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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

<b>9:15AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; LOGIN</b>
<b>9:45AM</b>	<p><b>WELCOMING &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> By <b>YBhg TAN SRI JAMES FOONG</b> Retired Federal Court Judge and Director of Legal Plus</p>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<p><b>SESSION 1: REVIVING ABANDONED HOUSING PROJECT - ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>DATO' MAH WENG KWAI</b> <i>Retired Court of Appeal Judge and Consultant, MahWengKwai &amp; Associates</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <b>DATUK SR. CHARLIE CHIA LUI MENG</b>   Advocate &amp; Solicitor, Soh Hayati &amp; Co, National Council Member, REHDA <b>AR. DAVID YEK TAK WAI</b>   Principal Consultant, DYA Architect <b>ANIZ AHMAD AMIRUDIN</b>   Partner, Cecil Abraham &amp; Partners</p>
<b>11:15AM</b>	<p><b>SESSION 2: DEBATE - SHORT TERM RENTAL OR AIRBNB SHOULD BE PROHIBITED/ALLOWED/REGULATED</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>DATO' RICKY TAN SENG CHEONG</b> <i>Founder, Ricky Tan &amp; Co and President, China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Center Malaysia</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <b>LOUISE AZMI</b>   Barrister at-law (UK), Advocates and Solicitors (Malaysia), Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator <b>LENG WIE MUN</b>   Partner, Kevin &amp; Co. <b>TAN HUI WEN</b>   Senior Associate, Skrine <b>LEONG CHEE WENG</b>   Partner, Tuang, Chu &amp; Co.</p>
<b>12:30PM</b>	LUNCH BREAK
<b>2:15PM</b>	<p><b>SESSION 3: LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR LATE DELIVERY OF VACANT POSSESSION BY HOUSING DEVELOPER</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>LAM WAI LOON</b> <i>Founding Partner, Harold and Lam Partnership</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <b>OOI HUEY MIIN</b>   President of MIArb and Partner, Raja, Darryl &amp; Loh <b>KAREN NG GEK SUAN</b>   Partner, Karen, Mak &amp; Partners <b>LEON GAN</b>   Partner, Halim Hong &amp; Quek <b>JAMES TAN KOK KIAT</b>   Chief Executive Officer, Suntrack Development Sdn Bhd</p>

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**3:25PM**

## **SESSION 4: STRATA MANAGEMENT - MAJOR ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**MODERATOR:**

**CHEONG YOKE PING**

*Principal and Founder, YP Cheong & Co*

**SPEAKERS:**

**DATO' PRETAM SINGH DARSHAN SINGH**

| Founding Partner, Pretam Singh, Nor & Co.

**ALLIFF BENJAMIN SUHAIMI**

| Partner, Thomas Philip

**4:25PM**

*COFFEE BREAK*

**4:35PM**

## **SESSION 5: MANAGING HOUSING DEFECTS CLAIMS EFFECTIVELY**

**MODERATOR:**

**DATO' QUEK NGEN MENG**

*Managing Partner, Halim Hong & Quek*

**SPEAKERS:**

**DATUK IR. HO HON SANG**

| Chief Executive Officer, Mah Sing Group Berhad and Deputy President, REHDA

**AR. ANTHONY LEE TEE**

| Group Chief Operating Officer and Transformation Officer, Bina Puri Holdings Berhad and

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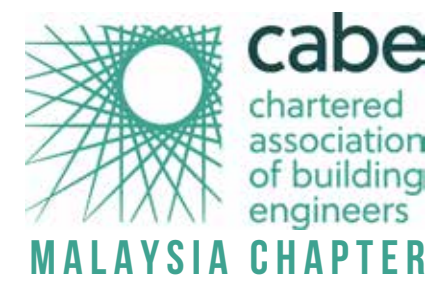
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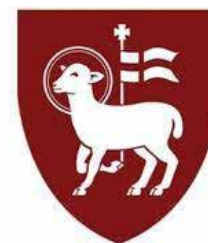
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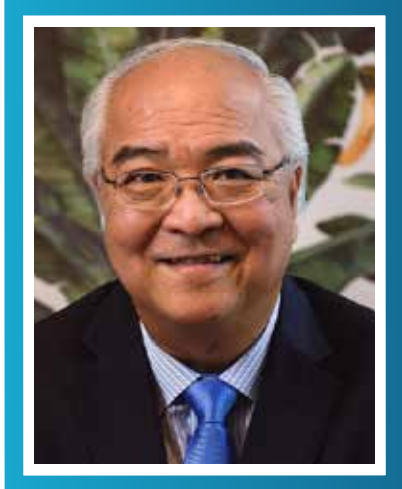


