

ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

KOREA LAW AWARDS 2016

KIM & CHANG, BKL: BIG WINNERS AT LAW AWARDS



On November 17th 2016, Asian Legal Business proudly hosted the fourth annual ALB Korea Law Awards at the Grand Hyatt Seoul. The ceremony welcomed leading members of Korea's legal and business communities – with Henry Shyn, Vice-Chair of the International Bar Association and General Counsel of GE Korea inaugurating the evening as the Guest of Honour. Chris Han Suk Joon was the lively host of an exciting evening, while singer Jinju Hyun impressed the audience with her musical performance.


Korea's economy and legal market has been faring steadily, reflecting upon this year's awards. The scope and size of the ALB Korea Law Awards has continued to expand, with 2016 holding 30 award categories for the top deals, private practice and in-house counsel of Korea. Kim & Chang was awarded seven trophies (excluding deal award categories), followed by Bae, Kim & Lee winning three awards and Lee & Ko with two awards.

Kye Sung Chung of Kim and Chang noted, "It's a great honor for us to be recognized as Korea Law Firm of the Year, and I'm honored to have won Managing partner of the Year, and to be in such good company as fellow managing partners at other firms. ALB is recognized as one of the most reputable media organizations in Asia-Pacific; so all of us at Kim & Chang see these awards as a meaningful recognition of our attorneys and staffs' combined efforts and dedication to each client, using our collective experience, knowledge and expertise. We are deeply grateful to ALB and to our clients for this privilege and honor." Kim & Chang

also swooped up the coveted award of International Arbitration Law Firm of the Year and new award, Shipping Law Firm of the Year.

Private Equity Law Firm of the Year, a new award category introduced in 2016, was awarded to Shin & Kim. "Shin & Kim recognizes the distinct needs and goals of our private equity investors in comparison to strategic investors and endeavor to deliver legal services founded on knowledge, experience and business acumen. This recognition presented to us by ALB and our clients is received with gratitude and we will continue to strive to deliver unrivaled services," said Joon Hyug Chung, Corporate Partner of Shin & Kim.

The top award of the evening for international firms, International Law Firm of the Year, was awarded to Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. Yong Guk Lee, Partner at Cleary Gottlieb said, "We were absolutely delighted to be recognized as International Law Firm of the Year during the course of a wonderful evening. We would like to congratulate our many clients whose transactions were recognized as (top) deals of the year, and thank each one of them for placing their confidence in us."

On the in-house side, KCC Corporation was a standout winner, taking newly introduced award, "Manufacturing In-House Team of the Year" in addition to "Korea In-House Team of the Year." Steve Baik, Senior Legal Counsel of GE Korea took home "Korea In-House Lawyer of the Year" and took to the stage to give a spirited speech; "I am so humbled to have been chosen for this award knowing that there were many qualified candidates." 



**KIM & CHANG AWARD
KOREA IN-HOUSE TEAM
OF THE YEAR**
KCC Corporation

Presenter: Jin Yeong
Chung, Partner, Kim &
Chang



**SHIPPING LAW FIRM
OF THE YEAR**
Kim & Chang

Liz Kyo-Hwa Chung,
Partner, Kim &
Chang; Sujin Lim,
Legal Counsel,
Asiana Airlines
(Presenter)



WINNERS

> IN-HOUSE CATEGORIES <

**BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
Goldman Sachs Korea

**CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE
IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
Hyundai Heavy Industries

**TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
IBM Korea

**MANUFACTURING IN-HOUSE TEAM OF
THE YEAR**
KCC Corporation

KOREA IN-HOUSE LAWYER OF THE YEAR
Steve Baik – GE Korea

**KIM & CHANG AWARD
KOREA IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR**
KCC Corporation

> DEAL CATEGORIES <

**DEBT MARKET DEAL OF
THE YEAR (MIDSIZE)**

Korea's Offshore RMB "Panda Bond Offering"
Law Firms: Bae, Kim & Lee; Cleary Gottlieb
Steen & Hamilton, Global Law Office; Kim &
Chang; King & Wood Mallesons; Linklaters

**DEBT MARKET DEAL OF
THE YEAR (PREMIUM)**

**Incheon International Airport Railroad
Private Participation Refinancing Project**
Law Firms: Bae, Kim & Lee; Lee & Ko; Sechang
& Co; Seju Law Office
Accounting Firms: Junghyun; Saegil; Samil
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

EQUITY MARKET DEAL OF THE YEAR

Mirae Asset Life Insurance's IPO
Law Firms: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton;
Kim & Chang; Linklaters; Shin & Kim
Accounting Firms: Samil
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

WINNERS

> DEAL CATEGORIES <

M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (MIDSIZE)

Sale of 57.95% Equity in KUMHO Industrial Co.

