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Profile

Lily is one of the founding partners of **Albar & Partners**. She is the Joint Managing Partner. Lily heads the Corporate and Commercial and Equity Capital Markets practice groups, while also co-leading the Banking & Finance practice group. She focuses on large scale M&As and de-mergers, public take-overs initial public offerings, listings and de-listings, REITs, privatisation projects and joint ventures. She is highly experienced in sophisticated structured finance, asset backed securitisation and project finance transactions (both domestic and cross border), conventional bonds and complex Sukuks. With her extensive background, she has advised in many ground-breaking transactions which have won awards as some of the top deals in the nation and South-East Asia.

Practice Area

Banking & Finance, Corporate & Commercial, Capital Markets (Debt & Equity), Islamic Finance

Qualifications

B.Ec (Accounting), Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

LL.B, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.

Recognition

- The Asia Business Law Journal 2019 edition : “The A-List: Malaysia’s Top 100 Lawyers”.
- ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2017: Inaugural winner of the “Woman Lawyer of the Year” award.
- Asia Pacific Legal 500: The Guide to Asia’s Commercial Law Firms: “Leading Individual” in Banking & Finance, Capital Markets and Islamic Finance.
- Asialaw Leading Lawyers: “Elite Practitioner” in Banking & Finance and Capital Markets.
- Chambers Asia Guide: “Band 1 Leading Lawyer” for Corporate/Commercial: Equity Markets. Also ranked for Banking & Finance.
- Euromoney Expert Guide to the World’s Leading Banking, Finance and Transactional Lawyers: Featured for Banking and Finance & Capital Markets.
- IFLR1000: The Guide to the World’s Leading Financial Law Firms: “Highly Regarded Leading Lawyer” for Banking, Capital Markets, Energy & Infrastructure and M&A.
- “Reliable, professional with quality service provided.” – IFLR1000 (2019 edition).
- Lily has been praised for her “responsiveness” and “business acumen and congeniality” – Asialaw Profiles (2018 edition).
- “... she has vast experience and commendable knowledge... provides valuable opinion and input.” Chambers Asia Guide (2018 edition).

Relevant Experience

- Led the issuer in the perpetual Islamic notes under a perpetual Islamic note issuance programme of RM2 billion based on the Shariah principle of Musharakah established by UMW Holdings Berhad. The deal won Musharakah Deal of the Year (IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2018).
- Led in the merger of Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB) and Asian Finance Bank Berhad (AFB), in a deal which saw MBSB acquiring 100% equity interest in AFB to create the 2nd largest stand-alone Islamic bank in Malaysia, MBSB Bank Berhad. The deal won Equity & IPO Deal of the Year (IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2018).
- Led the joint principal advisers and lead arrangers in the establishment of the unrated perpetual Sukuk Wakalah of up to RM800 million established by Tanjung Bin Energy Sdn Bhd which was recognised as Perpetual Deal of the Year (IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2017).
- Led in the RM2 billion Perpetual Sukuk by DRB-HICOM Bhd, which won Islamic Finance Deal of the Year award (The Asian Lawyer’s Emerging Markets Awards 2015: Singapore) and which was also recognised as one of the Asian-MENA Counsel’s Deal of the Year 2015.
- Led in the Boustead REIT privatisation, which was named Best Islamic Privatisation (Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2014), Islamic Finance Deal of the Year (Asian Lawyer’s Emerging Markets Awards 2014) and Equity Market Deal of the Year (ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2015).
- Led in the global listing of Malaysian plantation giant, Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad, which was the largest IPO in Malaysia and 2nd largest IPO in the world for 2012 at the point of listing. The deal won an Asian-MENA Counsel Deal of the Year 2012 award and IPO Deal of the Year award (IFN Awards 2012).
- Led in the USD4.2 billion IPO for PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad, which was hailed as the largest IPO in Malaysia and the largest IPO in South-East Asia for 2010. This deal won the Best Malaysia Deal 2010 Award (Finance Asia’s Awards for Achievement 2010) and the Equity Deal of the Year 2010 Award (IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2010).