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Basic Information

Ms. Zou is a partner, resident in the Shanghai office. Ms. Zou's practice focuses on private equity investment, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters.

Professional History

Ms. Zou joined Haiwen in 2021. Before joining Haiwen, Ms. Zou worked in the Shanghai office of Fangda Partners.

Experience Highlights

In the area of private equity investment, Ms. Zou has represented Blackstone, Sequoia, Hillhouse, Carlyle Group, YF Capital, Goldman Sachs, Boyu Capital, Brookfield, SAIF, Fosun, CICC, CITIC Capital, 51job, ADV Partners, Morgan Stanley and other institutional investors in minority equity investments in various pre-IPO and start-up companies, such as CGV Cinema, SMG Pictures, LOHQ, Dazzel, Tospur, Qingke, United Water, Exands, CDP Group, thyssenkrupp and Belray Coffee; Represented PAG, TPG, Fudan Zhangjiang, Ant, Lilly Asia Ventures and other institutional investors in their investments in medical instrument companies, pharmaceuticals companies and online healthcare companies; Represented Warburg Pincus, Sequoia, Alibaba, Cainiao, YF Capital, Primavera Capital and other institutional investors in their equity and strategic investments in ZTQ, STQ, YTQ, JD Express, Best Logistics, Ane Logistics, Deppon Logistics and Air China Cargo; Represented Alibaba and Ant in their investments in various companies, such as Vastai Chip, VOGI, Wasu, 91 Wireless, 51 Credit Card, Dada, Shuzhimeng, Julanling, Hanweb, Bestechnic SoC, Xiami and PPLive; Represented Nio in its equity financing deal with a group of strategic investors, advised the restructuring of Nio's core businesses and assets in China, and advised the establishment of Nio's headquarter in Hefei; Represented MediTrust Health in its equity financing deal; Represented Mobike in its F round equity and debt financing deal.

In the area of M&A, Ms. Zou has represented EF Education First in Permira's acquisition of majority equity interests in

EF kids and teens English training business across Swiss, China and Indonesia; Advised Coty, as leading PRC counsel, in the sales of 60% interest in its professional beauty business and retail hair business to KKR at an enterprise value of USD4.3 billion; Represented Li & Fung Group in the sales of OK convenience stores and brand to Suning Group; Represented Bayer in its acquisition of Dianhong Group; Represented Unilever in its acquisition of Qinyuan.

In the area of general corporate, Ms. Zou has represented a world-renowned coffee chain group in its development of an intelligent logistics and distribution system with a well-known express delivery group; Represented Starbucks in drafting, negotiating and concluding various commercial contracts; Represented Alibaba Cloud in drafting and negotiating various commercial contracts regarding cloud product and IDC service; Advised Huntsman, Coty, Nike, Kering Group, Bayer, Unilever, Barclays, GE and Soul App in various commercial contracts, strategic cooperation, regulatory compliance and other general corporate matters; Represented Vopak in the establishment of two LNG joint ventures with local partners; Represented PAO Novatek, a famous oil and gas group in Russia, in the establishment of LNG terminal joint venture and LNG trading joint venture with local partner; Represented Enmore in the establishment of bulk goods brokerage joint venture with TP ICAP, a well-known broker company listed in UK; Represented Nio in the establishment of two joint ventures with local partners; Represented Nio in its vehicle production cooperation, production line construction, product technology cooperation, product liability allocation and prototype vehicle trial production cooperation.

Education

Ms. Zou received her LL.B. degree from Fudan Law School in 2012, and her LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School in 2017.

Language

Ms. Zou's native language is Mandarin, and she speaks English fluently.