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Jeremy Leifer is a partner in the Corporate Department and has practiced in Hong Kong for more than 30 years.

Jeremy's practice encompasses private equity and mergers and acquisitions transactions, capital markets advisory and transactional matters, and regulatory and intermediaries licensing issues. His experience includes advising on Hong Kong Stock Exchange Listing Rules, including those relating to IPOs, and the Hong Kong Takeovers Code, as well as the related regulatory framework of which he has in-depth knowledge. Jeremy also advises clients on non-contentious employment matters.

Matters

Recent representations include:

- Franshion Properties, a leading real estate developer in China listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, in the subscription of 20% interest in one of its real estate project companies by Warburg Pincus

- Pacific Alliance on its pre-IPO investment into a PRC chemicals conglomerate
- Pacific Alliance on its subscription for bonds and warrants in a Hong Kong Listed company.
- Publicis Groupe on the acquisition of PR and communications events organizing businesses in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore
- Auchan as the controlling shareholder of Sun Art Retail Group Limited on the listing of Sun Art on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- The restructuring of a PRC joint venture in the hypermarket sector with a market value of \$4.5 billion
- The acquisition by KPS Capital Partners of Furniture Brands under a US court supervised process under S.363 of the US Bankruptcy Code
- Obtaining an SFC licence for asset management activities (Type 9 regulated activity) for a global fund of funds operating in Hong Kong

M&A/Private Equity

- The Asian Development Bank in its investment in Hainan Airport
- A global investment bank on the restructuring of its pre-IPO investment in a Chinese chemicals company
- Aspocomp, a Finnish based manufacture of PCBs for mobile phones in the disposal of an 80 percent interest of its manufacturing business in China, India and Finland to a Hong Kong listed company, with an option to the buyer to purchase the remaining 20 percent
- Luvata, a Finnish based manufacture whose businesses includes metal fabrication and component manufacturing, in the acquisition of the remaining shareholding of a Chinese joint venture making copper tubing for air conditioners

- Orascom Telecom in the \$1.3 billion acquisition of a 19.3 percent interest in Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited from Hutchison Whampoa Limited and acting on the disposal of the stake at a later date through block trades and the sale of the remaining balance of the stake back to the original seller and related parties
- Office Depot on its acquisition of an office supplies company in China
- A major European telecommunications company on its proposed investment into an H-share telecommunications company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- GE on the disposal of the Hong Kong arm of its plastics business to SABIC
- Colony Capital on its acquisition of 100 percent of the Raffles chain of hotels
- The controlling shareholders of Korean life insurance company in their planned disposal of the life insurance company

Capital Markets

- Pacific Alliance as the controlling shareholder of Goodbaby International Holdings Limited on its listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- Two global investment banks acting as joint global coordinators for the listing of a PRC-based retailer and manufacturer on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- A subsidiary of Temasek on its subscription for domestic shares and warrants in a Hong Kong-listed PRC media company
- The Asian Development Bank on its subscription for shares and convertible notes in China Gas Holdings Limited
- Deephaven Capital Management, a U.S.-based hedge fund, on its subscription for shares and convertible notes in Sino Gas Group Limited
- Yantai Raffles Shipyard Limited on its purchase of shares in EMER International Group Limited (now TSC Offshore Group Limited)

- Orascom Telecom Holding S.A.E. in placings by Citigroup of shares in Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited, with an aggregate value of \$330 million
- Several Hong Kong-listed companies on tender offers for the buyback of their bonds

Regulatory

- Jeremy frequently advises on Hong Kong regulatory issues including SFC licensing requirements for persons intending to carry on a regulated activity in Hong Kong, ongoing compliance for licensed intermediaries, and the marketing of securities and other products, as well as the marketing of services.

Practices

Capital Markets, Private Equity Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions, International Labor & Employment

Industries

Asset Management, Private Equity, Private Equity Real Estate

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science, LL.B.

Admissions & Qualifications

Hong Kong
Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales (non-practicing)

Memberships

Fellow, Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute (FHKSI)

Law Society of Hong Kong

Law Society of England and Wales

Awards & Recognition

Chambers Asia Pacific: Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based (International Firms)
2013-2018

Chambers Global: China: Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based (International Firms)
2013-2018

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific: Private Equity 2020, 2022

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific: Corporate (including M&A) 2014-2023

Languages

English