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Nima Amini is the managing partner of O'Melveny's Hong Kong office and a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity Groups.

Nima is a well-recognized dealmaker with extensive experience representing strategic and private equity clients in the full spectrum of public and private merger and acquisition transactions. He has been continuously active over the past 15+ years negotiating and structuring some of the most complex cross-border transactions across Asia, Europe and the US. He regularly advises prominent public and private companies, private equity funds, financial institutions and sovereign wealth funds on diverse aspects of their most critical business initiatives and transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions of public and private companies, minority investments, consortium and co-investment arrangements, joint ventures, spinoffs, restructurings and compliance and corporate governance matters. Nima's public company experience includes both negotiated and contested takeovers as well as numerous special committee assignments.

Nima has successfully guided his clients through complex, multi-jurisdictional transactions with an aggregate transaction value of over US\$100 billion, a number of which have been awarded "Deal of the Year" by leading industry publications such as *The American Lawyer*, *International Financial Law Review*, *China Business Law Journal*, *China Law and Practice*, and *India Business Law Journal*. Whether the deal is large or small, Nima is equally meticulous in his approach to every transaction, and his hands on approach, responsiveness, commercial sensibility and dedication to achieving client business objectives have earned him recognition as a leading M&A lawyer by various

Admissions

Bar Admissions

Hong Kong

California

Minnesota

District of Columbia

Education

Columbia University, J.D.: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

University of California at Berkeley, B.A.: *magna cum laude*

publications. *Chambers Asia-Pacific* notes that Nima is described as an "outstanding lawyer who is very personable, very smart and amazingly always seems to have time regardless of the time zone or other constraints." He was named the "Young Lawyer of the Year" at the 2016 Macallan ALB Hong Kong Law Awards and has been consistently recognized as a top-tier M&A practitioner by independent legal directories, including by *Chambers*, *IFLR* and *The Legal 500*, which notes his "depth of experience and commercial approach."

Experience

Public Company M&A

- A buyer consortium led by Yunfeng Capital, TF Capital, GIC and management in connection with the acquisition of Cellular Biomedicine Group in a "going private" transaction valued at approximately US\$380 million
- A buyer consortium to acquire SORL Auto Parts, Inc. (Nasdaq: SORL) in its approximately US\$91 million "going-private" transaction
- SEEK Limited in connection with its acquisition of Zhaopin Limited in a transaction valued at over US\$1 billion
- eHi Car Services Limited in connection with its acquisition by a consortium comprised of members of company management, The Crawford Group, MBK Partners, Ctrip Investment Holdings and Ocean Link
- WuXi PharmaTech in connection with its US\$3.3 billion acquisition by a consortium comprised of Temasek, Ally Bridge Group, Boyu Capital, Hillhouse Capital, Ping An Insurance and certain WuXi senior executives
- Giant Interactive in connection with its US\$3 billion "going private" buy-out by affiliates of Baring Private Equity, Hony Capital, CDH Investments, and Giant's chairman (named "Global Merger and Acquisition Deal of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*, "Deal of the Year" by each of *China Business Law Journal*, *ASIAN-MENA Counsel Magazine*, and *China Law and Practice*, and "Asia Private Equity Deal" of the Year by *IFLR*)
- Chengwei Capital and 1Verge, the controlling shareholders of Youku Tudou, in arranging, structuring and facilitating Youku's acquisition by Alibaba Group in a transaction valued at over \$4 billion
- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board in connection with its acquisition, alongside affiliates of Baring Private Equity Asia, of a controlling interest in Hexaware Technologies (named "M&A Deal of the Year" by *India Business Law Journal*)
- Mindray Medical International in connection with a US\$3.5 billion leveraged buyout by the company's management
- Homeinns Hotel Group in connection with a management-led buyout in transaction valued at approximately US\$1.5 billion
- China Kanghui Holdings in its US\$816 million acquisition by Medtronic
- Global Education & Technology Group in connection with its US\$294 million acquisition by Pearson
- Montage Technology Group in connection with its US\$693 million acquisition by Shanghai Pudong Science and Technology
- Weichai Power in connection with its acquisition of a controlling stake in Power Solutions

