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Practice

Basic Information

Benran is a partner of Haiwen & Partners. He has extensive experience in advising international and Chinese private equity funds, sovereign funds and state-owned enterprises, tech companies, manufacturing companies, other financial and strategic investors in complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, growth capital and co-investment transactions, joint ventures as well as exits.

Professional History

Benran joined Haiwen & Partners in February 2024 as partner. Before joining Haiwen, Benran was a partner of Shanghai Zhaosheng Law Firm (which is in joint operation with Linklaters in China), heading the firm's Beijing corporate practice. Prior to this, Benran had worked in Linklaters from 2012 to 2016 and in Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP from 2017 to 2018, respectively.

Experience Highlights

Benran's recent representative M&A experience includes acting for: a listed company on its proposed acquisition of the controlling stake in a manufacturing target headquartered in the UK, with business spanning over 10 European countries, which transaction involves major assets restructuring (ongoing); Baiyin Nonferrous Group on its proposed acquisition of 100% equity in Serrote Participações S.A. (a copper-gold mine asset in Papua New Guinea) from the UK investment fund Appian Capital (ongoing); TikTok on the structuring of its strategic development of e-commerce business in Indonesia, in particular on the related structural and regulatory issues relating to its acquisition of Tokopedia for more than one billion US dollars; China Resources on its acquisition of a majority stake in JCET Group for consideration of more than one billion RMB; Investindustrial on its acquisition of a PRC chemical intermediate company and its subscription of convertible bonds in a related transaction; IDG Capital on several cross-border M&A transactions; Hillhouse Capital on a few cross-border M&A transactions; Zhejiang Jingsheng Mechanical & Electrical Co., Ltd. (a PRC listed company) on the proposed set-up of a joint venture with Applied Materials in the PRC to acquire the solar businesses of Applied Materials; PDT Technologies Company Limited (IDG Energy) on its acquisition of China solar business from RENA Technologies GmbH; LRQA on its bolt-on acquisition of ELEVATE, an industry leader in ESG and supply chain services; Tencent on its acquisition of majority stake in a New Zealand based gaming company.

In the area of equity financing transactions, Benran serves clients including several Chinese sovereign funds, several Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian sovereign funds, CITIC Securities Investment, ByteDance, Didi Chuxing, Sofina, Brookfield, IFC, Sequoia China and Tencent.

In addition, Benran has participated in capital market transactions including deSPAC, privatization, listing by way of merger, public acquisition and bonds issuance.

Accolades

Benran was recognised as a Next Generation Partner in the TMT practice in China by The Legal 500 in 2024 and was also rated as a Recommended Lawyer in the Corporate and M&A practice as well as Private Equity practice. Benran was also ranked by Chambers in 2024 for Corporate/M&A.

Admissions

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Education

Mr. Huang received his LL.B. degree from China University of Political Science and Law in 2011, and his LL.M. degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2012.

Language

Mr. Huang's native language is Mandarin, and he speaks English fluently.