel or project manager role in multi-jurisdictional transactions.

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## BANKING AND FINANCE

### Tier 1

The practice at **Rahmat Lim & Partners** has great expertise in high-value domestic and cross-border finance matters, particularly debt restructuring, syndicated lending and loan facilities, as well as maintaining a dedicated fintech practice. **Wan Kai Chee** leads the team, which acts for domestic and international banks and investment funds including RHB, Malayan Banking, and CIMB. *'Thorough'* managing partner **Azman bin Othman Luk** and **Soh Yin Chuin** advised Malayan, Maybank Islamic, and RHB on the MYR1.84bn debt restructuring of Nam Cheong Group, a complex matter requiring both restructuring existing and establishing new financing provisions.

#### Leading individuals

Azman bin Othman Luk

## CORPORATE AND M&A

### Tier 1

The M&A practice at **Rahmat Lim & Partners** counts both domestic and international public and private organisations and financial institutions among its client roster, which it assists with a full range of corporate transactions. **Moy Pui Yee** – who attracts praise for her '*excellent commercial judgement and negotiation skills*' – heads up the group which includes **Ang Sinn E, Chen Lee Won** and **Ho Wei Lih**, the latter of whom heads up the China practice group and frequently assists on inbound transactions from China and Hong Kong. The M&A team is also able to leverage the firm's strong financial services and banking sector expertise which is a particular focus for **Chia Chee Hoong**. Recently promoted partner **Chan Weili** has experience across a range of sectors, including aviation.

#### Leading individuals

Chen Lee Won

Moy Pui Yee

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## PROJECTS AND ENERGY

### Tier 1

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners** combines its projects and international arbitration teams to offer clients advice through every stage of infrastructure, energy and construction projects. **Chong Yee Leong**, who focuses on of energy, oil and gas, power and infrastructure-related international arbitration, heads up the team alongside **Kamilah Kasim**, who handles a range of contentious and non-contentious instructions.

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#### Leading individuals

Kamilah Kasim

## REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION

### Tier 1

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners**’ real estate team has a client roster that includes domestic and international property investors, financial institutions, property developers, corporates and government-linked companies. It has experience handling all stages of real estate development projects and *‘is very well versed in project contracts and quick in responding to queries with concrete advice’*. **Lee Yee Ling** leads the corporate real estate practice, while **Kamilah Kasim** heads the energy, infrastructure and projects team, and **Allen Choong** specialises in dispute resolution and projects. Other names to note include **Amelia Koo**, who handles transactional real estate matters, and **Dzuhairi Jaafar Thani**, who has *‘in-depth knowledge of the industry and ‘is very experienced in handling project contracts’*.”

#### Leading individuals

Kamilah Kasim

Lee Yee Ling

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## ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION

### Tier 2

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners**’ regulatory and compliance team has expertise across a range of competition and antitrust matters, including antitrust complaints and investigations, exception applications and compliance advice. Its impressive client roster includes key names across a range of industries including technology, insurance and automotive. **Azman bin Othman Luk**, who has particular banking and finance sector expertise, heads up the regulatory practice. Raymond Yong left the team.”



## CAPITAL MARKETS

### Tier 2

“ The financial services practice **Rahmat Lim & Partners** has broad experience of capital markets instructions; it is frequently instructed to advise on IPOs, Sukuk offerings, and on establishing and listing real estate investment trusts. **Wan Kai Chee** heads up the practice which also includes **Kelvin Loh**, who focuses on debt capital markets transactions, and **Zandra Tan**, who handles a combination of equity and debt market work. ”

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## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Tier 2

The dispute resolution team at **Rahmat Lim & Partners** has experience across a full range of contentious matters and attracts praise for its '*knowledge of the local environment*'. Practice head **Jack Yow** focuses corporate, banking, industrial relations and employment law litigation, while **Chong Yee Leong** heads the projects and international arbitration practice, which includes **Kamilah Kasim** and '*strong junior partner*' **Allen Choong** who has particular projects disputes and international arbitration experience. Other names to note include **Chong Boon Leong** for arbitration and arbitration-related disputes and commercial litigators **Daphne Koo** and **Yap Yeow Han**.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### Tier 2

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners**’ full-service intellectual property team ‘*provides creative solutions*’ that are ‘*cost-effective*’. The group handles a range of contentious and non-contentious matters and counts Pfizer, The Walt Disney Company and Mars Incorporated among its clients. With ‘*vast experience*’ practice head **Pauline Khor** is ‘*a great asset as a legal adviser*’ both in litigation, on advising on anti-counterfeiting and anti-piracy programmes and management of portfolios.”

#### Leading individuals

Pauline Khor

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## LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

### Tier 2

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners** leverages its strong litigation and dispute resolution practice in employment and labour matters. Practice head **Jack Yow** advises on a range of contentious issues and frequently defends large corporates in claims by employees and former employees.

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TMT  
Tier 3

“**Rahmat Lim & Partners** has experience across the entertainment, IT and telecoms sectors within which it advises its clients on a range of contractual, intellectual property, capital markets and corporate transactions. The practice combines strength from its intellectual property team, which is led by **Pauline Khor**, with its regulatory and compliance and financial services expertise, for which **Wan Kai Chee** is a key name to note.

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## SHIPPING

### Tier 4

“The maritime practice at **Rahmat Lim & Partners** assists both local and international clients with corporate, commercial and contentious matters. The group works closely with the firm’s banking team in restructuring and financing transactions. **Soh Yin Chuin** and **Daphne Koo** are key names to note for finance mandates and litigation, respectively.”