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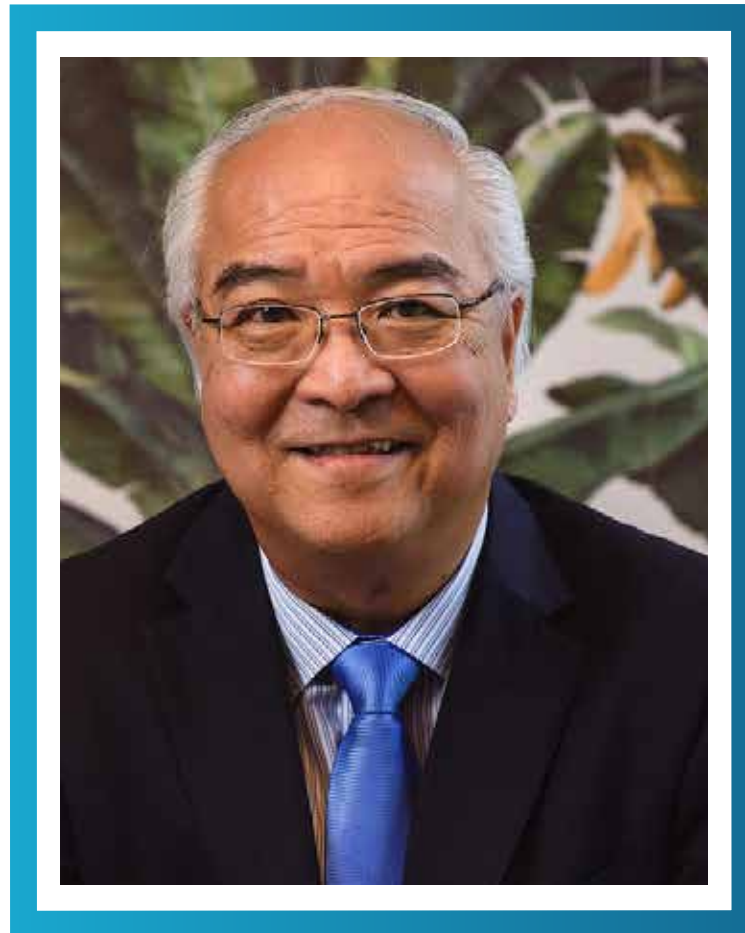
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**DATO' MAH WENG KWAI**  
Retired Court of Appeal Judge  
and Consultant, MahWengKwai & Associates

Dato' Mah Weng Kwai served as an officer in the Judicial and Legal Services from 1973 to 1985 and practiced as an Advocate & Solicitor for over two decades until 2009. He was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court in 2010 and subsequently became a Judge of the High Court and the Court of Appeal in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

After retiring from the bench in 2015, Dato' Mah became a legal consultant, arbitrator, and mediator. He also holds important positions in various commissions and committees, including the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), the Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM), the Malaysian Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC), the Institutional Reforms Committee (IRC), the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC), and the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA).

# MODERATOR



## **DATO' RICKY TAN SENG CHEONG**

Founder, Ricky Tan & Co and  
President, China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Center Malaysia

Dato' Ricky was admitted to practice in 2001 and set up his own practice in 2006. He completed his LL.B and Masters in Law at the University of Staffordshire. In 2010, he was invited as the Visiting Research Fellow of the China-ASEAN Legal Research Center by the China Law Society and Southwest University of Political Science and Law. Ever since, Ricky has been an active advocate for the enhancement of legal cooperation between China and Malaysia. He is appointed as the Adjunct Professor of Hainan University, Associate Professor of Law School at Dalian Maritime University Law School, Associate Professor at Coast Guard School of Dalian Ocean University and Visiting Associate Professor at Southwest University of Political Science & Law. In 2017 Ricky was appointed as the Executive Director of the China-ASEAN Legal Corporation Centre in Malaysia and subsequently duly registered as a society known as CALCC in Malaysia.

