



# PBCI x M&T: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts and Emerging Markets in Southeast Asia

On 30 September 2025, Makarim & Taira S. hosted a panel discussion titled “Southeast Asia at the Crossroads: Geopolitical Shifts and Emerging Markets”, in collaboration with [Drew Network Asia](#) (DNA) and the [Philippine Business Club Indonesia](#) (PBCI).

The discussion brought together leading legal professionals from across the region — [Ben Clanchy](#) (Makarim & Taira S.), [Zhen Pik L.](#) (Shearn Delamore & Co.), [Eduardo Martinez](#) (Martinez Vergara & Gonzalez Sociedad (MVGS)), and [Wongrat Ratanaprayul](#) (Tilleke & Gibbins) — and was moderated by [Julian Kwek](#) (Drew & Napier LLC).

Together, the panel explored recent geopolitical and economic developments in Southeast Asia and their implications for investors and businesses in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

We thank all the speakers and attendees for making this insightful session possible and for contributing to a deeper understanding of the region’s evolving landscape.