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PRACTICE AREAS

MS. DONG SPECIALIZES IN CROSS-BORDER M&A, PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL FINANCING, AND GENERAL CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

M&A

- Advised Volkswagen on its CNY 8 billion investment in Anhui Jianghuai Automobile Group, which is the biggest M&A deal in China's electric vehicle sector to date and an important project under China's "mixed ownership" reform of state-owned enterprises
- Advised China Merchants Capital and another Chinese state-owned investor on their investments through a BlackRock led consortium investment of USD 15.5 billion for a 49% equity stake in Aramco Gas Pipelines Company, one of the world's largest energy infrastructure deals
- Advised PayPal on its acquisition of a 30% equity interest in GoPay, leading to PayPal becoming the first international investor to acquire 100% control of a payment platform in China
- Advised Allianz on its acquisition of a 49% equity interest in Allianz China Life Insurance, which made Allianz China the first JV-to-WFOE life insurance company in China
- Advised China Mobile in connection with the USD 8.6 billion merger of Thailand's second largest telecom operator True Corporation (a company backed by China Mobile) and its third largest telecom operator Total Access Communication Public Company Limited

- Advised China Railway Construction on its EUR 3 billion acquisition of a 75% stake in Aldesa Group, one of the largest construction groups in Spain and Mexico
- Advised Great Wall Motor on its acquisition of Daimler's Mercedes-Benz passenger car factory and assets in Brazil
- Advised Sinopec on its proposed 100% acquisition of a renowned oil company based in Australia
- Advised Vobile on its CNY 854 million acquisition of a 61% equity interest in Particle Culture Technology, a China-based SaaS provider
- Advised Morgan Stanley and DT Capital on their CNY 1 billion acquisition of 100% equity interest in ZTE Gold Cloud Technology

Private equity and venture capital

- Advised Mars on its CNY 1.4 billion Series C investment in Ringpai Pet Hospital
- Advised Affinity Equity Partners on its USD 360 million strategic investment in Towngas China
- Advised Temasek on its USD 100 million Series C investment in a leading logistics company
- Advised Khazanah Nasional Berhad on its pre-IPO investment in Adicon
- Advised Ping An on its various investments, including CNY 400 million pre-IPO investment in Rainmed Medical and CNY 450 million investment in eBeauty
- Advised Alibaba on its various investments
- Advised Ant Financial on its various investments
- Advised OrbiMed and Cenova on their Series A investments in Pulnovo Medical
- Advised Boyu Capital and 6 Dimensions Capital on their strategic investments in Gloria Pharmaceuticals
- Advised an eVTOL company on its Series B financing
- Advised Carlyle on its proposed investment in an A-share listed company

OTHER INFORMATION

Education

- Peking University Guanghua School of Management, M.B.A. candidate

- Indiana University Bloomington Maurer School of Law, J.D. (Merit-Based Full Scholarship; Michael Maurer Fellow)
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, LL.M.
- Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, LL.B.

Professional Qualification

- Admitted to practice in the PRC
- Admitted to practice in the State of California
- Admitted to practice in the State of New York
- Admitted to practice in England and Wales

Work Language

- Chinese
- English

Publications

- Co-author, China Chapter, “The Foreign Investment Regulation Review (9th edition),” The Law Reviews

Professional Background

Before joining the firm, Ms. Dong was a senior associate at the Beijing office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.