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“They give the perfect combination
of local connection, client connectivity
and US legal advice.”

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quoting a client

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OUR CHINA PRACTICE

Chinese and international clients turn to Simpson Thacher for considered counsel and deep experience with China-related matters. We understand the complexities our clients face doing business and resolving disputes in this rapidly evolving region. On every engagement and for every client, our objective is to provide the highest quality legal services available globally.



Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP is one of the world's preeminent international law firms. For over 125 years, we have helped clients address their greatest legal and business challenges in a fast-changing world. With offices in Beijing and Hong Kong, the Firm has been active in China for two decades. Our China practice is built upon the strength of our leading reputation, skill and experience globally.



We represent Chinese state-owned and non-state-owned companies and financial institutions in their business activities in the United States and the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and across Asia. In connection with matters in China, we also represent international financial institutions, corporations and investors. Advising clients across the full spectrum of corporate work, we have significant expertise in cross-border public and private mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, international capital markets transactions and the representation of private equity clients, both in strategic investments and fund formation. We also engage in leveraged and acquisition finance and represent Chinese clients in U.S. litigation and international arbitration.

Why Simpson Thacher in China?

Dedication to Client Service

We value excellence in client service in all respects – in the thoughtfulness and thoroughness of our legal advice and work product, in our responsiveness to our clients and in the tone and manner in which we work with clients.

Understanding Our Clients' Business Objectives

Drawing on our over 125 years of experience advising on the most sophisticated matters worldwide, we are able to assist clients with their business objectives relating to China. We understand the complex business environment in China and globally, and we appreciate how the intricate legal issues of a particular matter impact a client's overall business.

“Deep understanding of domestic industry dynamics
and consistent, high-quality support.”

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2010 & CHAMBERS ASIA 2010

quoting a client

Longstanding Commitment to China

We opened our Hong Kong office in 1993, expanding as a result of the globalization of our clients’ business interests. Through our Hong Kong and Beijing offices, we offer one of the largest on-the-ground teams among all U.S. firms with over fifty lawyers, half of whom are bilingual speakers of English and Mandarin Chinese. We have the necessary depth of local experience, language skills and appreciation of Chinese culture and customs as well as business practices to provide superior legal service.

Strength of Our Global Firm

Our China offices work seamlessly with the Firm’s offices in Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, São Paulo, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. to provide a truly global capability for local clients as well as Firm clients based elsewhere in the world.

Overall Firm Quality and Culture

Our China practice benefits from the overall quality of Simpson Thacher and its friendly and collaborative culture. Our reputation enables us to recruit many of the best and brightest young multilingual lawyers. Our commitment to excellence and our strong deal flow result in rigorous training and the development of professionals who are dedicated to providing clients with the highest quality legal advice and work product.

Depth of Corporate Experience

Our team in China has on-the-ground strength across the full spectrum of corporate disciplines, including mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt offerings, fund formation and financings. Clients benefit from excellence across all practice areas; for example, when undertaking a complex, cross-border M&A transaction, our local banking and credit expertise allows us to effectively advise on the financing for the transaction.

Private Equity Experience

Simpson Thacher is one of the leading firms in private equity globally. Our experience with private equity clients and their portfolio companies also informs our work for other market participants, including strategic investors and financial institutions requiring insight into market expectations, government-owned entities considering joint investments and senior bank lenders financing acquisitions.

CHINA PRACTICE

*“Deal of the Year 2008”
Chinalco’s acquisition of
a minority stake in Rio Tinto*

ASIAN-COUNSEL

Mergers and Acquisitions

We are consistently ranked as one of the world’s leading M&A advisors. Our China practice leverages this strength and depth of experience to advise international corporations, investment banks and private equity firms on investments in China as well as Chinese entities on investments worldwide. We offer our clients skill and insight developed by representing M&A participants globally in virtually all capacities, including purchasers, sellers, lenders, financial advisors, boards of directors and board committees.

We have extensive experience with both inbound and outbound China investments. Our lawyers in China advise on a full spectrum of public and private M&A matters, joint ventures and projects across a wide range of business sectors. Clients turn to us for their most complex and important M&A transactions, knowing that we offer a highly skilled and responsive approach, and a keen understanding of the Chinese investment and regulatory environment. Our lawyers have advised on some of the most significant China-related M&A transactions for leading international and PRC companies, financial institutions and private equity firms.

