

Lijie Han Partner Corporate

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Lijie Han represents Chinese companies in business activities around the world, and US and European companies and investors doing business in China. He focuses on complex mergers and acquisitions, project development and finance, and antitrust issues.

A successful approach to Chinese regulation

Lijie has extensive experience representing Chinese technology companies, investment banks and state-owned companies in a variety of transactions. He uses a multidisciplinary approach that ensures his deals get done in compliance with Chinese regulatory requirements.

Lijie's past engagements include many multibillion-dollar deals, including Zhonghong Holding Co., Ltd.'s \$400 million acquisition of Abercrombie & Kent Group from Fortress Investment Group. With deals covering many different industries, he has worked on a significant number involving technology and energy companies.

Read Lijie's bio in Chinese.

Representative Experience

- Represented Chinese real estate and leisure group in \$380 million acquisition, and subsequent \$420 million sale, of international luxury and adventure tour operator.*
- Represented vertically integrated energy and chemical company in \$1 billion acquisition of downstream assets in South Africa.*
- Represented consumer electronics company in proposed \$2 billion sale to leading Chinese technology company.*
- Represented global alternative asset manager in investment in major subsidiary of Yuntianhua Group, Co., Ltd., a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.*
- Represented integrated global energy company in sale of significant interest in Brazil-based oil and gas exploration company.*
- Represented state-owned contractor for the Chinese space program in \$1 billion bid for auto assets in Germany.*

Practices

- Antitrust and Competition
- China
- Corporate
- International
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Credit
- Private Equity

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Technology

Education

- LLM, Southern Methodist University
 Dedman School of Law
- LLM, Fudan University
- LLB, Shanghai International Studies
 University

Court Admissions

• Supreme Court of New York

- Represented wealth management and financial services firm as sole financial advisor and underwriter of investment holding company's HK\$2.22 billion acquisition of interests in five joint ventures in the PRC from ultimate controlling shareholder, in addition to HK\$3.49 billion rights issue.*
- Represented lenders in financing Blackstone Group's acquisition of Pactera Software Group, a US-listed company based in China.*
- Represented ownership arm of Chinese state-owned shipbuilding company in acquisition of significant stake in Hong Kong-listed company.*
- Represented investment consortium as financial advisor to Wm.
 Wrigley Jr. Company in \$23 billion acquisition by Mars Incorporation and refinancing of existing debts.*
- Represented one of China's largest banks in financing China Jiuquan Iron & Steel (Group) Company's \$300 million acquisition of mining assets and equity interests in related companies in Jamaica from UC Rusal.*
- Represented Chinese institutional bank in financing China Three Gorges Group's \$950 million acquisition of Brazilian assets from Duke Energy International.*
- Represented sponsors in the US\$19 billion financing of Yamal LNG Project in Russia.*
- Represented sponsors in the \$1.3 billion financing of the Jawa 7 coalfired power project in Indonesia.*
- Represented Chinese construction and engineering company in proposed investment, development and financing of commercial real estate in New York City and San Francisco.*
- Represented lenders in US\$8.5 billion financing of the Australia Pacific LNG Project.*
- Represented Chinese institutional bank in proposed financing of Cernavoda Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4 in Romania.*
- Represented leading Chinese Internet company in global competition strategies and compliance.*
- Represented several telecommunications companies and investment managers in antitrust matters, including merger control filings with the Ministry of Commerce in China.*
- Represented one of the largest wire and cable manufacturers in the world in a China National Development and Reform Commission investigation of Japanese auto makers for price fixing.*

*Experience prior to Katten

News

- Katten Assists in Farasis Energy's Restructuring, Listing on SSE STAR Market and Its Strategic Cooperation With Daimler (July 20, 2020)
- Katten Expands Corporate Practice in Shanghai (April 10, 2018)

Publications

- Outbound Investment and M&A: Negotiation Skills and Risk Management (June 2017)
- Practical Guidance for Banking Lawyers (March 2016)