

PROFILE



Partner, Corporate and Commercial
Tilleke & Gibbins, Bangkok, Thailand

charunun.s@tilleke.com

T +66 2056 5541

Qualifications

LLM, Golden Gate University School of Law

LLB, Thammasat University

Language

English and Thai

CHARUNUN SATHITSUKSOMBOON

ABOUT CHARUNUN

Charunun Sathitsuksomboon is a partner in Tilleke & Gibbins' Bangkok office, where she advises on complex commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions (M&As), joint ventures, due diligence, foreign direct investment, cross-border transactions, corporate restructuring, and e-commerce matters. She represents clients across a broad range of industries, including automotive and electric vehicles, banking and finance, consumer goods, insurance, life sciences, manufacturing, renewable energy, and technology.

With deep knowledge of Thailand's regulatory landscape, Charunun regularly advises international companies on investments, acquisitions, and other strategic transactions involving the Thai market. Her legal expertise and client service have earned recognitions from leading legal directories, including Chambers Asia-Pacific, IFLR 1000, and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, which rank her among Thailand's leading M&A lawyers. Since 2021, she has also been included in IFLR 1000's Asia-Pacific Women Leaders publication and has been repeatedly recognized by Asian Legal Business as one of Asia's Top 15 M&A Lawyers.

Charunun regularly writes and speaks on doing business in Thailand. She is a member of the Thai Bar Association and is licensed by the Lawyers Council of Thailand.

EXPERIENCE

- Advised Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited on the Thailand aspects of its approximately NZD 3.845 billion divestment of global consumer and associated businesses to Lactalis, including the carve-out and transfer of Thai operations and the restructuring of its Thai foodservice business.
- Advised Tokai Carbon Co., Ltd. on its THB 2.05 billion acquisition of Bridgestone Carbon Black (Thailand) Co., Ltd., including legal due diligence, transaction implementation, and Thai merger control analysis.
- Advised Veolia Environmental Services (Thailand) Company Limited on its acquisition of a 33.33% stake in Eastern Seaboard Clean Energy Company Limited (ESCE) and related shareholder and financing arrangements, strengthening its position in Thailand's waste-to-energy sector.
- Advised a leading Korean biopharmaceutical company on a joint venture with a Thai state-owned pharmaceutical enterprise to develop and manufacture vaccines in Thailand, involving foreign investment, regulatory, and public procurement considerations.
- Advised a Thai media and digital content company on a strategic investment and joint venture with one of Thailand's leading media groups, including transaction structuring, shareholder arrangements, and governance matters.
- Advised a global consumer healthcare and optical products company on a strategic, meaningful investment in Thailand's largest optical retail chain, with over 2,000 stores across all regions of the country, including foreign investment, governance, and control structuring.

ACCOLADES

Chambers Asia-Pacific

Corporate/M&A – Band 3

- *“Charunun is exemplary in promptly responding to queries and requests with very short turnarounds and tailoring her responses and advice appropriately to the audience, predicting where additional questions might arise and proactively providing additional background and context beforehand.”*

The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific

Corporate/M&A – Leading Partner

- *“Charunun Sathitsuksomboon is an outstanding person, who knows the insurance industry very well and is well-versed in M&A transactions.”*

Asialaw Leading Lawyers

Corporate/M&A – Distinguished Practitioner