

## Announcement

Nishith Desai Associates has been recognized by the Financial Times as one of the Most Innovative Law Firms (Asia-Pacific Headquartered) in 2019

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*Seated in the front, from second left: Ruchir Sinha, Nishith Desai and Nishchal Joshipura*

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Nishith Desai Associates is deeply honoured to announce that it has been recognized by the Financial Times as one of the Most Innovative Law Firms (Asia-Pacific Headquartered) in 2019 .

In a ceremony on Wednesday in Hong Kong, the firm ranked second in the Most Innovative Law Firm category. NDA scored the highest, as per tally, for Legal Expertise across Asia Pacific. We also won the prestigious 'Innovation in the rule of law and access to justice' award together with Blueprint for Free Speech.

The table released indicates that we are the highest ranked Indian Law firm in the region.

With 537 submissions from the majority of ASEAN nations — including Australia, China and Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and many others — the competition was deep and difficult. The firm credits the dedication of its team and the courage of its clients for its success.

NDA has consistently received high rankings in the Financial Times 'Most Innovative Law Firm' category every year since 2014, and the firm's commitment to innovative thinking has now become an integral part of its culture. Today, NDA identifies as an India Centric Global law firm.

"To us," says NDA's founder Nishith Desai, "innovation means taking on complex problems and applying solutions that have never been tried before. It takes imagination to achieve the breakthroughs that make the world a better place."

### FT Most Innovative Law Firms 2019 (Asia-Pacific Headquartered):

Rank	Law Firm	Business of Law	Legal Expertise	Total (incl rule of law and access to justice score)
1	Gilbert + Tobin	84	59	162
2	Nishith Desai Associates	22	105	152
3	King & Wood Mallesons	43	45	109
4	MinterEllison	66	19	106
5	Allens	61	21	105
6	Anand and Anand	41	63	104
7	Yulchon	44	39	83
8	Bae, Kim & Lee	43	38	81
8	Nishimura & Asahi	0	61	81
10	Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	20	59	79
11	Corrs Chambers Westgarth	64	0	64
12	Rajah & Tann	19	38	57
13	Shin & Kim	0	43	43
14	Khaitan & Co	20	22	42
14	Trilegal	42	0	42
16	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co	0	41	41
17	DFDL	22	18	40
17	LNT & Partners	0	40	40
19	Allen & Gledhill	0	39	39
19	Assegaf Hamzah & Partners	18	21	39
19	Lander & Rogers	20	0	39
22	WongPartnership	0	38	38
23	Atsumi & Sakai	18	19	37
23	J. Sagar Associates	0	37	37
25	HSA Advocates	0	23	23
25	Morgan Lewis Stamford	0	23	23

Source: FT Live - Innovative Lawyers Award, Hong Kong, 2nd May 2019