Ricky is active in ADR and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom (FCI Arb) and a Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (FAIADR). Being appointed as an adjudicator by the Asian International Arbitration Centre in 2014, Ricky has vast experience in adjudication matters and has adjudicated numerous claims since. Ricky is also a Member of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators. Ricky is also appointed and empanelled as arbitrator by Hainan International Arbitration Court, Nanning Arbitration Commission and serves on Dalian Arbitration Commission Executive Council. Ricky is also an Accredited Mediator of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and International Mediation Institute (IMI) qualified Mediator.



# MODERATOR



## LAM WAI LOON

Founding Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership

Lam Wai Loon is a founding partner of Messrs. Harold & Lam Partnership. He sits as an arbitrator and is a qualified adjudicator to adjudication disputes under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA 2012"). He is a Chartered Arbitrator, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.), and is on the Asian International Arbitration Centre's and Kigali International Arbitration Centre's Panel of Arbitrators. Wai Loon has spoken at conferences on arbitration, adjudication and construction law, and has contributed various articles to legal publications. His recent publications include a co-authored book titled 'Construction Adjudication In Malaysia' [2nd Edition, Sweet & Maxwell Malaysia], and a co-authored Chapter on 'Arbitration In Malaysia' published in the text titled 'International Commercial Arbitration In Asia' [3rd Edition, 2013, JurisNet LLC].

Wai Loon was the immediate past President of the Malaysian Society of Adjudicators [2019-2020], Past President of the Society Construction Law, Malaysia [2017-2018] and the Past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Malaysia Branch [2016-2017]. He was also a committee member of the AIAC CIPAA Regulations Committee, and approved AIAC Tutor & Examiner of the AIAC Adjudication Training Programme. He was named as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation [Years 2019, 2020 and 2021] as well as one of the Commended External Counsel of the Year, 2020 by asian-mena Counsel. He was also recently ranked by Chambers & Partners in Dispute Resolution: Construction 2022.

# MODERATOR



## **CHEONG YOKE PING**

Principal and Founder, YP Cheong & Co

Ms Cheong Yoke Ping @YP Cheong, LLB (Honours), University of Malaya, is the senior and founder of the legal and intellectual property firm YP Cheong & Co. She has been in continuous active legal practice since January 1980. She has trained many solicitors, bankers, developers, chambering students and paralegals to work independently in conveyancing matters via her "Practical Conveyancing Skills Seminar - Conveyancing with Confidence, Be a Better Conveyancer". Ms YP Cheong is one of the 3 Consultants appointed by the Ministry of Housing & Local Government (now known as Kementerian Pembangunan Kerajaan Tempatan) (KPKT) to draft the Strata Management Act 2013 (Act 757). Ms YP Cheong is an active member of the Conveyancing Practice Committee of the Bar Council (CPC). She has represented the Bar Council in many meetings on various issues with the relevant authorities, including the Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (stamp duty issues), PEMUDAH, Jabatan Perumahan Negara, Jabatan Ketua Pengarah Tanah Dan Galian Persekutuan (JKPTG) and KPKT. Presently she is one of the members representing the Bar Council in the Focus Group of KPKT set up in 2020 to discuss amendments to the Housing Development (Control And Licensing) Act 1966 (Act 118) and Regulations.

# MODERATOR



**DATO' QUEK NGENE MENG**  
Managing Partner, Halim Hong & Quek

Dato' Quek is an experienced legal practitioner whose main areas of practice range from matters relating to corporate and commercial to cross-border investments and property and township developments. He is regularly sought by major developers, multi-national companies and financial institutions for legal advice and representation. He has represented major developers and completed sale and purchase transactions and loan documentation for urban and township developments and several mixed commercial and residential developments. He also advises financial institutions on all matters pertaining to financing transactions, from preparation to completion of loan documentation of corporate financing, Islamic financing, commercial facilities and property financing and refinancing arrangements.

Dato' Quek is regularly consulted by multi-national companies for advice in strategizing their investment plans as well as drafting and reviewing agreements and contracts used in cross borders investments. He is also regularly consulted by local and regional business councils and organisations for consultations on their respective agreements. A highly strong-willed advocate, Dato' Quek has in recent years brought an appeal to the English Courts and the European Courts of Human Rights (ECtHR) in order to seek justice for the unlawful killings of the victims in the Batang Kali Massacre (Dec 1948) by the previous British government in Malaya. For his vast experience in the Malaysia-China economic cooperation, Dato' Quek is frequently consulted by body corporates and various organisations for legal advice. Most prominently, Dato' Quek has spoken at several key international and local conferences on current issues pertaining to Belt & Road Initiative.



