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Deals of the Year

Debt and Equity-linked

WINNER

Greenland Hong Kong's US\$700 million bond offering

Commerce & Finance Law Offices (HSBC, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, BOCI, Deutsche Bank, Citi and Goldman Sachs)

Conyers Dill & Pearman (Greenland Hong Kong)

Davis Polk & Wardwell (Greenland Hong Kong)

Linklaters (HSBC, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, BOCI, Deutsche Bank, Citi and Goldman Sachs)

Zhong Lun Law Firm (Greenland Hong Kong)

The offering followed Greenland Hong Kong's acquisition by Greenland Holding Group, which lowered the coupon from 13.5% to 4.75%. This was a debut offering by the Greenland Group, which entailed extensive due diligence and disclosure of the conglomerate. The bonds, due 2016, were supported by a keepwell deed and an equity interest purchase undertaking deed from Greenland Holding. The deal had to be carefully analysed and structured so that it did not contravene the terms of the previous 13.5% notes. The proceeds of the offering were partially used to refinance these notes, which Greenland Hong Kong was able to redeem.



L-R: Li He of Davis Polk & Wardwell, Flora Wong of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Thomas Ng of Linklaters and Zhang Xinyang of Commerce & Finance Law Offices

FINALISTS

Country Garden Holdings' US\$750 million bond offering
Lenovo's US\$1.5 billion single tranche senior bond offering
Qihoo 360's US\$550 million convertible bonds offering

Energy & Natural Resources

WINNER

Feishang Anthracite Resources' spinoff and listing

Commerce & Finance Law Offices (Feishang Anthracite Resources)

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Jefferies Hong Kong and Nomura International)

Jingtian & Gongcheng (Jefferies Hong Kong and Nomura International)

Maples & Calder (Feishang Anthracite Resources)

Sullivan & Cromwell (China Natural Resources)

Feishang Anthracite Resources, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NASDAQ-listed China Natural Resources that operates coal mines and related businesses, became the first spin-off listing with the distribution *in specie* undertaken by a NASDAQ-listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The transaction raised complicated US and Hong Kong regulatory issues as the spin-off was effected by way of a distribution *in specie* by China Natural Resources of all of Feishang Anthracite's issued and outstanding ordinary shares.



L-R: Jenny Nip of Maples & Calder, Liu Yue of Jingtian & Gongcheng, Wei Xiao of Commerce & Finance Law Offices and Alexander Doorman of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

FINALISTS

Sinopec's acquisition of 33% stake in Apache Corporation
State Grid's acquisition of 60% stake in SPI (Australia) Assets Pty
Xinjiang Zhaokun Trading's prepayment facility refinancing

Deals of the Year

Equity

WINNER

China Cinda Asset Management IPO

Davis Polk & Wardwell (China Cinda Asset Management)

Haiwen & Partners (China Cinda Asset Management)

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Underwriters)

King & Wood Mallesons (Underwriters)

China Cinda Asset Management was the first state-owned asset management company to list in Hong Kong. It was the second largest offering in Hong Kong that year. The proceeds from the US\$2.8 billion IPO will be used to finance new purchases of bad debts as the company tries to profit from a new round of non-performing loans. This deal had a number of unprecedented features, such as the inclusion of a calculated value report in the IPO prospectus (due to the impossibility of measuring the fair value of the company's unlisted equity investments), the resolution of regulatory issues regarding the distressed asset management business (the entities the company held majority equity interests in had to be distinguished from what the Companies Ordinance considered subsidiaries) and the waivers from compliance with the pre-acquisition financial disclosure requirement as well as with requirements to disclose financial information of subsidiaries or businesses acquired after the track record period. The EU's Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive also came into effect in July 2013, and thorough analysis was required to ensure the IPO could be conducted in jurisdictions safely without encountering risks of non-compliance.



