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Scott Thiel is the founder and entrepreneur-in-residence of TOKO, an enterprise-grade tokenisation engine and digital asset management platform. Scott advises clients around the world on all aspects of tokenisation and its application in digital capital markets; and was responsible for helping TOKO to structure the first debt tokenisation transaction in Asia.

Scott was formerly Asia Head of DLA Piper's Global Technology and FinTech sector initiative; and was a leader within DLA Piper's recently launched "Blockchain and Digital Assets" practice group. He is also the firm's representative on the Hedera Hashgraph Governing Council – a next generation public distributed ledger technology (DLT) infrastructure through which DLA Piper is hosting a node. Scott is also a non-executive director of the Blockchain Think Lab, Hedera Hashgraph, and the HBAR Foundation.

In March 2022, Scott supported DLA Piper with TOKO service offerings and has successfully helped to secure the appointment as the exclusive legal service provider for the Dubai Virtual Assets Regulatory DLA Piper

Authority (VARA), an authority that is linked to the Dubai World Trade Centre Authority (DWTCA) and responsible for licensing and regulating the sector across Dubai's mainland and the free zone territories.

For their work on TOKO, Scott and DLA Piper have been the recipient of industry awards and recognition, including:

- Scott Thiel ranked by Chambers & Partners Fintech Guide 2022 (Band 2)
- Scott Thiel ranked by Chambers & Partners, TMT, Greater China Region 2022 (Band 1)
- DLA Piper ranked by The Legal 500, TMT, Hong Kong 2022 (Tier 2)
- Scott Thiel recognised as a "Leading Individual for TMT", The Legal 500, Hong Kong 2022
- DLA Piper ranked by The Legal 500, Fintech, China (Foreign Firms) 2022 (Tier 2)
- DLA Piper recognised as "Most Innovative Lawyers", Financial Times, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

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