# SPEAKERS



## **DATUK SR. CHARLIE CHIA LUI MENG**

Advocate & Solicitor, Soh Hayati & Co,  
National Council Member, REHDA

Datuk Sr. Charlie Chia Lui Meng, a Malaysian aged 67, has 45 years of experience in the property development and construction industry and has worked in both the public and private sectors. He holds a Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (Hons) from the University of Technology Malaysia and a Bachelor of Law (Hons) Degree from the University of London. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Consultant Quantity Surveyor. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar as an Advocate and Solicitor. He began his career in the Public Works Department, Malaysia as a Senior Quantity Surveyor and has served in a number of Public Listed Companies, namely Hiap Construction Berhad, United Malayan Land Berhad, Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd and Malton Berhad as the Director and Chief Executive Officer. His last workplace was joining United Malayan Land Berhad in June 2012 as the Group Chief Executive Officer, and he retired in June 2016. He remains a Senior Advisor and Non-Executive Director in the subsidiary companies within UMLand Group. He is also currently an Independent & Non-Executive Director in GDB Holdings Berhad ( a Main Board Public Listed Construction Company). He is a National Council Member of the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia ("REHDA") and chairman of the Task Force on the Legislation Amendment on Strata Management Act 757. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Engineering & Quantity Surveying of INTI International University. He is currently practising as an Advocate & Solicitor in Soh Hayati & Co, specialising in the area of Construction, Real Estate and Property Development Law. In 1995, he was conferred Ahli Mangku Negara by the Yang Di Pertuan Agong. In 2014, he was conferred Darjah Pangkuan Seri Melaka (DPSM) with the title "Datuk" by the TYT Gabenor of Melaka.

## **AR. DAVID YEK TAK WAI** Principal Consultant, DYA Architect

Ar. David is dual-qualified as an architect and construction law expert. He sets up DYA+C to undertake advice on disputes and potentially appear as a disputes resolver. Architecture: Prior to his venturing into ADR, he had been actively practising as a Professional and RIBA Chartered Architect, as David Yek Architect (DYA) for more than 20 years. His work includes private residential, high-end mass residential high-rises, international schools and mixed-development commercial. Dispute Resolution: Ar. David obtained his LLM in Construction Law and International Arbitration from the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen (RGU), he was elected as FCI Arb, collectively empanelled as arbitrators, adjudicators, mediators and expert determiners in the AIAC and the various arbitration centres worldwide, i.e. MIAC, THAC, AIADR, HKICAdj, RICS-DRS and others. He is elected fellow of FCI Arb, FHKICAdj, FMI Arb and FCABE. Others: Ar. David acted as an independent expert on liabilities for arbitrations and litigations in areas of Construction, Professional Liabilities, and Fire and Building Codes compliance. He is a member of the Building Defects Forensic Inspector with the Architect Centre, a Fire Engineer with the International Fire Engineers (IFE); and an associate of the Academy of Expert (AOE) UK. He is also an Accredited Green Professional with Green-RE and Green Building Index (GBI). Education: Ar. David has been involved in various academia as a guest lecturer for various institutions, i.e. University Technology of Malaysia (UTM), University Tengku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), UCSI, University Malaysia and Taylor's University; and a current task force member of Construction Industry Law Centre ('CILC'), a unit under University Science Malaysia (USM).



# SPEAKERS



## **ANIZ AHMAD AMIRUDIN**

Partner, Cecil Abraham & Partners

Aniz Ahmad Amirudin is a partner at Cecil Abraham & Partners specialising in Construction & Infrastructure as well as Arbitration and Adjudication. He has extensive experience in both advisory and advocacy aspects in these areas and has been involved in both international and domestic arbitrations held under the auspices of the AIAC, SIAC, ICC and LMAA rules. Aniz actively sits both as an Arbitrator and as an Adjudicator on various construction disputes being a panel member of AIAC and ICC, Malaysia. Aniz has also been recently included in amongst others, the panel of LCIA, ADGM Arbitration Centre, Abu Dhabi and Shanghai International Arbitration Centre. Aniz is also a Committee Member of the Bar Council Arbitration and Construction Law Committee and Committee Member of the ICC Malaysia Arbitration Committee. Apart from being recognised by the Global Arbitration Review 100, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and the Asia Law Profiles, Aniz continues to be recognised by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific since 2018. Further, and apart from construction disputes alone, Aniz is also an active litigator focusing on commercial disputes and has appeared as counsel in all levels of Malaysian Courts.

