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19–21 February 2025, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

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Wednesday 19 February

1800 – 2100 **Registration**

1830 – 2130 **Conference welcome reception**

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3/F, LHT Tower, 31 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong SAR

This event is open to all registered delegates and registered guests; please indicate attendance during registration.

Thursday 20 February

0800 – 1715 **Registration**

0900 – 0910 **Opening remarks by Conference Co-Chairs**

Winnie Tam SC *Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong SAR; Secretary, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

0910 – 0920 **Welcome remarks by IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum Co-Chairs**

Dinesh Dhillon *Allen & Gledhill, Singapore; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

David Dali Liu *JunHe, Shanghai; Co-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

0920 – 0950 **Keynote address**

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung GBM *Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong SAR*

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0950 – 1105 Plenary session

Out of the doldrums: Asia Pacific regional economic outlook for 2025

Despite decelerating global growth, the economic outlook for the Asia Pacific region remains bright amid the gloom of geoeconomic fragmentation and financial stresses with robust growth projected for many of its emerging market economies. Featuring insights from lawyers and analysts, this opening session will explore growth opportunities in the region, as well as highlight risks, observable shifts and key drivers relevant to lawyers and their clients.

Moderators

Patricia T Ngochua *Tayag Ngochua & Chu, Taguig; Treasurer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Ben Smith *MinterEllison, Sydney, New South Wales; Newsletter Editor, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

Andrew Gan *Director, Maharlika Investment Fund, Manila*

Peter Stein *Asia Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA), CEO, Hong Kong SAR*

Grace Yuen *Managing Director & APAC Head of Legal, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, Hong Kong SAR*

1105 – 1130 Coffee/tea break

1130 – 1245 Concurrent session 1A

Cross-border M&A transactions – is Asia the sweet spot?

In today's global economy, cross-border M&A have become a strategic tool for businesses looking to expand their reach and diversify their operations. Asia, with its dynamic markets and rapid economic growth, is increasingly being recognised as a prime region for M&A activity. This session will delve into the intricacies of cross-border M&A transactions in Asia, exploring why it has become the sweet spot for international business expansion.

Moderator

Andrew Ang *WongPartnership, Singapore*

Panellists

Scott Guan *Zhong Lun Law Firm, Beijing*

Markus Rasner *Oppenhoff, Frankfurt*

Ashish Razdan *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Membership Officer; IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Felicia Lai *KKR, Hong Kong SAR*

1130 – 1245 Concurrent session 1B

Developments in arbitration – the interplay between insolvency and arbitration

The courts have long grappled with the issue of whether a winding-up petition or a contractual clause which specifies that disputes are to be resolved by arbitration should take priority. This session therefore seeks to – (1) explore the primary considerations fuelling this debate; (2) analyse the relevant case law across multiple jurisdictions on this interplay between insolvency and arbitration; and (3) consider how this interplay has affected the insolvency and arbitration scenes in the Asia Pacific region.

Moderators

Desmond Ang *Sidley Austin, Hong Kong SAR; Co-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group*

Joanne Lau *Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong SAR*

Panellists

Shamala Devi Balasundaram *Chooi & Company, Kuala Lumpur*

Look-Chan Ho *Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong SAR*

Ila Kapoor *Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, New Delhi, Delhi*

Ravi Moloo *Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, New York*

Chie Nakahara *Nishimura & Asahi, Tokyo*

1245 – 1415 Lunch

1415 – 1530 Concurrent session 2A

The future of licensing technologies, know-how and intellectual property rights

New technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) are creating new landscape, bringing profound impact on the traditional models of licensing of intellectual properties rights, know-how and technologies. Since the laws are still in the development stage, the session will discuss challenges, possibilities and the responses thereto.

Moderator

Ian Liu *Deacons, Hong Kong SAR*

Panellists

Chunghwan Choi *Yulchon, Seoul; Member, IBA Rule of Law Forum Advisory Board*

Justin Swindells *Icemiller, Chicago, Illinois*

Winnie Yeung *Director of Legal & Corporate Affairs, Microsoft, Hong Kong SAR*



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1415 – 1530 Concurrent session 2B

Opportunities and challenges: the trends and changes of China's investments in Asia

China's domestic market demand has been keeping weak since 2023. More and more Chinese companies are looking for new opportunities in overseas market, especially in the Asia Pacific region, expecting to duplicate their success in the past years in China. Can Chinese investments find more opportunities in other Asian markets? What challenges do they have to face in the diversified environments in the regions?

