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Senior Registered Foreign Lawyer

Practice Area:

Corporate Finance, China Practice

Aaron was admitted to practise as a lawyer in People's Republic of China in 2010 and became a Registered Foreign Lawyer in Hong Kong in 2014. He joined the firm in 2007.

Aaron is a Corporate Finance lawyer with extensive and significant experience in private and public M&A, financing and Initial public offerings on both the main and GEM boards of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and general corporate advisory work in the PRC and Hong Kong.

Legal Specialisations:

IPOs on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity Investments, foreign direct investment in PRC and joint ventures, establishment of family trust and private funds, as well as convertible bonds and syndicated loans and other corporate and commercial law related transaction. Recent high profile transaction Aaron has advised on include:

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Advising a Hong Kong listed company in a major transaction to acquire liquor distribution business in the PRC at a consideration of HK\$260,000,000, which was satisfied with convertible preference shares issued by the listed company, and assisting in its compliance matters under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- Advising a Hong Kong listed company, which was principally engaged in real estate development in the PRC, in a very substantial disposal transaction in respect of the disposal of its interest in a property development project in Beijing, PRC, at a total consideration of HKD3.2 billion, and assisting in its compliance matters under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- Advising a Hong Kong listed company, which was a leading real estate developer in China for issuing convertible notes in the aggregate principal amount of US\$140,000,000 to four note holders and subsequently advising and negotiating on the release of terms under the note purchase agreement by the note holders for the purpose of the company's listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Initial Public Offerings

- **HUAJIN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED (2738)** - acting as the legal adviser for the issuer, which is a leading cold-rolled carbon steel processor in Guangdong Province, the PRC, principally engaged in providing cold-rolled carbon steel strips. The funds raised in such global offering was HK\$350 million.
- **CREATIVE CHINA HOLDINGS LIMITED (8368)** - acting as the legal adviser for the issuer, which is fast-growing in the industry of event organization and TV program production. VIE (Variable Interest Entities) arrangements was applied in the corporate structure for the inclusion of business that is prohibited/restricted from foreign investment under PRC laws.
- **ZHONG AO HOME GROUP LIMITED (1538)** - acting as the legal adviser for the issuer, which was the third largest independent property management company in the PRC. Its property management business is complemented by O2O business, leveraging the resident bases of the contracted communities. VIE (Variable Interest Entities) arrangements was applied in the corporate structure for the inclusion of business that is prohibited/restricted from foreign investment under PRC laws.
- **JIASHILI GROUP LIMITED (1285)** – acting as the legal adviser for the company, which is principally engaged in biscuits manufacturing in China. The Company is the largest biscuit manufacturer among those operated by PRC brand owner with over 50 year's history. During the reorganisation, we formed an innovative plan to solve some critical issues in cross-border reorganisation, with accommodation to the needs of pre-IPO fund raising.
- **HUAZHANG TECHNOLOGY HOLDING LIMITED (8276)** – acting as the legal adviser for the company, which was principally engaged in the manufacture and sales of industrial automation system, equipment and products, as well as sludge treatment products, in China. The company was also the authorized distributor for a well-known brand of industrial automation products in China. The company was one of the five-largest industrial automation systems provider as well as filter press machinery (for sludge treatment) supplier for paper-making industry.



- **CHINA PUTIAN FOOD HOLDING LIMITED (1699)** - acting as the legal adviser for the sponsor. The Group was a vertically integrated pork supplier principally engaged in hog farming, hog slaughtering and sale of pork. One of the subsidiaries of the Group was one of the largest pork suppliers in Putian city, Fujian province, China contributed to approximately 21.9% of the aggregate output of hogs in Putian city, Fujian province, China in 2011.

Professional Qualifications:

- Qualified lawyer in PRC- 2010
- Registered Foreign Lawyer in Hong Kong - 2014

Education:

- Sun Yat-sen University (LL.B., 2003)
- The University of Hong Kong
(Master of Corporate & Financial Law, 2005)

Language:

English, Cantonese and Mandarin