## **LOUISE AZMI**

Barrister at-law (UK), Advocates and Solicitors (Malaysia),  
Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator

Louise Azmi was in practice as a Barrister in England for 11 years before relocating permanently to Malaysia. Louise passed the Bahasa Malaysia Legal Qualifying Exam, and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2019. Louise now practices from a firm in Mont Kiara specialising in counsel and advisory work. Louise has extensive experience in trial and appellate work. She undertakes cases involving construction, including oil and gas, constitutional and administrative law, and general civil litigation. She also undertakes advisory work in these fields. Louise also has a particular interest in environmental law. Louise has been appointed as Arbitrator in a number of domestic arbitrations in Malaysia. She is a Fellow of CI Arb, and a panel member at AIAC and SIDREC.





# SPEAKERS



## LENG WIE MUN

Partner, Kevin & Co.

Leng Wie Mun graduated from the University of London and completed her Certificate in Legal Practice. She begins her practice with Messrs Kevin & Co. till to-date. Her areas of expertise include civil, corporate and commercial law and criminal litigation. She handles various corporate agreements such as Merger and Acquisition, Shareholder Agreements, Partnership Agreements, Joint Venture Agreements, Affiliation Agreements, Concession Agreement and Power of Attorney etc. Wie Mun is also a registered Company Secretary and certified HRDF trainer wherein she also provides training to corporations, offshore companies and financial constitutions, including but not limited to regulation and compliance to combat anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and corruption policy. Wie Mun is also actively involved in providing legal advice and training in respect of Fintech law. She is also a part-time lecturer in HDA, bankruptcy and winding up for postgraduate in a law school. She handled the first disputed case in the High Court of Malaya in respect of the short-term lease in 2019.

She co-authored and published a book entitled "Criminal Procedure and Practice in Malaysia" in 2022.

## TAN HUI WEN

Senior Associate, Skrine



Tan Hui Wen is a litigation and arbitration lawyer with a focus on land disputes, rates & assessment disputes, and commercial disputes. Reported as an "Up and coming litigation lawyer" by asialaw Profiles 2021, Hui Wen has experience acting for the acquirers and the land owners in land acquisition disputes and compensation claims from the High Court to the Federal Court. She has represented a State Government, State Authorities and State-owned conglomerates in resisting challenges to land acquisitions and claims based on native customary rights. She has also acted for ratepayers in challenging assessment tax imposed by local governments on lands, terminals, refineries and pipelines. Hui Wen has authored publications on her practice areas, such as The Annotated Statutes of Malaysia: Land Acquisition Act 1960 (2021), Atkin's Court Forms Malaysia - Land, Land Acquisition, Appeals (updates) (2019, 2020), and Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia [270] Landlord & Tenant (2020).

Hui Wen served as the ICC YAF Regional Representative for South Asia (2019 to 2021) at the International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitrators Forum, where she was the sole representative from Malaysia. Hui Wen currently serves as an elected member of the Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee (2023/2024), Chairperson of the KLBC Young Lawyers Committee (2023/2024), and the University of Auckland's Alumni Coordinator for Malaysia.



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## LEONG CHEE WENG

Partner, Tuang, Chu & Co

Leong Chee Weng is a Partner with Tuang, Chu & Co, heading the firm's Construction Dispute Resolution and the International Arbitration Practice Group. Chee Weng was called to the Bar of England & Wales and the High Court of Malaya. He regularly represents clients in complex and high-value disputes at all levels of the Malaysian courts, arbitration, mediation and Adjudication under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012. He is often engaged to review and draft various contracts and render practical and constructive advice to clients from both legal and commercial perspectives. Chee Weng works with clients from a wide range of industries, including property developers, manufacturers, foreign state-owned companies, suppliers and contractors. He has previously advised and acted for clients in disputes relating to, amongst others, claims for liquidated damages by purchasers against developers, defects claim, construction of the Malaysian Light Railway Transit project valued at approximately RM16.63 billion, construction of a mixed development with an estimated project size of RM350 million, construction of a fuel hydrant pipeline in KLIA, supply of Malaysian passport and construction of a waste treatment plant, which is the first of its kind in Malaysia.

He is also the author of numerous publications and a frequent speaker at conferences.

