King & Spalding

Derek B. Meilman

Partner
Corporate, Finance and Investments

London: +44 20 7551 2101
New York: +1 212 556 2371
dmeilman@kslaw.com

Derek B. Meilman focusses on complex cross-border mergers, acquisitions and strategic joint ventures. He has experience across a wide range of industries, with a particular emphasis on industrials, including energy and infrastructure, and consumer retail, and he frequently advises on acquisition activity relating to business restructurings.

Derek's clients include financial and strategic investors from a broad range of institutions, including public and private companies, investment funds (such as private equity, special situations, sovereign wealth and pension funds), development finance institutions, founders and family offices.

With an M&A practice that is global in scope, Derek counsels clients on the panoply of issues that arise in this context, including anti-bribery legislation, such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; competition/antitrust matters and related merger control regimes; country and political risk, especially in emerging markets; foreign investment, including filings with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S.; health, safety, and environmental concerns; labor relations; regulatory regimes; and structuring considerations.

Derek is qualified as an attorney in New York State and as a solicitor in England & Wales and the Republic of Ireland. Prior to entering private practice, Derek worked as an extern in the Office of the Legal Advisor at the U.S. Department of State.

Matters

Represented Afendis Capital Partners as transaction sponsor in connection with the acquisition by a private equity consortium, including Afendis and Metric Capital Partners, of a 30% stake in Turkish generic drug maker Sanovel.

Represented Olivier Creed in the sale of Creed fragrances, one of the world's leading luxury perfume houses, to BlackRock Long Term Private Capital, a perpetual capital private equity fund within the world's largest asset manager, and Javier Ferrán, Chairman of Diageo.

Represented Ron Santa Teresa of Venezuela in connection with an international distribution alliance with Bacardi, the world's largest privately owned spirits company

Represented WSP Global in connection with the acquisition for US$1.31bn of Parsons Brinckerhoff from infrastructure group Balfour Beatty

Represented the senior noteholders of Ukrainian agricultural company Mriya in the restructuring which resulted in ownership of the company by its former creditors and then the onward sale of the Mriya business to the Saudi Agricultural & Livestock Investment Company

Represented Global Solar Energy, a manufacturer of flexible solar technology, on its sale to the Hanergy Group of China

Represented Colombian financial services firm Grupo Sura in connection with its buyout of JP Morgan, General Atlantic and IFC interests in Sura Asset Management

Represented NorthStar Realty Europe and China Resources Land on acquisition from AXA Investment Managers of 20 Gresham St., a trophy office building in the City of London

Represented Colony Capital in connection with the acquisition of an interest in the Fibonacci Square development project in Ballsbridge, Dublin and related arrangements among partners

Represented Metsanco Ltd and its affiliates in the sale of Olo de Peru and TVS Wireless to a subsidiary of America Movil, the Mexican telecom

Represented LeapFrog Investments, which invests in businesses in Africa and Asia, in connection with multiple M&A transactions

Represented Kodak Pension Plan (KPP) in connection with its acquisition of Kodak Alaris in settlement of KPP's claim in the Eastman Kodak bankruptcy

Represented Quantum Pacific Exploration in connection with a strategic partnership with Barrick Gold to explore for and develop copper deposits in Chile

Represented The Gores Group in its acquisition of a majority stake in Mexx International from Liz Claiborne, including the formation of a related joint venture

Represented marine transportation services company American Commercial Lines in connection with its US$800m ‘going private’ sale to Platinum Equity

Represented an American subsidiary of a European aerospace and defense company in its disposition of an entity under a proxy agreement with the US Department of Defense

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Duke University

B.A., Brown University

ADMISSIONS

New York

England and Wales

Ireland

LANGUAGES

French

Italian

News

CASES & DEALS

February 27, 2020

King & Spalding Advises on Creed Fragrance's Sale to BlackRock Long Term Private Capital

IN THE NEWS

March 2, 2020 • Source: Legal Week and La Lettre des Juristes D'affaires

Derek Meilman and Laurent Bensaid advise Creed Fragrances on its sale to BlackRock Long Term Private Capital

RECOGNITION

September 27, 2019

Legal 500 UK 2020 Recognizes King & Spalding Among Leading UK Law Firms

VIEW ALL ON KSLAW.COM