

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS PROMOTES 23 TO GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

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Leading global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills announced today the promotion of 23 new partners to its global partnership. The promotions take effect on 1 May 2021.

The new partners are based across the firm's international network; in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and the UK. For the first time, partners have been promoted in the Milan and Johannesburg offices.

CEO [Justin D'Agostino](#) commented:

"The skills of these talented lawyers reflect both our traditional strengths as a firm and the legal innovation now entrenched across our international network, in areas such as ESG, energy transition, private capital and business and human rights.

"Their selection also demonstrates our ongoing ambition to provide clients with the very best insights and legal services to help them navigate the challenges of the new business environment.

"I congratulate them all on their success in joining the partnership, and look forward to their continued contribution to the firm."

Chair and Senior Partner [James Palmer](#) added:

"The days on which we elect and then announce our new partners are always among the most positive across the firm, because they are core to our philosophy of building generations of outstanding lawyers committed to helping clients.

"I am delighted that the firm's strengths around the world continue to be reflected in this year's group of new partners."

Our new partners and their principal areas of practice are:

## **Africa**

[Patrick Leyden, Johannesburg](#) Corporate/M&A

## **Asia**

[Irina Akentjeva, Singapore](#) Corporate/Energy

[Antony Crockett, Hong Kong](#) ESG/Business and Human Rights, Public International Law

[Joseph Fisher, Tokyo](#) Corporate/M&A

[Dana Kim, Seoul](#)  
Investigations International Arbitration, Corporate Crime and

[Jeremy Shen, Hong Kong](#) Corporate/M&A and Equity Capital Markets

## **Australia**

[Neena Aynsley, Melbourne](#) Corporate (Energy, Resources and Infrastructure)

[Daniel Ficyk, Sydney/Asia](#) Projects (Energy, Infrastructure and Construction)

[Emma Iles, Melbourne](#) Intellectual Property Disputes

[Mark Smyth, Sydney](#) Disputes

[Timothy Stutt, Sydney](#) ESG/Corporate Governance

[Christine Wong, Sydney](#) Disputes (Commercial Litigation and Corporate Crime and

Investigations)

## Europe

[Julius Brandt, Frankfurt](#)  
Expertise

Corporate/M&A, Equity Capital Markets and Notarial

[Mathias Dantin, Paris](#)

Energy and Infrastructure

[Jaime de San Román, Madrid](#)  
Insolvency

Banking Disputes and Restructuring, Turnaround and

[Pietro Pouché, Milan](#)

Intellectual Property and Commercial Litigation

[Ivan Teselkin, Moscow](#)

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

## UK

[Michael Aherne, London](#)

Pensions

[Andrew Cooke, London](#)  
Insolvency

Commercial Litigation and Restructuring, Turnaround and

[Emma Deas, London](#)

Banking Litigation

[Simon Elliott, London](#)

Real Estate

[Chris Mann, London](#)

Finance

[Fiona Treanor, London](#)

Insurance Disputes

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