

## **NBS CEO BREAKFAST SERIES**

### **Speakers' Profiles**

**Seow-Chien Chew**  
**Partner, Bain & Company**



Seow-Chien Chew is a Partner at Bain & Company. She heads the Financial Services Practice Group for Southeast Asia.

Seow-Chien's primary focus is in the Financial Services industry, where she works with leading companies in the banking and insurance sectors. She has also worked extensively in the Consumer Products, Retail and Technology industries. She is a recognized thought leader in customer strategy, digital transformation, organization-wide change management and mergers & acquisitions. Seow-Chien is a member of Bain's Global Women's Leadership Council.

Seow-Chien has extensive experience across many countries in Asia, including Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, China and India. She has also worked at Bain's Boston and London offices.

Seow-Chien is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. She is actively involved the community. She founded Bain Southeast Asia's non-profit practice, Bain Cares, which provides pro-bono consulting advice to non-profit organizations.

Seow-Chien currently serves as a Director on the Board of SG Enable.

She received her MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School. She is a graduate of Cambridge University, where she earned her M. Phil in Finance with distinction and BA in Economics with honors.

Seow-Chien and her husband live in Singapore with their toddler son.

**Liat Lazimi-Levi**  
**Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel in Singapore**



Liat Lazimi Levi holds the position of Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel in Singapore where she heads the cultural and political department. Armed with a Masters in Criminology from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Liat did her BA in Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic Literature from the same university. Before commencing her term as DCM with the Embassy of Israel in Singapore, Liat held the position of Deputy Director at Department for Export Controls in the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Laura Entwistle**  
**Founder and CEO of EmancipAction**



Laura Entwistle is the founder and CEO of EmancipAction, a non profit organization which seeks to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the developing world through its strategic work with best-in-class NGOs and forward thinking governments.

Laura has extensive experience living and working in Asia, having spent more than a decade advising clients in Hong Kong, China and India. After receiving an MBA from the Harvard Business School, Laura gained professional experience in the corporate sector with the Boston Consulting Group in New York and Hong Kong. Together, these equipped her with the tools for her work on the social issues that she cares deeply about: education and social justice. During her five years living in Mumbai, Laura served as President of the Board of Trustees at the American School of Bombay and founded the Mumbai Chapter of Room to Read.

Laura currently lives in Singapore along with her husband, Brooks, and her three young daughters, Bryanna, Kayla and Ashley. Laura serves on the Board of Directors of the Battery Dance Company, a world leader in cultural diplomacy, inspiring and empowering disadvantaged youth around the world through the arts. She also serves on the board of the Singapore American School.

**Malini Vaidya**  
**Partner, Managing Director SEA of Spencer Stuart**



Malini Vaidya manages Spencer Stuart's Southeast Asia practice based in Singapore. She leads the Consumer Practice for Asia Pacific and is also a member of the firm's global Financial Services Practice. Malini focuses on board evaluation and search as well as CEO search throughout the region, encompassing our integrated Leadership Advisory Services.

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Malini was a consultant in the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur offices of another international executive search firm, where she played a key role in driving the firm's Malaysian practice, led the financial services practice group for Southeast Asia, and co-led efforts in the region's consumer industry. Her work also spanned the telecommunications, media and transportation and logistics sectors, as well as board director and senior executive assignments.

Prior to moving to Singapore in 2001, Malini was based in India, where she conducted cross-border search assignments in the financial, media and telecommunications sectors.

Before entering executive search, Malini served as the India head of business development for cash management services in the corporate financial services group of ANZ Grindlays Bank. She was also a senior deal and relationship originator within the corporate and investment banking groups of the ANZ Bank in the United States and India, focusing on the media and financial services industries. Malini also served as strategic adviser within ANZ Grindlays as a member of the core McKinsey-Grindlays team.

A Singaporean, Malini holds an honors bachelor's degree in economics from St. Xavier's College at Bombay University, and two master's degrees in finance and economics respectively, from Northeastern University in Boston.

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**Emi Takemura**

**Co-founder and Head of Asia, Peatix.com**



Emi is a co-founder and Head of Asia of Peatix.com, a mobile-centric event platform with offices in Tokyo, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and New York. Prior to embarking on startup journey in 2010, Emi had various senior management roles at Disney Interactive Media Group, Amazon.co.jp, and Excite Japan. She was also a consultant at McKinsey & Company in Tokyo and New Jersey, U.S.A, serving IT and healthcare clients in Europe, the US , and Japan.

As an internet junkie and veteran, Emi is passionate about discussing scalable business concepts and helping unlock people's potential by providing cost-effective and easy to use tools. In her spare time, she is currently leading Unreasonable Lab Japan, a hyper accelerator for social entrepreneurs in Japan. Emi holds MA/MBA from University of Pennsylvania and Wharton Business School. And she is a mom of 2 active children, 9 and 7 year old.