This session will provide a broader picture from different perspectives of the new trends of China's outbound investment in Asia and the related hot topics, trying to provide a vivid vision to the audience which goes beyond the specific legal issues in specialised legal areas. The discussion will focus on the changes of industries which attracts China's investments, the challenges of legal and compliance issues they have to face and the social responsibilities that Chinese investors undertake in the local community. Recent cases will also be studied during the discussion.

Moderators

Caroline Berube *HJM Asia Law & Co, Guangzhou; Co-Chair, China Working Group, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

David Dali Liu *JunHe, Shanghai; Co-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

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Claire Liu *Zhong Lun Law Firm, Shanghai*

Abimata Putra Sulisty *Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung, Jakarta*

Noppramart Thammateeradaycho *Tilleke & Gibbins, Bangkok; Vice-Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group*

1530 – 1600 **Coffee/tea break**

1600 – 1715 Concurrent session 3A

Digital innovation and its tension with privacy and data security

Companies are treading in uncharted waters as the regulatory authorities in various countries are still grappling with how to regulate data privacy in the context of new technologies, including AI. The challenge is further compounded as companies expand their businesses across multiple jurisdictions and face compliance challenges under multiple data protection laws. Join this session to gain insight into cross-border data transfer requirements and personal data management in the context of business expansion, digitalisation, technology and AI.

Moderator

Sun Hee Kim *Yulchon, Seoul; Vice Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

Peter Bullock *King & Wood Mallesons, Hong Kong SAR*

Wilfred Ng *Bird & Bird, Hong Kong SAR*

1600 – 1715 Concurrent session 3B

Interregional migration – the lure of economic benefits against basic rights in employment

Workforce has been migrating across borders for several decades now, with those from less developed countries seeking gainful employment in more developed countries; and with the more developed countries looking to save costs by the hiring of cheaper labour from less developed countries. What should have been a beneficial symbiotic relationship unfortunately often became the bedrock for exploitation.

The session will discuss whether the tides are turning and whether due to stricter local enforcements, trade agreements, trade sanctions, ESG agenda or dare we say enlightenment, it has become necessary for businesses to comply not just with local applicable laws but also international standards. Basic employee rights have come to the forefront and is impacting listings on stock exchanges, mergers and acquisitions and of course daily operations.

Moderator

Selvamalar Alagaratnam *Skrine, Kuala Lumpur*

Panellist

Saqeb Mahbub *Mahbub & Co, Dhaka; Professional Wellbeing Commission Liaison Officer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

1830 – 2130 **Conference dinner**

Four Seasons Hong Kong

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0800 – 1700 **Registration**

0815 – 0915 **Women lawyers' networking breakfast**

0915 – 1030 Plenary session one

Legal practice without borders

This session will examine the confluence between common law and civil law in courts and tribunals dealing with both. How do judges/advocates of a civil/common law jurisdiction adapt to a role in an international commercial court? What are the challenges to the role of in-house legal counsel in international transactions and dispute resolution? What are the skillsets required in dealing with cross-border legal practice?

Moderator

Jose Maurellet SC *Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association, Hong Kong SAR*

Panellists

Jeffrey P Elkinson *Conyers Dill & Pearman, Bermuda*

Mary Lim *Director, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur*

Ali Malek KC *Three Verulam Buildings, London*

Huang Ningning *Grandall Law Firm, Shanghai*

1030 – 1100 **Coffee/tea break**

1100 – 1215 Plenary session two

The future of legal practice – traditions, innovations, challenges and opportunities

In this session, leaders within our global profession will engage in 'crystal ball gazing' to discuss the future of the legal profession in an increasingly globalised and diversified world. What opportunities and challenges lie ahead in world where technological advances have transcended geographical boundaries? How should lawyers position themselves to be future ready? What other innovations may we anticipate? How do we stay committed as professionals to the best traditions of the international bar in an ever-changing world?

