

Media Release

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Peter & Kim announces lateral hire from Mayer Brown and celebrates internal Senior promotions

Peter & Kim is pleased to announce that Edern Coënt will join the firm as a Senior Foreign Attorney in the Seoul office effective 1 May 2025, and celebrates the promotion of senior lawyers Rodica Turtoi and Micael Totaro to Counsel in the Zurich and Geneva offices respectively, and Dongsuk Shin to Senior Foreign Attorney in the Seoul office. These appointments demonstrate the firm's commitment to attracting and fostering the best talent and expertise in international arbitration and align with the firm's mission to provide a strong bridge between Asia and Europe and support its clients globally.

Edern, a French national, will be joining the firm in the Seoul office from Mayer Brown in Singapore. Edern's extensive experience in international arbitration includes cases in the defense, shipbuilding, construction and energy sectors as well as in proceedings related to intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures seated in various cities. Edern has previously practiced in South Korea for several years and was a Deputy Counsel at the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, first in Paris and then in Hong Kong, where he administered more than 300 cases conducted under the ICC Rules of Arbitration. Edern is a native French speaker, fluent in English with intermediate level Mandarin.

Rodica, who was promoted in June 2024, is an international commercial and investment treaty arbitration specialist, admitted to practice in New York who has also passed the Paris Bar. She has been with Peter & Kim since its inception in 2019 and with predecessor firm Peter & Partners prior since 2016. Rodica has recently been part of the winning team for OMV in a dispute arising from a gas supply agreement and has represented several clients in investment treaty disputes. Rodica studied at the Universities of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Cornell and Bucharest. Rodica has been listed as Rising Star in Legal500 EMEA (2024) and as a Leading Associate (2025). She is a Romanian national and is fluent in English, French and Romanian.

Dongsuk, who was promoted in early 2025, is a specialist in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration, having acted as counsel under most arbitral institutions and rules. He also brings extensive experience in corporate advisory and compliance matters and is a member of the firm's sports arbitration team. Prior to joining Peter & Kim, Dongsuk spent five years in-house at a leading industrial materials company in Korea and two years at a global disputes law firm in its Hong Kong office. Dongsuk, a Korean national, is a member of the District of Columbia bar and fluent in Korean and English.

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Micael, the team's most recent promotion, specialises in commercial and sports arbitration. He has more than ten years of experience within the sports industry and the resolution of sports-specific disputes, having acted for prestigious Teams (such as FC Barcelona, Parma Calcio, Trek Factory Racing) and Olympian Athletes before various tribunals, notably the Court of Arbitration for Sport and major sports federations' judicial bodies (FIFA, UEFA, FIBA, FIVB, UCI). He has also been involved in some of the most critical operations of the commercialisation of sports, including major sponsorship and TV/Media rights deals. He is an integral part of the global Peter & Kim sports arbitration team. Micael, a Swiss national, is based in the Geneva office and spends time every year working from the Sydney office. He is fluent in English, French and Italian.

Partner in the Seoul office, Kap-You (Kevin) Kim, commented that *"At Peter & Kim we believe that our ability to provide value to our clients is drawn from the strength and quality of our team. It is important for us to invest in our people and provide opportunities for them to achieve their career goals. It is also important for us to continue to strategically grow our team with the firm's mission in mind. Peter & Kim provides a unique offering, bridging Europe and the Asia-Pacific, and its commitment to excellence and positive impact in the provision of specialised international arbitration services is paramount. This is reflected in the development of a unified multicultural team. The partners congratulate Rodica, Micael and Dongsuk on their well-deserved promotions and we extend a warm welcome to Edern"*.

Alexis Schoeb, Partner in the Sydney and Geneva offices agreed noting that *"The promotions of Rodica, Micael and Dongsuk reflect their individual accomplishments and depth of expertise in international arbitration. At Peter & Kim client work is carried out seamlessly utilising resources across all offices to ensure that the best people are involved in each case. I have had the privilege of working with each of these lawyers and commend them for the excellence they have demonstrated and the leadership they have brought to the team. We all also look forward to working with Edern going forward"*.

The lateral appointment of Edern was commended by Alexis Moure, Arbitrator, MCL Arbitration who said *"I have known Edern since the start of his career and he always had a strong focus on Asia. He is a rising star and his move will allow him to enhance an already very successful career"*.

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