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#### Areas of practice

- Dispute resolution
- Investigations

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#### Qualification/Education

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2013
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2012

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#### Appointments/Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, YSIAC

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#### Awards and accolades

- Euromoney Legal Media Group Women in Business Law Awards Asia 2020 – Rising Star Lawyer of the Year for Litigation
  - *The Legal 500, Asia Pacific: Next Generation Lawyer* (Dispute Resolution), 2019
  - *Singapore Business Review: Singapore's 20 Most Influential Lawyers* 40 and Under. 2017
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The “*very thorough, efficient, dedicated, and a star of the future*” (*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2019) Alcina has assisted in various civil and commercial matters covering a wide spectrum of industry sectors such as private banking, securities, hospitality, and clubs and societies.

#### Experience

- Representing **Vinmar Group** in a claim before the Singapore International Commercial Court (“**SICC**”) in connection with the collapse of a large petrochemical project in Singapore – one of the first few cases to come before the SICC.
- Advising **Wirecard AG** in relation to fraud investigations and tracing of some €1.9 billion which was discovered to be missing from its balance sheet in June 2020.
- Acting for a **plaintiff** in a complex case where there was a dispute on whether the fire broke out in the plaintiff's or the defendant's property, and the cause of the fire was unknown. Following a nine-day trial in which many witnesses including fire experts and personnel from the Singapore Civil Defence Force were cross-examined, the team obtained a favourable judgment for 100% of the quantum claimed by the plaintiff: see *Te Deum Engineering Pte Ltd v Grace Electrical Engineering Pte Ltd* [2016] SGHC 232. The defendant then filed an appeal. The Court of Appeal, after hearing the appeal, accepted our arguments on a novel point of law, and upheld the decision: see *Grace Electrical Engineering Pte Ltd v Te Deum Engineering Pte Ltd* [2017] SGCA 65.
- Acting for an **international group of manufacturing companies** against a former director and CEO over issues of bribery and corruption, conspiracy, diversion of a multi-million business and serious breaches of fiduciary duties: see *Beyonics Technology Ltd and another v Goh Chan Peng and others* [2016] SGHC 120, and *Goh Chan Peng and others v Beyonics Technology Ltd and another* [2017] SGCA 40.

Acting for **United Overseas Bank Limited** (“**UOB**”) in its claims for fraud and conspiracy against, amongst others, Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd (“**Lippo Marina**”), a property development company within the well-known Lippo Group, relating to UOB's grant of mortgage loans amounting to an aggregate sum of S\$181 million for the purchase of luxury condominium units at The Marina Collection at Sentosa Cove developed by Lippo Marina. This case included an interlocutory application involving a complex area of law pertaining to whether the fraud exception applies to prevent attribution of the knowledge of an employee who had been fraudulent and/or who had committed a breach of duty to the employer. See: *United Overseas Bank Ltd v Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd and others* [2016] 2 SLR 597; and *United Overseas Bank Ltd v Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd* [2017] SGHC 140.

- Representing **Mdm Kwik Poh Leng**, the matriarch of the Thio family, in a dispute over approximately S\$1 billion of family-owned assets. The Thio family owns one of the largest dairy products businesses in South-East Asia through their company, Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd, which produces well-known brands such as Vitagen, Marigold, HL Milk, Peel Fresh, Cowbell, Lady General, King of Kings and Double Happiness. See: *Thio Syn Kym Wendy and others v Thio Syn Pyn and others* [2017] SGHC 169.
- Acting for **Mr Chandra Winata Lie**, an Indonesian high net worth individual, in his claims for unauthorised trading, failure to advise and misrepresentation against Citibank NA. See: *Chandra Winata Lie v Citibank NA* [2015] 1 SLR 875.
- Advising and acting for a **major international hotel chain** in respect of their dispute with a Singapore landlord.
- Advising and acting for a **leading Asia-Pacific hotel chain** in a dispute with the Singapore subsidiary of an international provider of membership programmes, which was appointed as their agent.
- Advising and acting for **Malaysian clients** in claims for misrepresentation against a major Swiss bank.
- Advising and acting for an **Indonesian client** in claims for unauthorized trading, failure to advise and misrepresentation against a major US bank.
- Advising and acting for **Indian clients** in claims for fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, and breach of trust against their former private banker.
- Advising and acting for a **local stockbroking firm** against its remisier for contra losses suffered as a result of the collapse of Sky One share prices.
- Advising and acting for a **former President of a club** in relation to a dispute arising out of the suspension and removal of a committee member of the club.