Moderator

Sunil Abraham *Cecil Abraham & Partners, Kuala Lumpur*

Panellists

Itzik Amiel *Founder & CEO, The Switch, Amsterdam; Commissioner, IBA Future of Legal Services Commission*

Peter Bartlett *Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria; Member, IBA LPD Council*

Rishabh Shroff *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai, Maharashtra*

Lawrence Teh *Dentons Rodyk, Singapore*

Benita Yu *Slaughter & May, Hong Kong SAR*

1215 – 1330 **Lunch**

1330 – 1445 Concurrent session 4A

In house counsel's forum – keeping up with the pace of change and rising complexity in the rapidly changing world

This session will explore the critical challenges in-house counsels face in a rapidly changing environment and to discuss strategies for staying ahead. It aims to share with in-house counsels the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complexities in the modern dimensions effectively.

Moderator

Joyce Cheng *ANZ Bank, Hong Kong SAR*

Panellists

Satyajit Gupta *EXL Service, New Delhi, Delhi; Vice Chair, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Masako Takahata *Exponential Design Inc, Tokyo; Webinar Officer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

1330 – 1445 Concurrent session 4B

Topics on cross border asset recovery

Asset recovery constitutes an essential component of a party's litigation strategy. Planning for asset recovery early in the legal proceedings enables parties to minimise the risk of dissipation or concealment of assets by counterparties. This in turn increases the likelihood of a party achieving a successful litigation outcome through the recovery of rightfully owned assets. That said, asset recovery is fraught with challenges. This is especially so in the context of cross-border asset recovery where parties are required to navigate complex legal and jurisdictional hurdles that may impede the identification and tracing of assets. This session therefore seeks to address: (1) the key challenges in cross-border asset recovery; (2) the latest trends in cross-border asset recovery, including the recovery of digital assets like cryptocurrency; and (3) the way forward, including how cross-border asset recovery methods may be enhanced.

Moderator

Swee Yen Koh *WongPartnership, Singapore; Conference Quality Officer, IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum*

Panellists

Cosimo Borelli *Kroll, Hong Kong SAR*

Nitesh Jain *Trilegal, Mumbai, Maharashtra*

Saemee Kim *Lee & Ko, Seoul*

Eva Sit SC *Temple Chambers, Hong Kong SAR*

Fang Zhao *Hui Zhong Law Firm, Beijing*

1445 – 1500 **Coffee/tea break**



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1500 – 1615 Concurrent session 5A

Emerging issues in competition policy and regulation (including national security issues and FDI)

In an era of increasing globalisation and interconnected economies, competition and foreign direct investment (FDI) policy and regulation play a pivotal role in maintaining fair markets and fostering innovation. This session will explore the emerging challenging issues shaping the landscape of competition and national security considerations and their impact on domestic markets and M&A transactions, together with insights on how to address such issues while fostering a competitive and open market environment and successfully closing the deals.

Moderator

Janet Hui *JunHe, Beijing; Co-Chair, IBA Antitrust Section*

Panellists

Hee-Eun Kim *Meta, Singapore*

Natalie Yeung *Slaughter and May, Hong Kong SAR*

1500 – 1615 Concurrent session 5B

Capital markets in Asia – challenges and opportunities

This panel brings together capital markets practitioners and experts across Asia to discuss opportunities, challenges and market developments. Hear the panellists discuss current regulatory issues relating to the initial public offering (IPO) market in China, Hong Kong and the region, fixed-income products and new capital markets products such as tokenised and digital bonds. With the relatively higher interest rate environment, our panellists will also examine trends in the regional debt capital markets and strategies used by issuers to overcome fundraising hurdles.

Moderators

Philippe Dirckx *Managing Director, Head of Fixed Income, ASIFMA, Hong Kong SAR*

Virginia Lee *Clifford Chance, Hong Kong SAR*

Panellists

Sean Wu *Head of APAC ECM Legal, JP Morgan, Hong Kong SAR*

Wilfred Yiu *Deputy CEO, Co-COO and Co-Head of Markets, Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Hong Kong SAR*

Yongqiang Yu *JunHe, Beijing*

1615 – 1630 **Coffee/tea break**

1630 – 1745 Concurrent session 6A

Trade remedies and sanctions

Starting in 2022, Lisa Monaco, Deputy Attorney General, began describing 'sanctions' as 'the new FCPA', as a logical extension of the US federal government's effort to use economic sanctions and trade controls to incrementally apply pressure against foreign governmental activity seen as adverse to the interests of the US. Since 2020, there has been a proliferation in US measures focused on China, including Hong Kong, in the form of primary legislation, Presidential Executive Orders and the addition of specially designated nationals (SDNs) to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) list. China has not been the only focus, though, with sanctions issued arising out of the Russia-Ukraine war, for example. Other countries, including Canada, view such sanctions as generally contrary to international law. But, in addition, Canada, China, the EU and the UK, have responded by enacting their own 'blocking statutes', enabling domestic non-compliance with US laws and requiring notification to authorities about any US sanction enforcement measures (for example, China's 2021 Anti-Foreign Sanctions Law). China has also imposed restrictions and requirements on provision of information offshore to assist foreign regulators.