L-R: Li He of Davis Polk & Wardwell, Wei Shuangjuan of Haiwen & Partners, Yang Xiaolei of King & Wood Mallesons and Richard Wang of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

FINALISTS

China Everbright Bank IPO
China Metal Resources Utilisation IPO
New Century REIT IPO
Poly Culture IPO

Mergers & Acquisitions

WINNER

Yue Xiu's acquisition of 75% stake in Chong Hing Bank

Baker & McKenzie (Yue Xiu Enterprises)

Deacons (Chong Hing Bank)

Slaughter & May (Liu Chong Hing Investment and Chong Hing Bank)

Sullivan & Cromwell (Nomura)

Zhong Lun Law Firm (Yue Xiu Enterprises)

Yue Xiu Enterprises, the investment arm of the Guangzhou government, became a majority shareholder and controller of Chong Hing Bank after the close of the offer in February 2014. It was the first non-financial institution to receive such an approval under the new set of guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority in October 2013. The deal also involved the sale of the Chong Hing Bank headquarters to the original major shareholder, which added a technical complexity due to the creation of a "special deal" under the Takeovers Code and was subject to independent shareholders' approval. The transaction broke a number of public transaction barriers in Hong Kong and involved a creative structure that allowed for a partial offer with a novel acceptance condition to maximise deal certainty and a cash-cut option for the bank's shareholders.



L-R: Christie Tao of Zhong Lun Law Firm, Jackie Lo of Baker & McKenzie and Franki Cheung of Deacons

FINALISTS

CITIC Pacific's acquisition of assets from CITIC Group
China Mengniu Dairy's acquisition of Yashili
Tesco and China Resources Enterprise JV

Deals of the Year

Outbound

WINNER

WH Group's acquisition of Smithfield Foods

Allen & Overy (Morgan Stanley and Bank of China)
Jingtian & Gongcheng (Morgan Stanley and Bank of China)
Maples & Calder (Shuanghui International (WH Group))
McGuireWoods (Barclays)
Paul Hastings (Shuanghui International (WH Group))
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (Barclays)
Troutman Sanders (Shuanghui International (WH Group))
Walkers (Bank of China)

WH Group, previously known as Shuanghui International, is China's largest meat processor. It acquired Smithfield Foods for US\$7.1 billion. The deal involved many complex structuring elements such as a time-sensitive offer, a qualified pre-existing bidder provision, a unique alternative debt financing structure and a strategic approach to the CFIUS review process. This substantial Chinese investment in a public US company involved in the politically-sensitive sector of food and agriculture required careful regulatory navigation. Antitrust concerns also added challenges in convincing authorities that the acquisition did not give Smithfield, which is already the world's largest hog farmer and pork producer, a larger share of the US pork market.



L-R: Ashley Davies of Walkers, Vivian Lam of Paul Hastings, Ron Ma of Jingtian & Gongcheng, Jenny Nip of Maples & Calder and Cindy Lo of Allen & Overy

FINALISTS

CITIC Securities' acquisition of CLSA
 Dalian Wanda's acquisition of Sunseeker
 Zhuzhou Times New Material Technology's acquisition of the Rubber & Plastics unit of ZF Friedrichshafen AG

Private Equity

WINNER

Giant Interactive privatisation

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (Duff & Phelps)
Appleby (Underwriters)
Conyers Dill & Pearman (Giant Interactive)
Fangda Partners (Baring and Hony Capital)
Fenwick & West (Special committee)
Grandall Law Firm (Giant Interactive)
Jun He Law Offices (Underwriters)
Maples & Calder (Special committee)
O'Melveny & Myers (Giant Interactive)
Shearman & Sterling (Morgan Stanley)
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (Hony Capital)
Weil Gotshal & Manges (Baring Private Equity Asia)
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Chairman – Yuzhi Shi)

This US\$3 billion deal was the second largest take-private of a US-listed Chinese company in recent years. The sponsor-led leveraged buyout of Giant Interactive, a leading Chinese online game developer and operator, was the first of its kind in which 100% of the revenues relied on a VIE structure. A notable innovative feature of this transaction was the so-called "toehold" investment made by Baring at the time the initial proposal was submitted to Giant Interactive



L-R: Flora Wong of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Li Li of Weil Gotshal & Manges, Judy Lee of Appleby, Jenny Nip of Maples & Calder, Wang Yan of Fangda Partners, Yu Yongqiang of Jun He Law Offices and Larry Sussman of O'Melveny & Myers

FINALISTS

7 Days privatisation
 AsiaInfo-Linkage privatisation
 Pactera privatisation
 South Beauty privatisation

through a 5% share purchase, setting the precedent for the use of toehold investments. The deal also boosted investors' confidence in the credit of online gaming companies, which have been highly active in recent years, and encouraged banks to look beyond the holding company's offshore cashflows to the business's underlying assets.