## OOI HUEY MIIN

President, The Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators  
Partner, Raja, Darryl & Loh

Huey Miin has practised civil and commercial dispute resolution in Malaysia since 1999. He is a partner in the Dispute Resolution, Construction, Infrastructure and Energy Practice of Messrs. Raja, Darryl & Loh, a law firm based in Kuala Lumpur. He regularly acts as lead counsel in Malaysian court proceedings and in arbitrations. Huey Miin also sits as an arbitrator and adjudicator. He is a fellow, and the current President, of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MI Arb) and a fellow, and 'approved faculty list' tutor and assessor, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).



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## **KAREN NG GEK SUAN**

Partner, Karen, Mak & Partners

Karen Ng Gek Suan is a Partner of Karen, Mak and Partners. She is a Building & Construction lawyer based in Kuala Lumpur. She advises on building & construction contracts and represents clients in all tiers of Courts, Arbitrations, Adjudications and Royal Commission of Enquiry Proceedings. Karen started off her pupillage in 2006 in Kuala Lumpur and continued her practice in Building & Construction law in Kuala Lumpur, and then regionally as a Foreign Lawyer in Singapore. In 2012, Karen relocated back to Kuala Lumpur and has been a Partner in the Building & Construction Practice Group in law firm specialising in this area from 2015 to December 2021. In 2022, Karen set up her own practice. Karen is also an Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIARB) as well as the Malaysia Mediation Centre. She is also the Past Deputy President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrator (2017-2019); the current ICC Young Arbitration & ADR Forum (ICC YAAF) Representative for South Asia -Malaysia; and a Panel Member of AIAC Academy of Tutors. Karen is also a contributor of Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia (2021) by Justice Lim Chong Fong, the CIDB's Construction Law Reports and CIDB's Learning from Decided Construction Cases and Commentaries.

## **LEON GAN**

Partner, Halim Hong & Quek

Leon is routinely sought for advice and representation in real estate-related matters. His portfolio extends to township and mixed developments, rental or lease agreements and schemes, special development areas, strata management, joint ventures, and other real estate-related matters. Apart from Leon's experience and knowledge in real estate, he also advises on banking and financial services matters. Leon's practice extends to corporate matters and has advised and represented clients on mergers & acquisitions, due diligence, and review. Leon also advises clients on technology-related agreements, licensing, development, collaborations, joint ventures, electronic money, payment services, payment gateways, payment solutions, merchant acquiring, digital banking and microfinancing.



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## **JAMES TAN KOK KIAT**

Chief Executive Office, Suntrack Development Sdn. Bhd.

James Tan is the CEO of Suntrack Development Sdn Bhd, a multiple award-winning developer with over 20 years of track record in property development. The awards include the Star Property Award for best semi-retirement residential, the prestigious FIABCI award 2019 for best high rise residential, the Asia Pacific Property Award and the Institute of Landscape Malaysia awards. Suntrack's vision is to be a great company that develops MAGIC communities. MAGIC stands for Multi-Ability, Multi-Generational Inclusive Communities where no one is left behind (MAGIC is a term coined by Dr Bill Thomas). This vision is being materialized in their newest project, Tuai Residence in Setia Alam Malaysia. James is currently the National Council Member for REHDA Malaysia (Real Estate Housing Developers Association) and Chairman for Planning Policies and Standard Committee.

## **DATO' PRETAM SINGH DARSHAN SINGH**

Founding Partner, Pretam Singh, Nor & Co.

Dato' Pretam is the founder of Pretam Singh, Nor & Co. and has previously served as the President of the Tribunal for Home Buyers' Claims. He is a lawyer by profession and was previously a Senior Federal Counsel, Deputy Public Prosecutor with the Attorney General's Chambers and the legal advisor to several Government Ministries and agencies, including KPKT. His practice is highly regarded and recognised by major developers, bankers, financial institutions and GLCs in property and land matters. He is also the President of the Property Real Estate Lawyers Association. He is a well-sought-after public speaker both locally and internationally. He is a major contributor of articles on property-related issues to the social and print media.