The result has been that everyone doing, and facilitating, business must navigate their way through complex, sometimes unclear and often conflicting sets of new legal requirements. All lawyers in Asia, whatever their area of practice, must have at least a clear, basic understanding of trade remedies and sanctions.

This session will address the following questions:

- What are the different forms of sanctions that have been issued and how do they work in practice? What is their scope and what are their limits?
- What is the difference between primary and secondary sanctions?
- What has been the effect, in practice, of blocking statutes?
- How do financial institutions navigate the requirements and restrictions?
- How are third-party countries and businesses affected?
- What is the potential impact on securities and other markets?
- What future developments may occur?

Moderator

Jonathan Goacher *Stephenson Harwood, Singapore*

Panellists

Wendy Wysong *Steptoe, Hong Kong SAR*

Guoxun Zhang *Zhong Lun Law Firm, Beijing*

Yuan Zheng *Davis Polk Wardwell, Hong Kong SAR*

1630 – 1745 Concurrent session 6B

Statutory adjudication and beyond: comparative insights into construction dispute mechanisms across jurisdictions

Statutory adjudication is designed to provide a quick, flexible and efficient means of resolving payment disputes which may otherwise delay or disrupt the completion of a construction contract. In countries which have enacted legislation for statutory adjudication such as Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom, the statutory process has become one of the primary methods of resolution of disputes for domestic construction projects. Hong Kong has recently taken a significant step by gazetting its Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill, and once enacted, aims to serve a similar purpose as other statutory adjudication regime. At the same time, countries such as India, Japan and Korea have navigated large scale construction and infrastructure disputes without the aid of statutory adjudication. Instead, these jurisdictions rely on other modes of alternative dispute resolution for resolving construction disputes.

In this session, the speakers from Hong Kong, Malaysia and the UK will provide a comparative analysis of the statutory adjudication regime in their respective jurisdictions as well as the lessons learnt and the future of the regime. Thereafter, speakers from India, Korea and Japan will share insights into the various mechanisms available in their jurisdictions in dealing with construction disputes, the effectiveness of the same and how these have developed over the years.

Moderator

Loshini Ramarmuty *Skrine, Kuala Lumpur*

Panellists

Calvin Cheuk *Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong SAR*

Hangil Lee *Bae, Kim & Lee, Seoul*

Mohammed Shameer *Trilegal, Bengaluru, Karnataka*

Kaori Sugimoto *Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Tokyo*

Information

Date

19–21 February 2025

Venue

Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong
5 Connaught Road Central
Hong Kong SAR
Phone: +852 2825 4810
Email: calam@mohg.com
Website: <https://www.mandarinoriental.com/en/hong-kong/>

Language

All working sessions and Conference materials will be in English.

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How to book

Online by **7 February 2025** at www.ibanet.org/conference-details/CONF2536 and make payment by credit card to avail of the ten per cent online booking discount or complete the attached booking form and return it to Sohyun Kwon at the IBA together with your proof of bank transfer payment. You should receive an email confirmation of your booking within five days; if you do not, please contact sohyun.kwon@int-bar.org.

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	on or before 10 January	until 7 February
IBA member	US\$995	US\$1,110
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Young lawyers	US\$745	US\$1,335
Academics/judges	US\$745	US\$1,335
Public lawyers	US\$745	US\$1,335
Corporate counsel**	US\$895	US\$1,335
Conference dinner	US\$290	US\$290
Guest fee	US\$145	US\$145

After **7 February** bookings must be received in hard copy at the IBA office.

Hard copy forms and fees received:

	on or before 10 January	after 10 January
IBA member	US\$1,105	US\$1,230
Non-member*	US\$1,355	US\$1,480
Young lawyers	US\$830	US\$1,480
Academics/judges	US\$830	US\$1,480
Public lawyers	US\$830	US\$1,480
Corporate counsel**	US\$995	US\$1,480
Conference dinner	US\$290	US\$290
Guest fee	US\$145	US\$145



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- 3) The member rate for any subsequent Conferences for this calendar year.