Deals of the Year

Project Finance

WINNER

Fujian Refining & Petrochemical Company's refining and ethylene expansion project

Fangda Partners (China Construction Bank, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Bank of China, China Development Bank, Agricultural Bank of China and Bank of Communications)

King & Wood Mallesons (Fujian Refining & Petrochemical Company)

White & Case (Fujian Refining & Petrochemical Company)

The expansion project of Fujian Refining & Petrochemical Company, an equity joint venture formed by ExxonMobil, Saudi Aramco and Sinopec, was China's first integrated refining and petrochemical facility with foreign participation. This Rmb5.86 billion financing had a complicated structure due to four subgroups of syndicate lenders and various layers of existing lenders. The project tripled the capability of the existing refinery, from 80,000 to 240,000 barrels per day, to meet the region's growing need for fuels and refined chemical products. Investment from shareholders accounted for one third of the total estimated costs (Rmb2 billion) while the banks covered two thirds of the costs and included a standby facility for a total loan of Rmb4.5 billion.



L-R: Wu Wei of King & Wood Mallesons and Wang Yan of Fangda Partners

FINALISTS

CPI International Mineral's Guinea alumina project

Vinh Tan 1 power project

Zhaoheng Hydropower Holdings' hydro project

Real Estate & Construction

WINNER

Greenland Holding Group's acquisition of 60% stake in SPG Land

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Greenland Holding Group)

Kirkland & Ellis (SPG Land)

This transaction marks a strategic move by Greenland Holding Group to acquire its first listed platform and provides the company with a capital raising vehicle outside the PRC and access to international investors. It was the largest acquisition of a controlling stake in a Hong Kong-listed PRC real estate developer at the time. Existing public SPG Land shareholders were given a bonus issue of common shares, while Greenland and the then-existing controlling shareholder of SPG Land, David Wang, took non-voting convertible preference shares to ensure Greenland obtained 60% of both voting and economic interests in SPG Land and also met the 25% public float requirement. It was the first time the Hong Kong Stock Exchange had permitted the use of non-voting convertible preference shares to maintain the public float on a subscription for an M&A transaction.



L-R: Qi Peng and Lu Mengyu of Kirkland & Ellis and Alexander Doorman of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

FINALISTS

Brookfield Property Partners' pre-IPO convertible perpetual securities investment in China Xintiandi

Hopu's US\$2.5 billion investment in Global Logistics Properties

Spring REIT's private-equity backed IPO

Deals of the Year

Telecommunications, Media & Technology

WINNER

Baidu's acquisition of 91 Wireless

Conyers Dill & Pearman (NetDragon Websoft)

Davis Polk & Wardwell (Baidu)

Fangda Partners (IDG Capital Partners)

Han Kun Law Offices (Baidu)

Maples & Calder (Baidu)

Jingtian & Gongcheng (NetDragon Websoft)

Sidley Austin (NetDragon Websoft)

Zhong Lun Law Firm (Vertex Asia Growth)

This was the first time a Cayman merger structure had been used by a Hong Kong-listed company in selling a major subsidiary. Although Baidu intended to acquire 100% of 91 Wireless, a straight share sale and purchase agreement between Baidu as the buyer and the then shareholders of 91 Wireless was impractical given the scattered shareholder base. A merger had to be creatively structured: Baidu set up a Cayman entity to merge with 91 Wireless with the latter being the surviving entity, effectively solving the problem. 91 Wireless became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Baidu, which enhanced the search company's position on the mobile platform.



L-R: Yan Zhiyong of Sidley Austin, Gloria Xu of Han Kun Law Offices, Jenny Nip of Maples & Calder, Ron Ma of Jingtian & Gongcheng, Li He of Davis Polk & Wardwell, Flora Wong of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Wang Yan of Fangda Partners and Ma Huijun of Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

Alibaba's acquisition of 60% stake in ChinaVision

Suning and Hony's acquisition of PPTV

Tencent's acquisition of JD.com

Tencent's acquisition of 36.5% stake in Sogou from Sohu

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In-house Teams of the Year/Teams of the Year

PRC Company

WINNER

Tencent

FINALISTS

Alibaba Group
Baidu
Lenovo
China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec)