Cross-border Expertise

In connection with cross-border M&A transactions, we advise clients regarding all aspects of the transaction, including the optimal structuring alternatives based on corporate and tax considerations, negotiation of the acquisition agreement, preparation of related tender offer documents (if applicable) and proxy statements in accordance with the applicable requirements under U.S. securities laws, preparation of all required governmental filings under all applicable securities, competition and other laws and regulations, negotiation with governmental authorities around the world, communication and filings with the relevant stock exchanges, and coordination and performance of due diligence.

Our experience in cross-border transactions enables us to anticipate and address issues that may arise when multiple jurisdictions are involved as well as to reconcile sometimes inconsistent or conflicting legal requirements.

A representative example is our work for a consortium of investors led by Changsha Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd. in connection with the acquisition of CIFA S.p.A., the leading concrete equipment manufacturer in Italy. The 2008 combination created the largest concrete equipment manufacturer in China and the second largest industry player globally. The transaction was one of China’s largest overseas acquisitions outside of the natural resources sector and one of the very few overseas acquisitions completed by a Chinese company using leveraged financing from non-Chinese sources.

Tier 1 Ranking in China
Mergers and Acquisitions:
Foreign Firms

IFLR1000 2009, 2010 & 2011



“strong and professional”

THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC 2010/2011

*quoting a client regarding
the Beijing M&A Practice*

Other recent representative M&A transactions involving Chinese companies include:

- Representation of **Chinalco** with its proposed investment of US\$19.5 billion in Australian and U.K. minerals producer Rio Tinto, which if completed would have been the largest outbound investment ever by a Chinese company. The Firm also represented Chinalco in connection with the earlier US\$14 billion investment in Rio Tinto, the largest foreign investment by a Chinese entity at that time.
- Representation of **TripAdvisor**, the world’s largest travel community and an operating company of Expedia, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXPE), in its acquisition of Kuxun.cn, the second largest online travel-related website in China.
- Representation of **Shanghai Electric (Group) Corporation**, a leading Chinese state-owned equipment manufacturing group in China, in connection with its multi-stage acquisition of Goss International Corporation, a U.S.-based supplier of web offset presses and finishing systems for printing applications, from MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners and others.
- Representation of **Focus Media Holding Ltd.**, operator of the largest out-of-home advertising network in China, in connection with its various M&A transactions, including the proposed sale of its out-of-home advertising business divisions to SINA Corporation and the acquisitions of Allyes Information Technology, Target Media, Framedia and a minority stake in VisionChina Media Inc.

Band 1 Ranking in Asia-Pacific Region Corporate/M&A

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2011 & CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2011



Mergers and Acquisitions, continued

- Representation of **Groupe Danone** in the sale of its 51% stake in the related joint venture companies and the amicable settlement of the highly-publicized dispute with Wahaha Group.
- Representation of **Best Buy** in its acquisition of a majority stake of Jiangsu Five Star, China's fourth-largest appliance and consumer electronics retailer.
- Representation of **China Life Insurance Company** in its participation in a Citigroup-led investor consortium's US\$3.1 billion acquisition of Guangdong Development Bank Co., Ltd.
- Representation of **VisionChina Media Inc.** in its acquisition of Digital Media Group Company Limited from Gobi Partners and Oak Investment Partners for US\$160 million in cash and shares of VisionChina. VisionChina operates one of the largest advertising networks in China, and Digital Media Group is a leader in China's subway mobile television advertising market.

Outbound Investments

China's outbound direct investment is one of the most significant of any country in the world. Simpson Thacher lawyers in China have extensive experience with outbound M&A transactions.

A recent example is the Firm's representation of China National Agrochemical Corporation with its announced outbound investment of US\$2.4 billion in Makhteshim Agan Industries Ltd., an Israeli generic agrochemical company listed on the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange. The Firm also recently advised China Railway Materials Commercial Corporation, a large state-owned enterprise in China and one of China's largest steel trading companies, in its acquisition of a 12.5% of equity ownership interest in African Minerals Limited, a mineral exploration and development company with significant iron ore and base metal interests in Sierra Leone.

