

# Media Release

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## *Peter & Kim appoints new partners in Seoul*

Peter & Kim is pleased to announce two partner appointments, with Saemee Kim and Hyunyang Koo joining the partnership effective from 20 April 2026.

The strategic addition of Saemee and Hyunyang strengthens the firm's leading practice across Korea and the Asia-Pacific region. It also enhances the firm's international capabilities and the depth and reach of its global disputes platform across its offices spanning Asia, Australia and Europe. Their extensive experience advising on high-stakes international disputes across key industries positions Saemee and Hyunyang to support the firm's clients on their most challenging cross-border issues. They join the firm from Lee & Ko in Seoul and have a proven track record at the forefront of international arbitration.

Saemee is qualified in Korea and California and brings deep experience representing Korean and foreign clients in high-value and complex international commercial disputes across a broad range of sectors, including energy, life-sciences, M&A, entertainment, international trade, and IP. Saemee also conducts cross-border litigation for Korean clients abroad and for foreign corporates in Korea. In addition to her counsel work, Saemee sits as an arbitrator, is a delegate of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a co-founder of the South Korea Chapter of Energy Related Arbitration Practitioners (ENERAP).

Saemee commented: *"I am very pleased to join Peter & Kim and to be part of a team widely recognised for its excellence in international arbitration and cross-border disputes. As the disputes landscape continues to evolve rapidly, particularly in Asia, I'm excited to contribute my experience to the firm's growing practice. Peter & Kim's strong international focus, outstanding team, and reputation for excellence make it an especially exciting platform for the next stage of my practice. I look forward to working closely with my new colleagues, supporting clients on their most complex and significant matters across jurisdictions"*.

Hyunyang's practice incorporates a broad range of international arbitration and cross-border litigation matters involving international construction, software license agreements, military projects, international sports-related disputes and distributorship agreements. She was previously an in house counsel at Samsung C&T, where she handled legal affairs and advice regarding various offshore construction contracts in Australia, North America, South-East Asia, and Middle East.

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Hyunyang brings a significant depth of expertise and broad experience in international construction disputes which aligns with a crucial area of the firm's focus. Hyunyang is an active member of the international arbitration community serving as a member of the YSIAC Council and Regional Ambassador for HK45.

*Hyunyang said: "Peter & Kim has marked its position as a market leader playing a significant role in the international arbitration field. I am truly delighted and honoured to join and look forward to working closely with the Seoul team as well as other teams around the globe. Based on my experience and expertise, I hope to make a substantial contribution to Peter & Kim's further growth in the market".*

Kap-You (Kevin) Kim, Partner based in Seoul said of the appointments: *"I am thrilled that Saemee and Hyunyang have decided to join the Peter & Kim team in our Seoul office. They are widely recognized as leading international arbitration practitioners of their generation, and I am delighted to welcome lawyers of their calibre to the firm. Their arrivals further cement our Seoul office's standing as the go-to destination for top arbitration talent in the region. Their deep expertise and key specialisations will strengthen our service to existing clients while broadening the firm's offering across the Asia Pacific and beyond".*

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### **ABOUT PETER & KIM**

Peter & Kim is a specialist arbitration firm with offices in Geneva, Zurich, Sydney, Seoul, Perth and Singapore. We support clients globally through a cohesive cross-border team structure offering a depth of common and civil law expertise that is grounded in decades of combined experience at partner level in international arbitration proceedings (including ISDS cases) and in advising and representing commercial and government clients in arbitration-related proceedings before State Courts.

Peter & Kim is recognised as a global leader devoted to the highest standard of legal expertise in international arbitration.

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