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Lee is a partner in the Corporate, Finance and Investments Group in Singapore and Head of the M&A and Private Equity Practice in Asia. Lee handles domestic and cross-border public and private M&A and private equity transactions. Lee has over 20 years of M&A experience in London and south east Asia and is both English and Singapore law qualified.

Lee regularly advises many of the leading corporates, private equity houses, hedge funds and sovereign wealth funds across Asia Pacific and further afield on their most complex M&A transactions in the region. Lee is consistently recognized by leading legal directories as one of the leading M&A and private equity lawyers in Asia. Chambers Global describes him as “an expert on private equity transactions who is praised by clients for his ‘very strong credentials in the region’ and the commitment he shows on transactions”. Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 commends Lee for being “a highly valued lawyer” with a “keen eye for important details”.

Prior to joining King & Spalding in January 2018, Lee headed the Singapore M&A group and South East Asia Private Equity practice of one of the UK’s “Magic Circle” law firms.

Matters

Lee’s representative M&A and private equity experience includes advising:

National Australia Bank on the sale of its private wealth business in Singapore and Hong Kong to OCBC

Platinum Equity Partners on its takeover by way of scheme of arrangement of SGX-listed Fischer Tech Ltd.

ABN AMRO on the sale of its private banking and wealth management business in Asia and the Middle East to LGT

EQT on the sale of its 49% stake in Econ Healthcare to Mr Ong Chu Poh

Barclays on the sale of its private banking and wealth management business in Asia and the Middle East to Bank of Singapore/OCBC

METRO on its US\$328 million acquisition of Classic Fine Foods from EQT

Mitsubishi on its S\$1.5 billion investment in SGX-listed Olam

ACE Insurance on the Asian aspects of its US\$29.2 billion merger with Chubb

Sime Darby on its US\$1.74 billion takeover of Port Moresby and London Stock Exchange-listed New Britain Palm Oil

Affinity Equity Partners on its leveraged buy-out of Island Hospital, Malaysia

SapuraKencana Petroleum on its US\$2.9 billion acquisition of Seadrill's tender rigs business

Telekom Malaysia on its investment into Packet One Networks, a Malaysian converged telecoms, broadband and 4G service provider, and joint venture with SK Telecom and Green Packet

Bumi Armada on the establishment of a joint venture with Shapoorji to build and operate FPSOs

Credit Suisse on its investment, alongside Warburg Pincus, in Vincom Retail, Vietnam's largest private-sector real estate operator and one of the largest companies by market capitalisation listed on the Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange

Mitsui on its 50:50 joint venture with Hyflux, the acquisition by the joint venture company of 21 water treatment plants in China from Hyflux and the voluntary delisting of SGX-listed Hyflux Water Trust Limited and associated exit offer

PSA on various transactions including its investment in International Container Terminal Services Inc's Colombian port and on its investment alongside Mitsui to develop and operate Container Terminal 1 at New Priok Port, Jakarta.

Macquarie Everbright Greater China Infrastructure Fund on its RMB271.25 million investment in a wholly-owned subsidiary of SGX-listed Hengyang Petrochemical Logistics

Pfizer on the Asian aspects of the US\$12 billion sale of its infant nutrition business to Nestle

HSBC and Hang Seng Bank on the sale of their general insurance businesses in Hong Kong, Singapore, Mexico and Argentina to AXA and QBE for US\$914 million

Standard Bank on the sale of its 25% interest in Courts to Baring Private Equity Asia

Istithmar (part of Dubai World) on the sale to City Developments of its stake in South Beach, a residential development project in Singapore

Actis on its joint venture with SGX-listed oil and gas services provider, KS Energy Services, and their take private of SGX-listed Aqua-Terra and SGX-listed SSH pursuant to two interconditional schemes of arrangement

Sincere Watch on its takeover by a consortium of investors comprising Louis Vuitton and Standard Chartered Private Equity

XL Insurance on its equity investment in Citystate Capital Asia, a Singapore based insurance company

International SOS on its security services joint venture with Control Risks Group

3i on its leveraged buy-out of LHi Technology, a medical device manufacturer based in China and on the subsequent sale of LHi Technology to Carlisle Companies Inc.

Credit Suisse on its investment, alongside Warburg Pincus, in PT Nirvana Wastu Pratama, a developer of hypermarket anchored retail malls in Indonesia

Barclays on its acquisition of Indonesia's Bank Akita

Actis on its leveraged buy-out of Teknikast Sdn Bhd, an aluminum die-casting manufacturer in Malaysia and on its leveraged buy-out of Mivan Far East Sdn Bhd, a specialist contracting company operating in Malaysia

Maxis/Usaha Tegas on the US\$3.05 billion investment made by Saudi Telecom in Maxis and Indonesian subsidiary, PT Natrindo Telepon Seluler (renamed Axis)

Turner Broadcasting (a division of Time Warner) on its acquisition of a controlling stake in Indian broadcaster, NDTV Imagine and on its television and content production joint ventures in India with the Alva Brothers

Standard Chartered, Carlyle, Permira, IK Investments, Intermediate Capital Group and CVC on numerous confidential transactions and bids

Credentials

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, University of Bristol, UK, honours

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

Singapore

LANGUAGES

English

French

Spanish

Recognition

Lee Taylor is well versed in strategic, private equity and venture capital transactions. – Corporate/M&A

CHAMBERS, ASIA PACIFIC 2020

Lee Taylor "has acted on notable transactions in the energy sector." – Corporate/M&A

CHAMBERS, ASIA PACIFIC 2020

Market sources say Lee Taylor is "a solid operator", with clients describing his advice as "invaluable". – Corporate/M&A

CHAMBERS, ASIA PACIFIC 2020

"Leading Lawyer" – Corporate/M&A

LEGAL 500, ASIA PACIFIC 2020

Leading Lawyer - Singapore, Corporate/M&A: International Firms

CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2018

Leading Lawyer – Singapore, Corporate/M&A: Foreign Firms - “King & Spalding LLP further strengthened its M&A credentials

LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC 2019

Highly regarded Lawyer – Singapore, M&A

IFLR1000 2018

Events

CONFERENCE

May 15, 2019

Anatomy of a Financial Deal: From Global Transactions to Dispute Resolution

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

July 17, 2019

Lee Taylor to Speak at AVCJ Singapore Event

April 24, 2019

Lee Taylor to Speak at AVCJ Indonesia Event

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News

CASES & DEALS

March 5, 2021

ORIX completes \$961 million investment into Greenko Energy Holdings

RECOGNITION

October 8, 2021

King & Spalding Earns Multiple Practice and Individual Rankings in 2021 IFLR1000 Guide

February 19, 2021

Chambers Global Again Recognizes King & Spalding as a Leading International Law Firm

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