#1 Overall Law Firm by volume and number of deals

LOAN PRICING CORPORATION (U.S.) 2009 & 2010

“[Simpson Thacher has]
a high credibility with the
local banking community”

IFLR1000 2010
quoting a client

Banking

One of the key factors that sets Simpson Thacher apart is the strength of our leveraged and acquisition finance practice. In China, we have experienced lawyers who provide on-the-ground financing capability, and we are able to draw on the strength of the wider firm as needed. Attorneys in the Firm’s Beijing, Hong Kong and London offices have advised on some of the largest and highest profile acquisition financings for Chinese acquirers to date.

Simpson Thacher’s banking and finance practice is internationally recognized and ranks among the best in the world as evidenced by our recent Band 1 rankings by *Chambers and Partners*. Our practice is distinguished by our comprehensive knowledge of financial instruments used across a range of circumstances and at all levels of the capital structure, as well as by our appreciation of the commercial realities that clients face. In addition to our preeminent acquisition finance practice, the Firm’s attorneys are regularly retained to advise companies in structuring new credit facilities or amending existing facilities, which often involves negotiating with lenders to reset covenants or amend collateral packages.

The Firm provided acquisition financing representation for many of the M&A transactions mentioned previously. Notable examples of our work include:

- Representation of **Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.** in financing its US\$576 million acquisition of Unisteel Technology Limited, a disk-drive components maker in Singapore that is listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The transaction was recognized by *FinanceAsia* as the 2008 Best Private Equity Buyout and Best Leveraged Financing.
- Representation of **Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.** and **Affinity Equity Partners** in connection with the financing for their US\$1.8 billion acquisition of Oriental Brewery Co., Ltd. in Korea.
- Representation of **Chinalco** in securing financing as well as with the U.S. regulatory aspects in connection with its acquisition of an initial stake in Rio Tinto for approximately US\$14 billion and in securing a US\$1.5 billion loan facility for its rights issue. The Firm also represented Chinalco in connection with financing for the proposed investment of US\$19.5 billion in Rio Tinto, which was not consummated.



**Band 1 Ranking
in China Capital Markets:
U.S. Law
(International Firms)**

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2011 &
CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2011

Capital Markets

As Chinese companies seek to gain access to international capital markets, many turn to Simpson Thacher and our internationally recognized capital markets practice for guidance. Our practice, which is one of the most respected, sophisticated and diverse in the world, is uniquely balanced with a broad base of both issuer and underwriter clients, ensuring a diversity of experience that benefits all clients. Our representations include offerings of American Depositary Shares (ADSs) and other equity securities, debt securities, convertible, exchangeable and other equity-linked securities, commercial paper and other financial instruments. We also advise on derivatives products, securities law reporting and compliance, stock exchange listings, corporate governance and other matters relating to the U.S. and international capital markets.

In China and throughout Asia, we have developed a strong understanding of local capital markets practice and regulation. We have been involved in a significant number of the notable Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) that have launched in recent years. In addition, our attorneys have participated in some of the most significant privatizations and securities offerings of leading Chinese companies, including PetroChina, China Mobile, Bank of China (Hong Kong), China Telecom, Bank of Communications, Bank of China and China Ping An Insurance.

Recent examples of our capital markets work include:

- Representation of **Changsha Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd.**, a leading China-based construction machinery manufacturer, in connection with its US\$2 billion IPO in Hong Kong and Rule 144A/Regulation S offering.
- Representation of the underwriters in **China Railway Group Limited's** IPO and Rule 144A/Regulation S offering. China Railway raised a combined US\$5.8 billion from its dual A-share and H-share listing in Shanghai and Hong Kong, one of the largest equity offerings in 2007 in Greater China.
- Representation of **China Ming Yang Wind Power Group Limited** in its US\$350 million New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) IPO of ADSs, the largest U.S. IPO of a Chinese company in 2010.

U.S. IPO Expertise

Chinese companies have represented the single largest source of IPOs of foreign companies on the NYSE and NASDAQ in recent years. Simpson Thacher is a clear leader in assisting Chinese companies in accessing the U.S. capital markets and has accumulated extensive related experience and expertise in a broad range of sectors, including alternative energy, technology, media, Internet, consumer products, education and healthcare. According to a report prepared by the NYSE, we were involved in 18 of the 34 U.S. IPOs of Chinese companies in 2010, representing the largest market share among all law firms.

