



Gavin Margetson

Arbitrator & dispute resolution counsel

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PROFILE

Gavin Margetson is a commercial arbitrator and dispute resolution lawyer in Singapore.

He has specialised in international arbitration for over 25 years, acting as lead counsel in complex, high value disputes and more recently sitting as arbitrator.

- 1999** Began his career in London with Herbert Smith.
- 2004** Moved to Tokyo to work in-house for Marubeni Corporation.
- 2006** Re-joined Herbert Smith in Tokyo and became a partner in 2010.
- 2014** Relocated to Southeast Asia where he oversaw HSF'S Bangkok office.
- 2017** Consolidated his practice in Singapore, first at BCLP and then at Mishcon.
- 2025** Joined CRS to spearhead the international arbitration practice.

Gavin is qualified in England & Wales and has been called to the Singapore Bar.

He speaks English and is conversant in Japanese.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

<p><i>"An outstanding lawyer with unusual commercial feel and strategic sense."</i></p> <p>Chambers Asia-Pacific 2025</p>	<p><i>"A clever, tenacious lawyer with an excellent eye for detail."</i></p> <p>Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025</p>	<p><i>"Gavin remains my go-to arbitration counsel for clear commercial advice."</i></p> <p>Chambers Asia-Pacific 2025</p>	<p><i>"A Star in International Arbitration — admired for his deep regional expertise and performance under pressure."</i></p> <p>Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2023–2024</p>
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RANKINGS

Chambers Asia-Pacific Leading practitioner for Dispute Resolution, Singapore	Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Private Practice Powerlist — Arbitration, Southeast Asia	Who's Who Legal Recognised practitioner — Singapore	Benchmark Litigation Star — International Arbitration, Asia Pacific 2023–2024
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QUALIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- LLB, University of Nottingham (1998)
- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore (2021)
- Panel member: SIAC, JCAA, THAC, TAI, VIAC
- Solicitor Advocate, Supreme Court of E&W (2001)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2018)

ARBITRATOR

Recent appointments include:

- Sole arbitrator in SIAC re: sale and purchase of cryptocurrency and banking delays.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC re: a proposed shipment of glycerine from Malaysia to India.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC re: the requirement to open a letter of credit for a large commodities transaction, including a complex jurisdictional challenge.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC re: claims relating to the TV rights for a Test Cricket series between two Asian nations.
- Chairman in ad hoc Singapore arbitration re: the shipment of rice to Malaysia, including allegations of cyber-crime with respect to the buyer's email account.
- Co-arbitrator in a series of Thai Arbitration Institute cases re: construction of luxury apartments.
- Sole arbitrator in SIAC proceedings re: series of agreements for the shipment of LPG.

COUNSEL

Example arbitrations as lead counsel:

M&A & Joint Ventures

- Japanese trading company pursuing USD 20m post-M&A earn-out claims in LCIA arbitration against an Indian telecoms conglomerate.
- Indonesian oil & gas operator defending a SIAC arbitration claim for USD 218m re: a Joint Operating Agreement for a development block in Sumatra.
- Thailand-HQ hospitality MNC pursuing a USD 40m SIAC claim against the owner of a luxury hotel in Doha, Qatar

Telecoms & Technology

- Japanese technology contractor in ICC arbitration valued in excess of USD 150m re: installation of a submarine telecoms cable from India to France via the Red Sea.
- Founder of a Singapore telco bringing SIAC claims for USD 33m against his SGX-listed JV partner after the sale of a telecom tower portfolio in Myanmar.
- Japanese telco company bringing an ICC claim for USD 50m in liquidated damages re: delivery into geostationary orbit of a defective telecoms satellite.

Energy & Infrastructure

- Thai oil & gas exploration company in TAI claims for USD 315m against a helicopter service company.
- Japanese trading company in London ad hoc arbitrations and parallel TOMAC arbitrations valued more than USD 50m re: series of bulk carrier shipbuilding contracts.
- Japanese EPC contractor in Singapore ICC arbitration re: one of the largest paper pulp mills in Vietnam.

International Trade

- UAE coal trading company in SIAC claims re: series of shipments of coal from Indonesia to India.
- Japanese solar panel manufacturer in SCC claims re: procurement of solar wafers from a Chinese supplier.
- Singaporean aerospace contractor bringing a USD 2m SIAC claim re: engine maintenance and repair order (MRO) agreement.