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Lars Markert is a partner in the international dispute resolution department of Nishimura & Asahi's Tokyo office. He is admitted to the German and New York bars and registered with the Japanese bar, and frequently advises clients in complex international disputes. He has particular expertise in contentious proceedings involving post-M&A, commercial, manufacturing, construction, and distribution matters, in areas such as life sciences, automotive, and energy. He has been involved in more than 55 international arbitrations as counsel, arbitrator or tribunal secretary under the arbitration rules of institutions such as the ICC, DIS, KCAB, JCAA, SIAC, Swiss Rules, NAI, ICDR, and ICSID, as well as under UNCITRAL Rules.

Prior to joining Nishimura & Asahi, Lars worked for nearly a decade in Germany (including two years on secondment to Nishimura & Asahi in Tokyo) and one and a half years with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City. In Tokyo, he gained a broad understanding of arbitration in Japan and in neighboring Asian jurisdictions.

Lars serves as a co-chair of the Investment Arbitration Sub-Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association, an Advisory Board Member and Arbitration Council Member of the German Arbitration Institute and as a Councillor of the Asia-Pacific Users' Council of the London Court of International Arbitration. He also is a member of the Users' Council of the Singapore International Arbitration Center and the ICC Institute of World Business Law. He is listed as arbitrator with various arbitral institutions, such as AIAC, HKIAC, KCAB, and THAC.

Lars is frequently recommended in leading legal directories ("*one of the stars in the field*"; "*great lawyer with a tremendous legal and academic background*"), and regularly speaks and publishes on issues of commercial and investment arbitration, with a regional focus on Asia.