Law Firms: Bae, Kim & Lee; Kim & Chang
 Banks: Credit Suisse
 Accounting Firms: Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (PREMIUM) - TIED

(1) MBK Partners' Acquisition of Homeplus from Tesco PLC

Law Firms: Bae, Kim & Lee; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Kim & Chang; Paul Hastings; Ropes & Gray; Yulchon
 Banks: Barclays; Citi; Deutsche Bank AG; HSBC
 Accounting Firms: Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); KPMG

(2) Merger between KEB and Hana Bank

Law Firms: Bae, Kim & Lee; Kim & Chang

REAL ESTATE DEAL OF THE YEAR

Incheon Dowha-dong Developpment REIT

Law Firms: Shin & Kim

DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR
Ri Bong Han – Bae, Kim & Lee

KOREA DEAL OF THE YEAR

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> FIRM CATEGORIES <

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Lee & Ko

BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Minwho Law Firm



CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
 Lee & Ko
 Se Dong Min, Partner, Lee & Ko



Emcee of the night,
 Chris Han Suk Joon



BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
 Minwho Law Firm
 Jooeon Choi, Lawyer,
 Minwho Law Firm



**OVERSEAS
PRACTICE LAW
FIRM OF THE YEAR**
Yulchon

Bong Hee Han,
Partner, Yulchon



KOREA DEAL OF THE YEAR
MBK Partners' Acquisition of
Homeplus from Tesco PLC

Hyeon Kang, Partner, Bae, Kim
& Lee accepting on behalf of
the winning deal



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WINNERS

> FIRM CATEGORIES <

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Lee & Ko

DEAL FIRM OF THE YEAR
Bae, Kim & Lee

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Bae, Kim & Lee

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

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LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Bae, Kim & Lee

OVERSEAS PRACTICE
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Yulchon

PRIVATE EQUITY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Shin & Kim

SHIPPING LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

TAX AND TRUSTS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton

MANAGING PARTNER OF THE YEAR
Kye Sung Chung – Kim & Chang

KOREA LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang



Guest of Honour, Henry Shyn,
Vice-Chair International Bar
Association and General
Counsel, GE Korea



KOREA LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Kim & Chang

Presenter: Young Bang, Thomson Reuters

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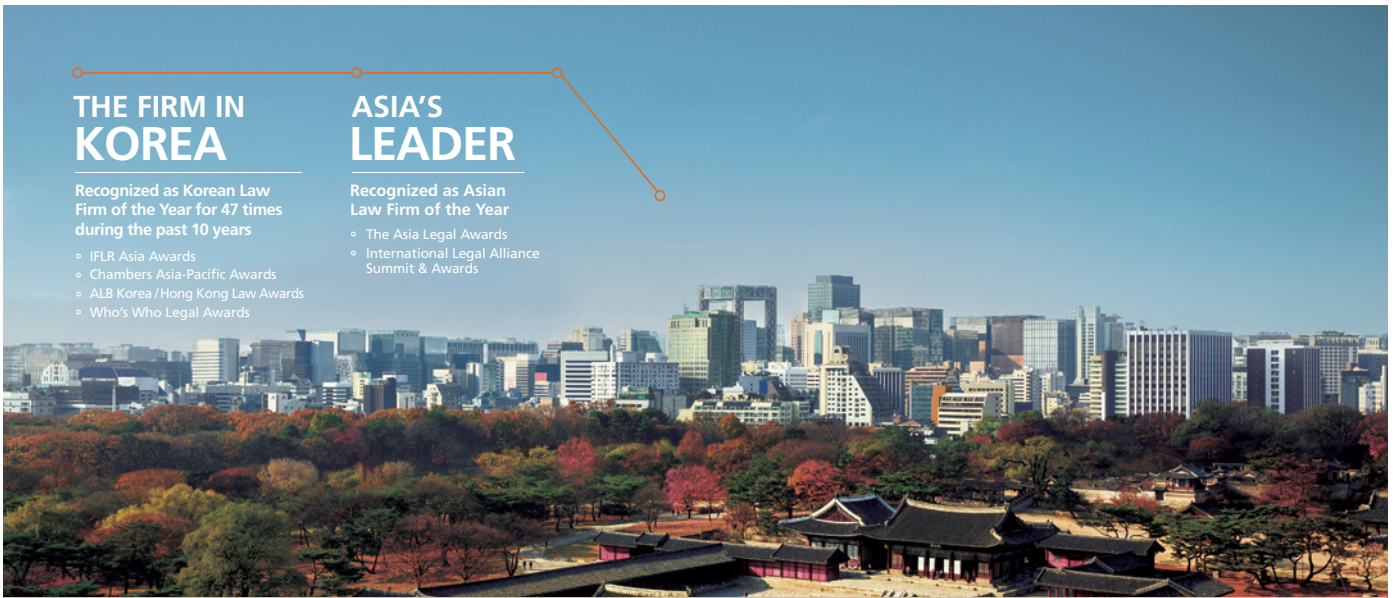
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Recognized as Asian Law Firm of the Year

- The Asia Legal Awards
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