

ShookLin & Bok

Banking & Finance

Overview

With over six decades of market-leading experience, Shook Lin & Bok's Banking & Finance practice is consistently recognised by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, IFLR1000, Chambers Asia-Pacific & Global, and Asialaw, and is highly regarded by clients and industry commentators alike. We are the trusted strategic partner for international and domestic banks, financial institutions, and high-growth corporations navigating today's complex financial landscape — delivering expert, commercially astute advice on transactions of every scale, including high-stakes cross-border and sustainability-linked deals.

Our team of nearly 30 lawyers, including over 10 partners, combines deep technical expertise with a nuanced understanding of financial markets and regulatory frameworks across Asia. Going beyond documentation, our lawyers take the time to understand your business priorities, risk profile, and industry dynamics — delivering strategically insightful, operationally robust, and value-accretive solutions.

We advise across the full spectrum of Banking & Finance services, including:

- Acquisition Finance: Structuring and executing financing for mergers, acquisitions, and leveraged transactions.
- Asset and Asset-Backed Finance: Advising on secured and structured financings, including asset-backed lending.
- Bilateral and Syndicated Loans: Acting for lenders and borrowers in both domestic and cross-border loan arrangements.
- Projects and Property Finance: Providing end-to-end support on project and real estate financing.
- Structured Finance: Offering legal guidance on complex financing structures and securitisation transactions.
- Trade Finance: Advising on pre-export, import, advance payment, and commodity financing facilities.
- Regulatory and Licensing: Assisting clients with banking licensing, regulatory compliance, and approvals.
- Banking Compliance and Corporate Governance
- Debt Restructuring: Advising on restructuring solutions for distressed debt and complex financial arrangements.
- Derivatives: Supporting clients in the negotiation and documentation of derivative transactions.
- Islamic Finance: Advising on a wide range of Sharia-compliant financing products.

Accolades

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Local Firms (2008 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 1

IFLR1000

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Local Firms (2008 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 1

Chambers Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Domestic (2013 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 2

Chambers Global

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Domestic (2014 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 2

Asialaw Profiles

- Ranked in Banking and Finance (2014 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Outstanding

Testimonials

Shook Lin & Bok's robust team advises domestic and foreign banks and corporates on acquisition and bridge financings, as well as refinancings. It is highly active with regard to real estate sector finance, especially on the lender side. The firm also has experience in sustainability-linked deals.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

Shook Lin & Bok LLP has long held the status as a banking and finance heavyweight, achieving high levels of specialisation and regional coverage, standing out for its expertise in asset finance, acquisition and leveraged finance, sustainability-linked financings, real estate finance, trade finance, and bilateral and syndicated lending.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

They are able to handle sophisticated matters and are able to distil complicated legal issues into simple concepts, which makes it easier for the business to understand. Exceptional lawyers and a distinguished law firm. They offer reliable advice and practical solutions whenever possible, all while upholding legal rights.

- Chambers Global 2026

We were extremely impressed with the Shook Lin & Bok team's commitment, responsiveness, and legal acumen. What truly stood out was their unwavering dedication to understanding our unique requirements and translating those into practical, effective legal solutions.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

Shook Lin & Bok brought a rare combination of technical strength, commercial awareness, and client focus that made a real difference in this transaction.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

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