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Fees include:

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- Access to the Conference materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org), including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 7 February
- Access to live delegate search
- Lunch on Thursday and Friday
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Conference welcome reception on Wednesday

Delegate / speaker conference bookings allow for individual entry and attendance to the conference. Delegates / speakers are not permitted to invite guests to attend any working sessions, workshops, or conference social functions.

Please note that bookings are not transferable.

Guest fees include:

- Conference welcome reception on Wednesday

Your Guest cannot be a member of the legal profession (which includes any business development professional, junior associate, consultant, or assistant) nor seek to use the Conference as a business networking opportunity.

Guests are not permitted access to working sessions, refreshment breaks or lunches at the Conference. Checks are performed to ensure members of the legal profession, or business associates are not booked as Guests. If a Guest is found to be a member of the legal profession, the booking will be refused unless the Guest books as a full delegate for the Conference. Should a Guest be seen attending working sessions, refreshment breaks or lunches, an invoice for the full booking fee will be issued to the delegate for the Guest's participation at the Conference.

Only paid Guests (i.e. those paying the guest fee) are eligible to participate in the social programme; and the number of Guests is limited.

List of participants

For your name to appear in the list of participants, your booking form must be received by **7 February** at the latest.

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Delegates can use the online delegate search via the IBA website, to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their MyIBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

Booking confirmation

Upon receipt of your payment for the Conference a confirmation email will be sent to you which contains information regarding your attendance at the Conference. You will also be able to view and download your payment information and manage your booking via your My IBA profile on the IBA website.

Book with confidence

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	Single	Double
City View Room	HK\$2,950	HK\$3,150
Statue Square View Room	HK\$3,150	HK\$3,350
Harbour View Room	HK\$3,450	HK\$3,650
Junior Suite	HK\$5,000	HK\$5,300*
Harbour View Suite	HK\$6,000*	HK\$6,300*

*With The Mandarin Club Access

To reserve a room, please **CLICK HERE**. (Group code: **IBAAPRFEB2025**)

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Please note that any reservation made after **28 January 2025** will be subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at the special IBA rate. As a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the hotel, availability cannot be guaranteed once the room block is full.

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Payment

When booking the Conference, full payment of the booking fee is required at the time we accept your booking.

VAT will be added to delegate fees as appropriate. Our prices may change at any time, but any price change will not affect bookings that we have confirmed with you. Booking fees for the Conference can only be paid in the booking fee currency listed above.

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All fees payable to us by you in relation to the Conference shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever.

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Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to attend the Conference. It is recommended that you check any visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. In particular, participants should inform themselves of the entry requirements (i.e. visa requirements) of the event location and complete the necessary formalities in good time before the event begins. The IBA will not be liable if a visa application is denied, a visa is received too late to attend, or if a delegate is not able to travel to the Conference for any other reason.

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Please apply for your visa in good time.

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With IBA conferences taking place in major business centres all over the world, travel is an unavoidable reality for our delegates. The IBA encourages its members and delegates to be responsible and conscious of the impact travel has on the environment and to take measures to reduce the carbon impact of their travel.

Some suggested steps that delegates can take include:

- Travel by train instead of flying if possible.
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Badges

For security reasons, name badges are required to be worn visibly at all times during the Conference and at any IBA organised social function linked to the Conference. Proof of identity is required to collect your badge and for a replacement badge to be issued. Checks will be in place and staff will challenge delegates not wearing a valid conference badge. Anyone not wearing a badge must get a replacement badge from IBA staff or will be required to leave the venue immediately. Anyone found wearing a badge that they are not entitled to wear will have the badge removed and will be required to leave the Conference.

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Dietary requirements

The IBA endeavours to accommodate all special dietary requests confirmed to us before bookings close. Requests made after this time cannot be guaranteed and all dietary requests are subject to local availability (which is outside the IBA's control).

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Certain sessions and social functions at an IBA Event may be photographed or filmed and some of this content may be used for future IBA marketing materials, member communications, products or services. Should you have any concerns about this, or if you do not wish to be featured in any of these materials, please contact the IBA Marketing Department at ibamarketing@int-bar.org.

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Wednesday – Conference welcome reception

NIL

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