The recent U.S. IPOs of Chinese companies in which the Firm has been involved include Ambow Education, AutoNavi, Bona Film, Camelot Information Systems, Charm Communications, China Lodging Group, China Ming Yang Wind Power, Concord Medical Services, Country Style Cooking, Ctrip, Focus Media, HiSoft Technology, Home Inns, Le Gaga Holdings, Shanda Games, SouFun Holdings, Trina Solar, VisionChina Media, Xueda Education and Yingli Green Energy.

Tier 1 Rankings in:
China Capital Markets:
Foreign Firms
and
Hong Kong
Capital Markets: Equity –
U.S. Law

IFLR1000 2010 & 2011

- Representation of **Bona Film Group Ltd.** in its US\$99.8 million NASDAQ IPO of ADSs, which is the first U.S. IPO of a China-based film company.
- Representation of the underwriters in **Youku.com Inc.**'s US\$233 million NYSE IPO of ADSs.
- Representation of the underwriters in connection with the Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of US\$1 billion high-yield bonds by **CITIC Resources Holdings Limited**, one of the largest high-yield bond offerings by an Asian issuer to date.
- Representation of the underwriters in **Alibaba.com Limited**'s Hong Kong Stock Exchange IPO and Rule 144A/Regulation S offering.
- Representation of **Focus Media Holding Ltd.** in its NASDAQ IPO and secondary offerings.

“Simpson Thacher...has a formidable regional offering, with a corporate client base from Greater China, Korea and across Southeast Asia. It also has a strong profile with underwriters...”

THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC 2010/2011

Tier 1 Ranking in China:
Foreign Firms: Private Equity

THE LEGAL 500
ASIA PACIFIC 2010/2011



Tier 1 Ranking in Hong Kong
Private Equity

IFLR1000 2009, 2010 & 2011



“Of all the private equity
law firms in Hong Kong,
none truly have the
revered reputation attached
to its name than
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.”

IFLR1000 2011

Private Equity

Built on the strength of the Firm’s global private equity practice, our team in China is active in representing clients in all aspects of private equity work, from advising on buyout transactions to raising private funds to assisting portfolio companies of private equity firms. Our clients include some of the most prominent private equity firms in the world and through these representations we have worked on matters involving their expanding interests in China and other parts of Asia.

When it comes to buyout and investment transactions, we have unique insight into the considerations important to all participants, including financial sponsors, senior bank lenders, subordinated and bridge lenders, management and financial investors and underwriters. The Firm has been a pioneer in the development of various acquisition and financing techniques involved in leveraged buyouts, investments and other M&A transactions, and has represented the buyer in the five largest leveraged acquisitions ever completed. Initially focused in the U.S., as buyout and investment techniques have expanded internationally, the Firm has been called upon to apply its knowledge in Asia, Europe, Canada, Australia and other international locales as well as to represent non-U.S. clients seeking acquisitions or investments in the U.S.

The Firm has led many significant private equity transactions, including those listed below:

- Representation of **The Blackstone Group LP** with respect to its first investment in China, a US\$600 million investment to acquire 20% of the equity of China National Bluestar (Group) Corporation, a leading manufacturer of new material and specialty chemical products. The transaction was honored by *FinanceAsia* as the Best Private Equity Deal (Non-buyout) in 2008.
- Representation of **Blum Capital Partners** with its investment in Pacific Alliance Group Holdings Limited, which manages investment funds covering private equity, hedge fund, distressed and real estate investments in Asia.
- Representation of **Apax Partners** and **General Atlantic** and certain existing shareholders with their investment in SouFun Holdings Limited, the operator of China’s biggest property website.

