



## Judgment in *Ivanishvili v Credit Suisse Trust* [2020] SGCA 62

Judgment was handed down by the Singapore Court of Appeal in *Ivanishvili v Credit Suisse Trust* on 3 July 2020, bringing an end to a long-running jurisdiction battle between the trustees and beneficiaries of a Singaporean trust. The Court allowed the Claimants' appeal and dismissed the Defendant's jurisdiction challenge on the grounds that Singapore was the most appropriate forum to determine the breach of trust claims against the trustee. The Court of Appeal laid down important guidance for trustees and trust lawyers

as to the effect of forum for administration clauses in trust deeds, holding that the relevant clause functioned as a jurisdiction clause but that it did not govern all proceedings: it designated the jurisdiction that had supervisory jurisdiction over the trust, rather than the exclusive venue for the resolution of contentious disputes.

Jonathan Adkin QC and Sophie Holcombe act for the Claimants, instructed by Signature Litigation LLP, together with Drew & Napier LLP (Singapore). The full Judgment can be found [here](#).

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Year of Call: 1993 Year of Silk: 2013

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Year of Call: 2009