L-R: Jed Li and Yan Li of Tencent and Lei Gu, Oscar Wang and Simoon Zhao of Coca-Cola



International Company

WINNER

Coca-Cola

FINALISTS

Microsoft
Procter & Gamble
Telstra
Visteon Corporation

PRC Financial Institution

WINNER

Ping An Insurance Group

FINALISTS

Bank of China
China Development Bank
China Pacific Insurance Group
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China



Christine Chen of JP Morgan

International Investment Bank

WINNER

JP Morgan

FINALISTS

Credit Suisse
DBS Bank
Standard Chartered Bank

PRC Banking & Finance

WINNER

Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

Concord & Partners
Fangda Partners
Global Law Office
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons



L-R: Cen Zhaoqi of Zhong Lun Law Firm and Yvonne Ho of Allen & Overy



International Banking & Finance

WINNER

Allen & Overy

FINALISTS

Hogan Lovells
Linklaters
Mayer Brown JSM
White & Case

Teams of the Year

PRC Capital Markets

WINNER

Haiwen & Partners

FINALISTS

Commerce & Finance Law Offices
Fangda Partners
Jun He Law Offices
Tian Yuan Law Firm
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Lan Jie of Haiwen & Partners and Li He of Davis Polk & Wardwell

International Capital Markets

WINNER

Davis Polk & Wardwell

FINALISTS

Clifford Chance
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Linklaters
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Slaughter & May

PRC M&A

WINNER

Fangda Partners

FINALISTS

Commerce & Finance Law Offices
Jingtian & Gongcheng
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Alex Wang of RR Donnelley, Wang Yan of Fangda Partners and Alexander Doorman of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

International M&A

WINNER

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

FINALISTS

Linklaters
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Slaughter & May
Sullivan & Cromwell
Weil Gotshal & Manges

PRC Private Equity

WINNER

Fangda Partners

FINALISTS

Global Law Office
Haiwen & Partners
Han Kun Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Wang Yan of Fangda Partners and Li Li of Weil Gotshal & Manges

International Private Equity

WINNER

Weil Gotshal & Manges

FINALISTS

Clifford Chance
Kirkland & Ellis
O'Melveny & Myers
Paul Weiss Rikkind Wharton & Garrison
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Teams of the Year / Dealmakers of the Year / Firms of the Year

PRC Projects, Energy & Infrastructure

WINNER

Sunshine Law Firm

FINALISTS

Guantao Law Firm
Jingtian & Gongcheng
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons
Zhong Lun Law Firm



Xu Xinhe of Sunshine Law Firm

International Projects, Energy & Infrastructure

WINNER

White & Case

FINALISTS

Allen & Overy
Herbert Smith Freehills
Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy
Norton Rose Fulbright
Vinson & Elkins

PRC Dealmaker

WINNER

Liu Dali

Jun He Law Offices

FINALISTS

Anthony Zhao (Zhong Lun Law Firm)
Jonathan Zhou (Fangda Partners)
Liu Dali (Jun He Law Offices)
Xu Ping (King & Wood Mallesons)



L-R: Stephy Tang of China Law & Practice, Ming Chen on behalf of Liu Dali of Jun He Law Offices and Steve Lin on behalf of David Zhang of Kirkland & Ellis

International Dealmaker

WINNER

David Zhang

Kirkland & Ellis

FINALISTS

Chun Wei (Sullivan & Cromwell)
David Zhang (Kirkland & Ellis)
Julie Gao (Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom)
Tim Wang (Clifford Chance)

PRC Competition

WINNER

Broad & Bright

FINALISTS

AnJie Law Firm
Fangda Partners
Jun He Law Offices
T&D Associates
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Yuan Changchun of Broad & Bright and Yuan Cheng of Linklaters

International Competition

WINNER

Linklaters

FINALISTS

Allen & Overy
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Jones Day

Firms of the Year

PRC Dispute Resolution

WINNER

Fangda Partners

FINALISTS

Commerce & Finance Law Offices
Guantao Law Firm
Global Law Office
King & Wood Mallesons
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Wang Yan of Fangda Partners and Charles Allen of Sidley Austin

International Dispute Resolution

WINNER

Sidley Austin

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
Clifford Chance
Herbert Smith Freehills
Hogan Lovells
Mayer Brown JSM