Band 1 Rankings in:
Asia-Pacific Region Corporate/M&A: Private Equity
and
Asia-Pacific Region Investment Funds: Private Equity

CHAMBERS GLOBAL & CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2009, 2010 & 2011



Global Private Funds Law Firm of the Year

THE INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO OF BUSINESS LAWYERS 2005-2009

Alternative Investment Funds Firm of the Year

ASIAN-COUNSEL 2010

- Representation of **MMI Holdings Limited**, a portfolio company of an affiliate of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. LP, in its acquisition of Metalform Asia from CGL Holdings Limited, which is owned by affiliates of Uitas Capital, Goldman Sachs and KPMG (as liquidator for Lehman Brothers). The acquisition was structured as a stock and asset purchase of Metalform Asia companies in China, Thailand and Singapore.
- Representation of **The Blackstone Group LP** in connection with an agreement with Great Eagle Holdings Limited to develop more than 1,000 new homes in the northeastern port city of Dalian in the Liaoning Province.
- Representation of **The Blackstone Group LP** in connection with its acquisition of a 95% interest in Changshou Commercial Plaza in Shanghai.
- Representation of **Silver Lake** in connection with its acquisition of 12.7% of equity ownership interest in Spreadtrum Communications, Inc., one of China's leading fabless semiconductor providers, whose ADSs are listed on NASDAQ.

“Maintaining a quality private equity investment funds practice, [Simpson Thacher’s] focused team is continually praised by both clients and peers for its excellent work.”

CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2011 & CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2011

Investment Funds Practice

Simpson Thacher is one of the leading global law firms specializing in representing private equity funds and fund formation work. Our China investment funds practice draws upon this great strength and has had a leading local private funds practice for over 15 years. We represent asset managers, investment funds, investors and other participants in offshore and onshore investment funds, including regional and country equity funds, infrastructure funds, specialized fund products and other asset management vehicles. The Firm commonly plays a key role in structuring, negotiating and documenting funds to reflect our comprehensive knowledge of market terms and the latest fund technology.

Recent representations in China include serving as outside counsel to raise funds for Yunfeng Fund L.P., New Horizon Capital III, L.P., FountainVest China Growth Capital Fund, L.P., Trustbridge Partners and Advantage Partners Group as well as representing China Investment Corporation as a limited partner.

“I would take
all my essential litigation
to them,’ raves a client.”

EUROMONEY BENCHMARK
LITIGATION 2010



“[Simpson Thacher’s
dispute resolution] practice
continues to act
on many matters
of cross-border importance.”

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2011

Dispute Resolution

For over twenty years, we have represented Chinese and other Asian clients in U.S. litigation, international arbitration and dispute resolution engagements. With over 250 litigators around the world, our practice encompasses every type of complex litigation, including antitrust, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, product liability and mass tort, securities, mergers and acquisitions, labor and employment, internal and government investigations and other commercial litigation.

At every turn, we keep our clients’ objectives at the forefront of our agenda. Some clients ask us to battle through all stages of trial and appeals. For these clients, we will litigate cases all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary, to achieve the desired result. Other clients approach litigation or arbitration with an eye towards an expeditious and favorable settlement. In these situations, we move quickly from the courtroom to the boardroom to negotiate dispute resolutions that make optimal financial and practical sense for our clients.

The representative matters below demonstrate the breadth and depth of our practice in China:

- Representation of **Focus Media Holding Ltd.** in U.S. securities litigation in connection with allegations that the company and certain of its officers and directors made materially false or misleading statements about Focus Media’s business, including the financial impact of acquisitions in the company’s Internet advertising business division.
- Representation of **Peak International Limited**, a Hong Kong-based engineered plastics and packaging company, and both its CEO and its CFO in U.S. securities litigation. We successfully obtained the dismissal of claims against the company and the CFO, and subsequently negotiated a favorable settlement of the claims against the CEO.
- Representation of **Chinalco** in obtaining Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) clearance of its proposed US\$19.2 billion investment in Rio Tinto. The transaction involved a second phase investigation by CFIUS.
- Representation of **Kintetsu World Express**, an international freight forwarding company, in connection with a U.S. civil class action lawsuit and related government antitrust investigations in connection with allegations that the company colluded with competitor freight forwarding companies in Japan and China with respect to various surcharges for freight shipments to the U.S.



“competitors consistently cite [Simpson Thacher] as one of the world’s elite”

EUROMONEY BENCHMARK
LITIGATION 2011

“Simpson Thacher stands as one of the premier providers of U.S. securities advice across [Asia]... [The Firm] ‘provides excellent service and – unfailingly – work of the highest quality.’”