# SPEAKERS



## **ALLIFF BENJAMIN SUHAIMI** Partner, Thomas Philip

Alliff Benjamin Suhaimi (Ben) is a partner in the firm's Civil Litigation department. He is regularly appointed to advise and represent individuals and companies in matters relating to land disputes, land acquisition, defamation, as well as corporate and commercial litigation. He has also acted as counsel in a number of high-profile public interest litigation. Ben has several reported cases under his belt across various practice areas. His notable cases include the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Perbadanan Pengurusan Trellises & Ors v Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur & Ors* [2021], where he represented residents of Taman Tun Dr Ismail in an application for judicial review to quash a planning permission/development order granted by the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur for the development on a piece of land which would affect Taman Rimba Kiara. The decision brought about a significant impact on public administration and planning laws. Throughout his years in practice, Ben has also accumulated many experiences in defamation matters. His experiences include successfully representing a Malaysian politician in a defamation suit, where the Federal Court's ruling contributed to the development of the law of defamation in Malaysia (*Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd v Tony Pua Kiam Wee* [2015]). He has also successfully represented a water concessionaire company in a defamation suit brought against a politician and various news media outlets. Ben is also experienced in commercial matters. His experience includes a recent case (2021) which made its way up to the apex court, where he successfully represented a property holding company in defending a contractual claim brought by a mineral extraction company for RM10.8 million. The mineral extraction company's application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court was also subsequently dismissed. He has also successfully represented an oil and gas company in a contractual claim to recover a sum of approximately RM2.2 million. In a separate matter, Ben has represented an investment holding company in defending a breach of contract claim filed by a government-linked company for the sum of RM198 million. Apart from civil and commercial disputes, Ben is also experienced in construction disputes. With experience in construction litigation and adjudication, he has successfully represented a sub-contractor in obtaining an injunction against the main contractor of a construction project to restrain the release of the sums guaranteed under a performance bond. He has also successfully represented a façade manufacturer in adjudication proceedings to recover the sum of RM1.8mil for works done.

## **DATUK IR. HO HON SANG** Chief Executive Officer, Mah Sing Group Berhad and Deputy President, REHDA

Datuk Ir. Ho Hon Sang graduated with 1st Class (Hons), Civil Engineering from University of Malaya in 1984 and he attended the Advanced Management Program organized by Harvard Business School, in 2005. Datuk Ho is also a Member of BEM, a registered Professional Engineer with Practising Certificate; a member of IEM, Professional Engineer; and has 38 years of experience in property development as well as relevant fields which include engineering, consultancy, road privatization and general management industry. He is currently the Group CEO of MahSing Group Berhad. He previously held the post of CEO of Sunsuria Berhad and Managing Director of Property Development, Sunway Berhad.



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## **AR. ANTHONY LEE TEE**

Group Chief Operating Officer and Transformation Officer,  
Bina Puri Holdings Berhad and Managing Director,  
Architect Centre Sdn Bhd

Ar Anthony Lee Tee has been a practicing architect registered with the Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) since 1995 (registration number SP/L 262). He was also made a Fellow PAM Member in 2021. He has been actively involved in PAM Council, having been appointed as Chair for Professional Practice, Disciplinary, and Co-Chair for ADR Committees. Recently, he was elected as Honorary Secretary for 2023-24. Anthony has been an accredited architect, independent building inspector, forensics building inspector, certified trainer, and expert witness for Architect Centre Sdn Bhd since 2008. With over 30 years of experience in design-build projects for hotels and commercial projects in collaboration with international and Malaysian clients and contractors, he has served as Project Director for integrated phased projects that involved local and foreign-based clients, consultants, and contractors/subcontractors from Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Australia, India, and China. He also has regional experience with projects and assignments in Moscow, Thailand, Brunei, Sabah, and Sarawak. Since 2018, Anthony has held the position of Group Chief Operating & Transformation Officer for Bina Puri Holdings Berhad. In this role, he has seen first-hand the impact of disputes on industry players and understands the importance of an efficient and competent dispute resolution process. Having been both a claimant and respondent in several dispute resolution processes, including CIPAA adjudications and arbitrations, he has experienced the benefits and disadvantages of these processes. Anthony has prepared hundreds of independent inspection condition reports related to leaks, cracks, and building failures, and has been appointed as a court expert in building defects.

## **AMY HIEW KAR YI**

Partner, Harold & Lam Partnership

Amy Hiew graduated from Oxford Brookes University in 2012 and was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Middle Temple in 2013. She was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court in 2014. Prior to joining Messrs. Harold & Lam Partnership in 2017, she was practising in one of the largest law firms in Malaysia. Amy's main areas of practice are construction, corporate and commercial dispute resolution; where she has both court litigation and arbitration experience. Besides dispute resolution, Amy is also involved in corporate drafting and project advisory. She has recently co-authored the textbook 'Lam on Construction Claims in Malaysia'.





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