PRC Insurance

WINNER

AnJie Law Firm

FINALISTS

Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons
Wang Jing & Co
Wintell & Co



L-R: Zheng Xilin of AnJie Law Firm and Jenny Cheung of Clifford Chance

International Insurance

WINNER

Clifford Chance

FINALISTS

Allen & Overy
Baker & McKenzie
Hogan Lovells

PRC Intellectual Property

WINNER

Chang Tsi & Partners

FINALISTS

CCPIT Patent and Trademark Law Office
China Patent Agent (HK)
Fangda Partners
King & Wood Mallesons
Lifang & Partners



L-R: Ruby Wang and Frank Liu of Chang Tsi & Partners and Lily Zhang and Rieko Michishita of Bird & Bird

International Intellectual Property

WINNER

Bird & Bird

FINALISTS

Allen & Overy
Baker & McKenzie
Hogan Lovells
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe
Rouse

Firms of the Year

PRC Labour & Employment

WINNER

Jun He Law Offices

FINALISTS

Fangda Partners
Shanghai Baohua Law Firm
TransAsia Lawyers
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Yuan Cheng of Jun He Law Offices and Katherine Liu and Fiona Loughrey of Simmons & Simmons

International Labour & Employment

WINNER

Simmons & Simmons

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
Herbert Smith Freehills
Hogan Lovells

PRC Life Sciences

WINNER

Global Law Office

FINALISTS

An Tian Zhang & Partners
Han Kun Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons



L-R: Robert Sun, Richard Xie, Alan Zhou and Coco Fan of Global Law Office and Yan Zhiyong of Sidley Austin

International Life Sciences

WINNER

Sidley Austin

FINALISTS

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Hogan Lovells
Morrison & Foerster

PRC Real Estate & Construction

WINNER

Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

AnJie Law Firm
Fangda Partners
Jincheng, Tongda & Neal
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons



L-R: Hao Han, Zhu Maoyuan and Ma Huijun of Zhong Lun Law Firm and Sherry Yin and Paul McKenzie of Morrison & Foerster

International Real Estate & Construction

WINNER

Morrison & Foerster

FINALISTS

Allen & Overy
Clifford Chance
Hogan Lovells
Mayer Brown JSM
Paul Hastings

Firms of the Year

PRC Regulatory & Compliance

WINNER

King & Wood Mallesons

FINALISTS

Fangda Partners
Global Law Office
MWE China Law Offices
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Wu Wei of King & Wood Mallesons and Jessica Fei of Herbert Smith Freehills

International Regulatory & Compliance

WINNER

Herbert Smith Freehills

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Hogan Lovells
Simmons & Simmons
Stephoe & Johnson

PRC Shipping & Maritime

WINNER

Wang Jing & Co

FINALISTS

Hai Tong & Partners
Wintell & Co
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Wang Jing of Wang Jing & Co and Jean Cao of Holman Fenwick Willan

International Shipping & Maritime

WINNER

Holman Fenwick Willan

FINALISTS

Clyde & Co
Ince & Co
Mayer Brown JSM
Norton Rose Fulbright

PRC Tax

WINNER

King & Wood Mallesons

FINALISTS

Hwuason Law Firm
Llinks Law Offices
Jun He Law Offices
Zhong Lun Law Firm



Daisy Duan of King & Wood Mallesons

International Tax

WINNER

DLA Piper

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
O'Melveny & Myers

Firms of the Year

PRC Telecoms, Media & Technology

WINNER

Han Kun Law Offices

FINALISTS

Hylands Law Firm
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons
TransAsia Lawyers
Zhong Lun Law Firm



L-R: Gloria Xu of Han Kun Law Offices and Abra Murray and Greg Liu of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison

International Telecoms, Media & Technology

WINNER

Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
Bird & Bird
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Hogan Lovells
Morrison & Foerster

PRC Trade

WINNER

Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

AllBright Law Firm
Hylands Law Firm
Jincheng, Tongda & Neal
Jun He Law Offices
King & Wood Mallesons



L-R: Cen Zhaoqi of Zhong Lun Law Firm and Timothy Stratford of Covington & Burling

