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INTERNATIONAL FIRMS IN THE NETHERLANDS: THIS IS THE FUTURE

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NCC YET TO GET OFF THE GROUND

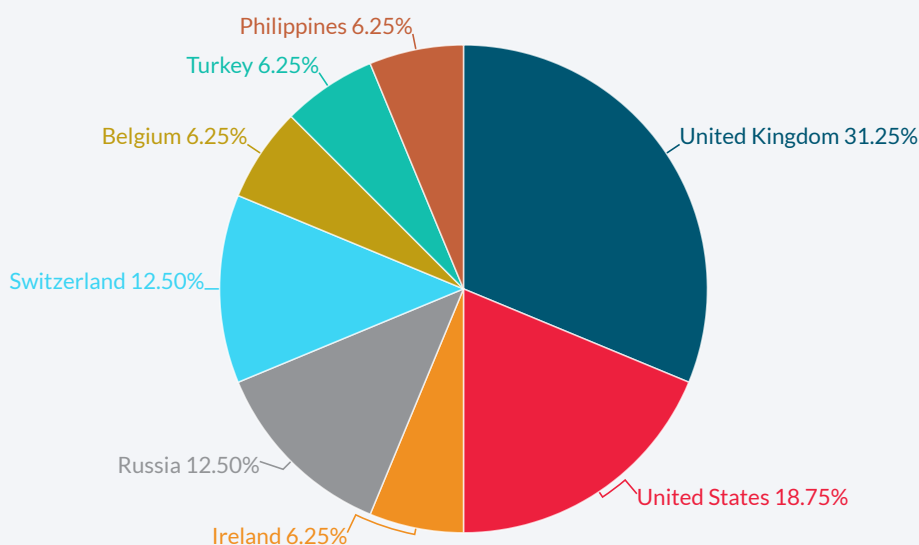
Data gathered from the NCC shows that, since the court opened its doors in Q1 2019, 11 judgments involving 16 non-Dutch parties have been handed down from its judiciary between then and the end of Q4 2021. This is a fraction of the number of judgments handed down every day in London's High Court. The NCC has had a promising if not a prolific start.

Of those 16 parties, clients from the United Kingdom were most represented. The five UK clients made up almost a third (31 per cent) of all litigants at the NCC in that three-year timeframe. There were also three litigants from the United States, two apiece from Russia and Switzerland and a single litigant from each of Belgium, Ireland, the Philippines and

Turkey. For contrast, over the same period 632 different litigants from 88 different jurisdictions appeared on judgments in London's Commercial Court.

The High Court has almost two centuries of experience in handing down established and effective judgments while the NCC is in its fourth full year of operations. It will take a good number of years for it to build the same kind of reputation, but partners in the Netherlands are confident about it becoming a real force in Europe and a good number of their colleagues in London are wary of it taking cases away from their backyard.

Non-Dutch parties in the Netherlands Commercial Court 2019-2021

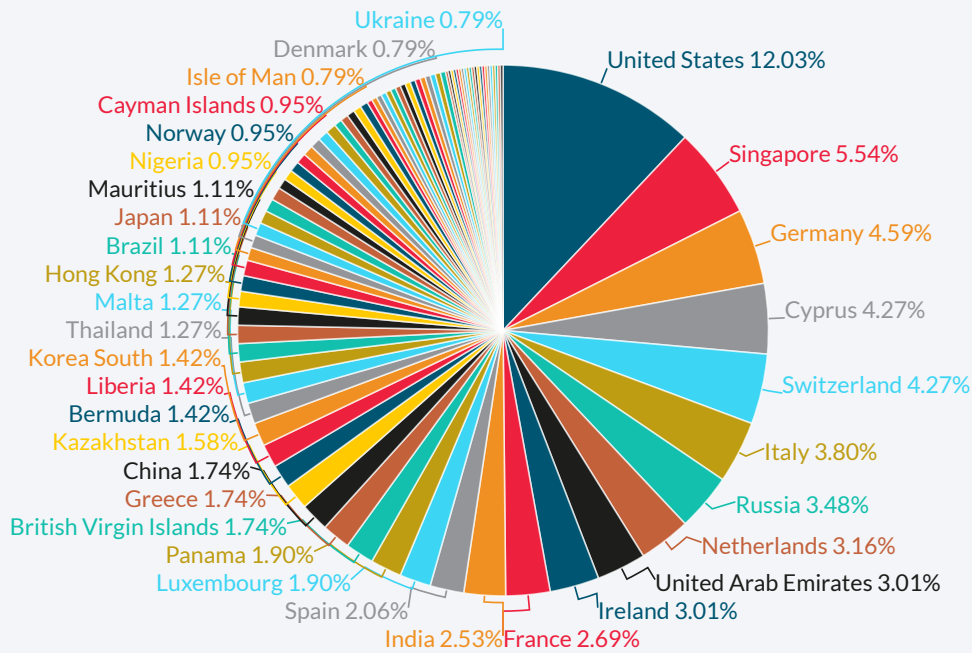


Source: Netherlands Commercial Court

*Based on 11 judgments between 2019 and 2021



Non-UK parties active in the London Commercial Court 2019–2021



Source: *The Lawyer*

Not only did the Covid-19 pandemic delay the WAMCA's introduction, it also put a pause on operations at the NCC.

The NCC was set up as a post-Brexit way of luring commercial cases into a friendly European Union-member jurisdiction with a reputable judiciary and, crucially, with hearings conducted in English instead of Dutch.