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David Gartside is a partner in the Seoul Foreign Legal Consultant Office of Milbank LLP and member of the firm's projects energy infrastructure finance group. He has been practicing in the Asia Pacific region for over 20 years and leads Milbank's projects and finance group in Seoul.

## Primary Focus & Experience

David has extensive experience advising sponsors, utilities, contractors, commercial lenders, infrastructure funds, export credit agencies, multilateral agencies and development banks on major international projects and project financings across a wide variety of sectors, including power, mining, oil and gas (including LNG), petrochemical and transportation and social infrastructure. In addition to his project finance work, David regularly advises clients on corporate financings, acquisitions, restructurings and asset financings.

David has substantial experience supporting Korean corporations and financial institutions, including The Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) and Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (K-sure) on their overseas investments.

## Recognition & Accomplishments

Based in Asia for over 20 years, David was the first foreign lawyer to be seconded to KEXIM in Seoul. He is consistently recognized a leading lawyer for his work in the projects sector as well as his work with export credit agencies by both *Chambers* and *Legal 500*. David is ranked as a Band 1 lawyer in *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023*, in which clients acknowledged him as a "seasoned partner with a creative and flexible mindset and a good understanding of what clients want", noting "David is a first-rate lawyer who is very commercial and client-oriented." Other clients enthuse, "David Gartside has been a catalyst for successful financial closings in many of our transactions." He is also recognized by *Who's Who Legal: Project Finance 2023* in the South Korea jurisdiction.

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## Education

*Fitzwilliam College-  
University of Cambridge, MA*

*The College of Law, PgDip*

*Fitzwilliam College-  
University of Cambridge, B.A.*

## Admissions

*England and Wales*

*Singapore – Foreign Lawyer*

*Korea – Foreign Legal Consultant*