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PRACTICE AREAS

MS. ZOU SPECIALIZES IN CORPORATE, M&A (ESPECIALLY FOR TRANSACTIONS IN FINANCIAL SECTOR), FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & COMPLIANCE, PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT, AND OUTBOUND INVESTMENT.

Ms. Zou advises international corporates, financial institutions and private equity firms on their investments and activities in china, with rich experiences on transactions in the financial and fin-tech sectors, and advises PRC SOEs and private enterprises on their cross-border investments. In addition, Ms. Zou provides regular advice in relation to the Chinese financial market to multiple leading international financial institutions, including advice on market access, code of conduct, and compliance. She is recognized as rising star by china business law journal in 2022.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

M&A

- Commercial Banking: Advised Central Huijin Investment Ltd. on its acquisition of 60 billion shares of common stock newly issued by Hengfeng Bank, conferring to Central Huijin Investment Ltd. a controlling stake in Hengfeng Bank; advised Chengfang Huida on its acquisition of 5.27 billion domestic shares newly issued by Jinzhou Bank (00416. HK) and the NPL disposal; advised Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) on its strategic investment in Shenzhen Rural Commercial Bank
- Securities/Asset Management: Advised Credit Suisse on its subscription for an enlarged share capital in its securities joint venture in China to increase its stake to 51%; advised Nomura on the set up of internal rules for its securities joint venture project in PRC; advised an international investor on selling parts of its equity in a fund management company in China

- Fin-tech: Advised HKEX on its acquisition of 51% interest in Shenzhen Ronghuitongjin Tech Co., Ltd.; advised Goldman Sachs on the series A+ round investment in a fintech company; advised the fintech company Qtrade on its series B round financing
- Other Financial Sectors: advised DBS on its acquisition of the minority equity interests in a customer financing company; advised an international investor on selling its equity in a finance guarantee company; Advised an international investor on its strategic investment in a life insurance company; advised a giant SOE on its restructuring investment in a trust company
- Infrastructure/New energy: Advised China Merchant Group (CMG) on (i) its acquisition of 49.9% interest in Liaoning Northeast Asia Port and Shipping Co., Ltd, a port group having the top asset scale and throughput class in China, with its controlling subsidiaries of Dalian Port Group and Yingkou Port Group and (ii) assistance on the related Liaoning ports integration project; advised CMG Investment on its strategic investment in Huayou Energy Tech
- Health Care/Medicine: Advised the innovative pharmaceutical enterprise Techfields on its B Round financing for tens of millions of dollars; advised CNIC Corporation Limited on its proposed investment in a healthcare institution; advised China Resources Healthcare Group Ltd on its proposed acquisition of a local healthcare group company

Outbound Investment & International institutions

- Advised SDIC Zhonglu Juice Company, a subsidiary of State Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., on its acquisition of 100% share of Appol Group Company, based in Poland
- Advised Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited in its acquisition of the PRC subsidiaries of UK-based Westbridge Food Group Limited as part of its global acquisition of Westbridge
- Advised Whirlpool on its potential acquisition of a leading China-based manufacturer
- Advised a Thailand-headquartered food company on its proposed acquisition of a UK-based duck breeder
- Advised a renowned Chinese energy company on its proposed investment in a wind farm project in Argentina
- Advised a consortium in relation to its proposed acquisition of a leading global smart irrigation company headquartered in Israel

Private Equity Investment

- Advised China Russia Investment Fund on its investment in Face+

- Advised Shanghai Electric on its private equity investment fund projects
- Advised Ctrip on its acquisition of an offshore travel service provider

Financial Regulations & Compliance

- Advised RBS, JPMorgan, Goldman Sachs, Citadel and other international financial institutions on regulatory advices
- Advised Ant-Financial on its car financial leasing project and other daily business
- Advised Warburg Pincus on matters relating to its mutual funds subsidiary
- Advised an international investor on its proposed establishment of a securities joint venture
- Advised an international financial institution on its proposed disposal of its PRC financial business and assets

OTHER INFORMATION

Education

- Zhejiang University, CKC Honor College & School of Law, LL.B
- Zhejiang University, School of Law, LL.M
- University of Michigan, School of Law, LL.M

Professional Qualification

- Admitted to practice in PRC
- Admitted to practice in New York

Honors and Awards

- Ms. Zou was awarded Rising Star by China Business Law Journal

Professional Background

Ms. Zou joined Fangda in 2018. Before joining the firm, she worked at a Red Circle firm for four years and a Magic Circle firm for two years.