

Media Release

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Peter & Kim Strengthens International Disputes Practice with Appointment of Two New Partners

Peter & Kim is happy to announce two new partner appointments, with Jin-uk (Joseph) Kim and Joonhak Choi joining the partnership based in Seoul.

The firm is pleased to welcome these two highly experienced lawyers to the team. Their arrival further strengthens the firm's cross-border disputes capability, enhancing our ability to advise clients effectively on complex, multi-jurisdictional matters, across forums and industry sectors. Joseph joined the partnership in July 2026 after nearly fifteen years of experience at major Korean law firms, including Lee & Ko and Yoon & Yang. Joonhak joined the firm in September 2026 having previously been a key member of Kim & Chang's international arbitration team for ten years.

Joseph has experience advising clients on international arbitrations, cross-border disputes in national courts, investigations as well as complex compliance related issues. Joseph has represented clients in international arbitrations conducted under the rules of the ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, AAA, JAMS, and KCAB. In addition, he has acted as counsel in proceedings before Korean courts for clients based in a wide range of jurisdictions, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, China, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Saudi Arabia. He also has significant experience coordinating and managing cross-border disputes before courts in multiple jurisdictions, including the United States, France, Italy, New Zealand, and Israel, working closely with local counsel to develop and implement effective dispute resolution strategies. Joseph is native in Korean and fluent in English. Alongside his practice, Joseph is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University Korea, where he currently teaches U.S. Constitutional Law.

Joseph commented: *"I am truly delighted and honoured to join Peter & Kim as a partner and to become part of a team with an outstanding reputation and proven track record in international arbitration and cross-border disputes. I have long admired the firm's commitment to excellence, its international outlook, and the depth of experience of its attorneys. I look forward to contributing my experience to the continued growth of the firm's practice, and, most importantly, to working alongside my new colleagues to deliver the best possible outcomes for our clients"*.

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Over the last 10 years, Joonhak regularly acted as counsel in some of the most high-profile international disputes related to Korea. His practice focused on post-M&A disputes, disputes arising from joint ventures, energy and infrastructure projects, and insurance-related claims. He has represented clients in proceedings administered by the ICC, SIAC, AAA/ICDR, CAM-CCBC, and KCAB, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. His clientele included some of the world's largest corporations, as well as a number of leading Korean conglomerates, including Samsung, LG, and POSCO. Outside of his representation of clients in front of all major international arbitration institutions, in disputes seated all over the world, Joonhak regularly represents clients in front of Korean courts in commercial litigations, as well as arbitration related litigation.

By any yardstick, Joonhak is a true international disputes lawyer: educated at Seoul National University and Columbia Law School, where in both instances he finished near the top of his class; fluent in Korean, English, and Japanese; and experienced as counsel in both international arbitrations and proceedings before the Korean courts. Admitted in Korea and New York, he combines deep knowledge of Korean law with a strong understanding of common law systems, enabling him to assist clients not only in arbitration and Korean litigation, but also in disputes involving common law jurisdictions.

"Joining Peter & Kim is an exciting step in my practice" Joonhak said. "The firm's reputation for advocacy in high-stakes commercial and investment disputes, combined with its strong regional presence in Asia-Pacific, offers an exceptional platform for advising clients on complex cross-border matters. I am pleased to be part of the team and look forward to working with my colleagues to further strengthen the firm's capabilities in Korea and across the region".

Kap-You (Kevin) Kim, Partner in Peter & Kim's Seoul office, said of the appointments: *"We are delighted to welcome Joseph and Joonhak to the firm. We feel very fortunate to have two highly respected practitioners join our team. They have outstanding reputations in the market, deep experience in complex and high-value disputes, and a proven track record delivering exceptional outcomes for clients. Their decision to join Peter & Kim is a reflection of our firm's reputation as a market leader: a firm trusted by leading clients in Korea, and globally for their most significant disputes, and a platform that naturally attracts brilliant lawyers who want to do complex work for the biggest clients."*

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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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