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Katten Expands Corporate Practice in Shanghai

(SHANGHAI) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP announced today that Lijie Han has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in its Shanghai office.

Han, who specializes in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and acquisition finance, has extensive experience in advising Chinese state-owned and private companies as well as others on a wide range of transactions. His clients have included Chinese petroleum and chemical companies, financial institutions, technology, food, oil and gas, and automobile companies.

"Our presence in China enables us to serve our clients' business needs there in real time," said Katten chairman Roger P. Furey. "Han's skills and experience make him a natural fit for our team in Shanghai. He will provide innovative, practical solutions for our clients in China, the US, Europe and beyond."

Formerly with DLA Piper LLP in Beijing, Han has overseen matters for a leading US consumer electronics manufacturer in the proposed \$2 billion sale of shares to a prominent Chinese technology company. He also has represented a Chinese aerospace company in connection with its \$1 billion acquisition of assets in Europe from a major US private equity firm.

"The keen insight of our bilingual and bicultural attorneys help Western investors overcome cultural differences to succeed in China and Chinese clients to succeed in the United States," said Feng Xue, who heads Katten's China practice. "We have developed a sophisticated, proactive, multidisciplinary approach that ensures that deals get done in compliance with Chinese regulatory requirements.

"Our clients benefit from our knowledge of Chinese local law and practices, our language and communication skills, and our relationships with central, regional and local governments, and businesses in China," Xue added.

Katten has a team of experienced attorneys permanently based in Shanghai, China's largest economic and financial center. Katten also maintains a core China practice team in Chicago, the firm's US headquarters, that works seamlessly with the Shanghai office to serve the firm's China- and US-based clients on a 24/7 basis.

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