



## ASIA PACIFIC SUPER LEAGUE 2011

Andre Brown reveals the results of the first ever *PLC Which lawyer?* Asia Pacific Super League.

The 2011 Asia Pacific Super League showcases the law firms which have established themselves as strong pan-Asian players in the core corporate and commercial disciplines. The Super League highlights firms with breadth across the region along with the depth and quality of their practices.

Rankings are based on *PLC Which lawyer?* research appearing online as at 21 February 2011 (online rankings can be viewed at [www.whichlawyer.com](http://www.whichlawyer.com)).

### Methodology

**Basis of research.** Our team of researchers speak to the leading legal practices throughout the year, as well as with clients who have recently instructed lawyers, to identify the best known specialists/practices across the key corporate and commercial areas in the Asia Pacific region. We monitor and analyse recent deal/case information across these areas to identify the firms most active in the market, and conduct peer review exercises among the leading practices. On the basis

of this research, we rank lawyers and law firms for their expertise in the relevant legal areas. For a full explanation of the research and practice areas/subcategories covered, please visit [www.whichlawyer.com](http://www.whichlawyer.com).

**Practice areas.** The practice areas included in this Super League are: banking and finance; capital markets; corporate/M&A; dispute resolution; and energy and natural resources.

**Rankings.** Law firms are ranked in each practice area as “leading”, “highly recommended”, “recommended” or “recognised” in the jurisdictions in which they have relevant capability. Individual lawyers with strong reputations in this sector are singled out as “endorsed”.

**Super League results.** The Asia Pacific Super League results are calculated by aggregating the results of law firm and lawyer recommendations in all of the above practice areas in Australia, China,

Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, with different points allocated to the level of recommendation. Firm recommendations are given more weighting than individual rankings. To qualify for inclusion in the Super League, a firm must receive recommendations in a minimum of three jurisdictions.

Firms are ranked by total score and then by number of recommended lawyers, so if firms receive identical scores they are ranked in accordance with which firm has the most recommended lawyers.

**Policy on mergers.** Points are aggregated if a full merger has been implemented before the calculations for the Super Leagues commence. Correspondent and alliance firms are not included.

**Firm names.** Firm names are abbreviated to those used in the home jurisdiction.

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RANK	FIRM	TOTAL SCORE	NUMBER OF RECOMMENDED LAWYERS	RECOMMENDED IN...
1	Baker & McKenzie	255	46	Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.
2	Allen & Overy	207	32	Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Thailand.
3	Linklaters	200	21	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Thailand.
4	Clifford Chance	192	22	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Thailand.
5	Herbert Smith	176	26	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Thailand.
6	Mallesons Stephen Jaques	153	36	Australia, China and Hong Kong.
7	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	142	16	China, Hong Kong, Japan and Vietnam.
8	Allens Arthur Robinson	140	32	Australia, Singapore and Vietnam.
9	White & Case	76	12	China, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore.
10	Mayer Brown JSM	69	13	China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Vietnam.