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PRACTICE AREA

MR. YUAN WORKS AT FANGDA'S HONG KONG OFFICE. HE SPECIALIZES IN ACQUISITION FINANCE, FUND FINANCE, PROJECT FINANCE, TRADE FINANCE, BANK COMPLIANCE AND DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY (BLOCKCHAIN).

Education

- Columbia Law School, US, J.D. 2011
- Columbia Law School, US, LL.M. 2009
- Groningen University, the Netherlands, Ph.D. 2007
- Groningen University, the Netherlands, LL.M. 2002
- Fudan University School of Law, LL.B. 2001
- Beijing Language and Culture University, B.A. 1999

Professional Qualification

- Admitted to practice in the PRC
- Admitted to practice in New York
- Admitted to practice in Hong Kong

Professional Background

- Mr. Yuan joined Fangda in 2018 as a partner. Prior to joining the firm, he had worked with elite PRC, US and UK firms for over ten years.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

- Represented a consortium led by Agricultural Bank of China in connection with its RMB 26 billion project finance for the Universal Theme Park in Beijing *("Project Finance of the Year" by "Asian Legal Business" for 2019，the PRC law)*
- Represented a consortium led by JP Morgan Chase and the Export-Import Bank of the United States in connection with a USD 850 million export finance facility to a Mexican petrochemical company *("Deal of the Year" by "Trade Finance" for 2013, New York law)*
- Led the second amendment of the standard banking documentation of China Banking Association
- Represented DBS in an offshore/onshore loan to the offshore entities of the COFCO Group with credit enhancement based on COFCO's PRC entities and projects
- Represented DBS and Citic Bank in an offshore/onshore loan to the offshore entities of the COFCO Group with credit enhancement based on COFCO's PRC entities and projects
- Represented offshore entities of a large scale state owned group in the petrochemical industry in the PRC in connection with their offshore bank loans from/ private notes issued to various international banks or consortiums supported by cross border guarantees or keep well letters from the PRC entities of the group
- Represented Jinxin medical in connection with its offshore bank loans from/private notes issued to various PRC/international bank or consortium
- Represented Motor Coach Industries International, Inc., a portfolio company invested by KPS Special Situations Fund, in connection with a USD 250 million acquisition facility (term loans and an asset-backed loan) from a consortium
- Represented Prince Mineral Holdings Corp. in connection with a USD 370 million acquisition facility (term loans and an asset-backed loan) from a consortium
- Represented KTG Holdings LLC, a portfolio company invested by Kohlberg & Company, in connection with a USD 100 million acquisition facility (a first lien term loan and a second lien term loan) from a consortium
- Represented Apollo Global Management in connection with a USD 100 million tax credit finance facility to an Alaska oil company
- Represented JP Morgan, Black Diamond and Third Avenue in connection to their USD 130 million bankruptcy

finance facility (US and international bonds), with bankruptcy asset purchase and additional mortgage arrangement, to Reichhold, Inc.

- Served as outside counsel for a leading blockchain technology company in Asia, providing all legal services, including corporate governance and other internal system setups and cooperation and external cooperation and investment
- Represented various investors in their investments in cryptocurrency or blockchain

Honors and Awards

- As Hong Kong lawyer, Mr. Yuan is rated as a “Highly Regarded” lawyer in the Hong Kong banking sector by IFLR (International Financial Law) for 2025-2026.
- The “Universal Theme Park Financing” project (PRC law) led by Mr. Yuan as PRC lawyer was awarded the “Project Finance of the Year” by “Asian Legal Business” in 2019 and nominated for the “Deal of the Year” in banking and finance sector by “China Law & Practice” in 2018.
- As PRC lawyer, Mr. Yuan was recommended by “Legal 500”in the PRC banking law sector in 2017 and 2019.
- As New York lawyer, Mr. Yuan worked on an USD 850 million export finance facility (New York law) from Export-Import Bank of the United States and a consortium led by JP Morgan Chase to a Mexican petrochemical company, which was selected as the “Deal of the Year” for the year 2013 by “Trade Finance”.