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2009

- Representation of **Elpida Memory, Inc.** in connection with both criminal and civil matters stemming from an alleged price-fixing conspiracy in the market for Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM).
- Representation of **3Com Corporation**, a networking solutions company with a leading market presence in China, in a patent infringement suit against Realtek Semiconductor Corp., the world’s largest seller of network interface cards and chips. 3Com accused Realtek of infringing ten claims across five separate patents that involved vital network interface card technology developed and patented by 3Com. After obtaining a US\$45.3 million jury verdict in our client’s favor, we negotiated a settlement for payments totaling US\$70 million to 3Com.
- Representation of the audit committee of a **Chinese solar energy company** with respect to allegations made by the company’s former financial controller that the company misrepresented the amount and usability of its inventory of its most important input. The Firm conducted an independent internal investigation into the allegations and determined that they lacked material support. The SEC agreed with our findings and dropped its investigation.
- Representation of **China Nuclear Energy Industry Corporation**, a company owned by the Chinese government, as a plaintiff in federal court in Denver and as a claimant in related bankruptcy proceedings.
- Representation of a **Chinese company** in an investigation by the Department of Justice (DOJ) into potential theft of trade secrets from a U.S. competitor.
- Representation of one of **the largest real estate services firms** in the world in an investigation into its Chinese operations regarding alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. After it was determined that violations had occurred, the company disclosed the conduct to the U.S. regulators and the Firm assisted the company in its cooperation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and DOJ and obtained the agreement of the SEC that it would take no enforcement action against the company or any of its employees.
- Conducted an investigation of alleged corruption, both commercial and governmental, relating to investments in China by one of **the largest private equity firms** in the U.S.

Recognized with 11 Band 1 Rankings across Asia

CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2011

Commitment to the Region

Beyond the borders of China, the Firm has been active in the Asia-Pacific region for over twenty years. Our Tokyo office opened in 1990.

In particular, the Firm has been active in groundbreaking cross-border M&A transactions in Japan, including advising American International Group, Inc. (AIG) in its sale of two Japanese life insurance companies and AIG's Japanese headquarters building and Citigroup in its sale of BELLSYSTEM24 to Bain Capital. Our preeminent capital markets practice has represented a balanced mix of issuers and underwriters including Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited with its IPO and related transactions, the underwriters in a global offering of shares of common stock issued by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. and Mizuho Financial Group in its overseas capital raising. Our Tokyo office provides clients with over ten experienced transactional lawyers (including three partners) who have Japanese language capability.

“[Simpson Thacher] is an undisputed leader in the market and earns significant praise for its depth of knowledge and expertise.”

CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2011 – JAPAN CAPITAL MARKETS



Tier 1 Ranking in South Korea: Foreign Firms

THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC 2010/2011

In addition, we have amassed an impressive track record in Korea for over ten years and are an established market leader, having represented Korean and foreign companies and financial institutions in substantially all of the landmark transactions in Korea. Simpson Thacher has participated in over 120 mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions in Korea since the Asian financial crisis of 1998, both completed and proposed (where substantial amount of work was actually done), making the Firm one of the premier international law firms during this period. In addition to representing Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. in its US\$1.8 billion acquisition of Oriental Brewery Co., Ltd., the Firm represented Korea Life Insurance and Samsung Life Insurance in their IPOs, the two largest IPOs ever listed on the Korea Exchange (and two of the three largest, including dual-listed IPOs).

The Firm is also active in other parts of the Asia-Pacific region in connection with matters in India, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia.

OUR TEAM

We bring a great depth of experience in China with a team of lawyers that offers an ideal mix of substantive transactional experience and language capabilities. We believe we have one of the strongest teams of any international firm with specialized practices in China, led by nine partners and approximately forty associates at all experience levels, many of whom are fluent in Mandarin Chinese. Our lawyers in China work closely with other specialists based around the world, and we pride ourselves on our ability to effectively coordinate and provide full service counsel to our clients on all aspects of a transaction or dispute.

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“Very high quality.
They’re fine lawyers and have been [in China]
for many years with a superb reputation.”

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