- 7 Days Group in connection with its "going private" merger involving a consortium comprised of the company's co-founders and co-chairmen of its board of directors and affiliates of Sequoia Capital and the Carlyle Group in a transaction valued at approximately US\$688 million
- China Real Estate Information Corporation in connection with its merger with E-House (China) Holdings Limited in a cash and stock transaction valued at over US\$600 million
- Zhongpin in its US\$370 million "going private" acquisition by its founder
- iSoftStone Holdings in connection with its acquisition by members of its management and various funds managed by China Everbright in a "going private" transaction valued at approximately US\$332 million
- China Hydroelectric in connection with its acquisition by NewQuest Capital Partners
- New Focus Auto Tech in connection with a control transaction involving CDH Investments

Private Company M&A

- Lucid Motors in connection with its US\$1+ billion investment by the Public Investment Fund of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- SEEK Limited in connection with more than a dozen investment, acquisitions and dispositions involving companies in Europe, Asia and North and South America, including Coursera, Universidad Tecnológica Latinoamericana, Florence, Revelo and Workana
- Pactera in connection with various acquisitions of IT and digital solutions services companies
- Xitogen Technologies in connection with its sale to Danaher Corporation
- ASC Fine Wines in connection with its sale to Suntory
- Lucky Pai in connection with its sale to the Lotte Group

Special Committees

- Special Committee of Hanwha SolarOne in connection with its acquisition of Hanwha Q CELLS in an all-stock transaction at an implied value of US\$1.2 billion
- Special Committee of ShangPharma Corporation in connection with its US\$173 million "going private" acquisition by its founders and affiliates of TPG Capital
- Special Committee of Feihe International in connection with its "going private" acquisition by its Chairman and CEO and an affiliate of Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia in a transaction valued at approximately US\$148 million
- Special Committee of CNinsure in connection with a "going private" proposal from its Chairman and TPG Capital (terminated)
- Special Committee of Acorn International in connection with a tender offer by Acorn's co-founders

Private Equity Transactions

- GIC in connection with its investment in Genpact Ltd.
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- Apex and PAG Asia Capital in the acquisition of Lexmark International in a transaction valued at US\$3.6 billion
- Carlyle Group in connection with its investment in China Recycling Energy Group
- FountainVest Partners, Sequoia Capital and CITIC Capital in connection with an investment in SINA Corporation

- FountainVest Partners in connection with its investment in the retail division of LJ International
- Baring Private Equity Asia in connection with a management-led spin-off of China CBN Investment Holdings from Asian American Gas
- Temasek Holdings in connection with various investments, including its equity investment in Vancle Corporation

Joint Ventures

- Hillhouse Capital in connection with its joint venture with a leading US hospital and research foundation, to engage in the business of hospital and medical management services, education services, and other support services to healthcare institutions in China
- SEEK Limited in connection with its investment in online learning platform FutureLearn as a joint venture with the Open University
- Shandong Weigao Group in connection with a Sino-foreign cooperative joint venture with Medtronic to jointly market products
- Symantec Corporation in the formation of its China-based joint venture with a major Chinese telecom equipment company

Carve-Outs

- Mindray Medical International in its acquisition of the patient monitoring business of Datascope

Workouts and Restructurings

- Farallon Capital Asia and BFAM Partners as part of a bondholder group in connection with the negotiated restructuring of US\$2.5 billion in offshore bonds of Kaisa Group Limited
- Suntech Power Holdings in its insolvency proceedings in New York and the Cayman Islands
- A Chinese semiconductor manufacturer in connection with its consent solicitation and asset sale

Honors & Awards

- Ranked in Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based (International Firms) in China by *Chambers Asia-Pacific* (2020 & 2021) and by *Chambers Global* (2020-2023)
- Recognized as a “Rising Star” by *IFLR1000* in Private Equity, Mergers & Acquisitions (2017 - 2020); Industry Sectors: Energy, Technology & Telecommunications (2019-2021)