International Trade

WINNER

Covington & Burling

FINALISTS

Baker & McKenzie
Mayer Brown JSM
Sidley Austin
White & Case

Offshore

WINNER

Conyers Dill & Pearman

FINALISTS

Maples & Calder
Ogier
Walkers



Flora Wong of Conyers Dill & Pearman

Hong Kong

WINNER

Deacons

FINALISTS

Oldham Li & Nie
Wilkinson & Grist
Woo Kwan Lee & Lo



Ka Yan Lai, Charlie Liu, Franki Cheung and Helen Lu of Deacons

Japan

WINNER

Nishimura & Asahi

FINALISTS

Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu



Azusa Nakashima and Kazuya Oishi of Nishimura & Asahi

Korea

WINNER

Kim & Chang

FINALISTS

Bae Kim & Lee
Lee & Ko
Shin & Kim



Seungsu Kang of Kim & Chang

Firms of the Year

Taiwan

WINNER

Lee and Li

FINALISTS

Chen & Lin
LCS & Partners
Tsar & Tsai



Edward Liu of Lee and Li

Up-and-Coming

WINNER

Broad & Bright

FINALISTS

AnJie Law Firm
HHP Attorneys-At-Law
Chang Tsi & Partners
Han Kun Law Offices



Yuan Changchun of Broad & Bright

Chongqing

WINNER

Solton & Partners

FINALISTS

Exceedon & Partners
Zhonghao Law Firm



Zhang Lei of Solton & Partners

Guangzhou

WINNER

Guangda Law Firm

FINALISTS

Alpha & Leader Law Firm
C&I Partners
Wang Jing & Co



Helen Wong of Guangda Law Firm

Hangzhou

WINNER

Zhejiang T&C Law Firm

FINALISTS

Capital Equity Legal Group
High Mark Law Firm

Nanjing

WINNER

JC Master Law Offices

FINALISTS

Jiangsu Co-Far Law Firm
Jin Ding Partners
Jiangsu Way-to-Justice Law Firm

Qingdao

WINNER

Wincon Law Firm

FINALISTS

Shandong Deheng Law Firm
Shandong Qingdao Law Firm
Shandong Ya & Tai Law Firm

Shenzhen

WINNER

Jingtian & Gongcheng

FINALISTS

Shandong Deheng Law Firm
Shandong Qingdao Law Firm
Shandong Ya & Tai Law Firm



Ron Ma of Jingtian & Gongcheng

Tianjin

WINNER

Winners Law Firm

FINALISTS

Mingzhou Law Firm
Join & High Law Office
Tianjin Jinjianbaoqi Law Firm

Individual Awards

Competition

WINNER Susan Ning

King & Wood Mallesons

FINALISTS

Feng Yao (Broad & Bright)
François Renard (Allen & Overy)
Michael Han (Fangda Partners)
Wu Peng (Zhong Lun Law Firm)



Laura Li on behalf of
Susan Ning of King &
Wood Mallesons

Dispute Resolution

WINNER Cao Lijun

Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

Charles Allen (Sidley Austin)
Gareth Thomas (Herbert Smith Freehills)
Huang Tao (King & Wood Mallesons)
Mark Lin (Hogan Lovells)
Zou Weining (Jun He Law Offices)



Cao Lijun of Zhong Lun
Law Firm

Intellectual Property

WINNER Xie Guanbin

Lifang & Partners

FINALISTS

Benjamin Bai (Allen & Overy)
Linda Chang (Rouse)
Matthew Laight (Bird & Bird)
Spring Chang (Chang Tsi & Partners)
Xiang Wang (Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe)



Liu Lijie on behalf of
Xie Guanbin of Lifang &
Partners

Labour & Employment

WINNER Andreas Lauffs

Baker & McKenzie

FINALISTS

Carol Zhu (Zhong Lun Law Firm)
Jiang Junlu (King & Wood Mallesons)
Lesli Ligorner (Simmons & Simmons)



Jackie Lo on behalf of
Andreas Lauffs of Baker
& McKenzie

Real Estate & Construction

WINNER Zhu Maoyuan

Zhong Lun Law Firm

FINALISTS

David Blumenfeld (Paul Hastings)
David Yu (Llinks Law Offices)
Gregory Tan (Morrison & Foerster)
Harry Du (King & Wood Mallesons)
Richard Kim (Allen & Overy)



Zhu Maoyuan of Zhong
Lun Law Firm

Tax

WINNER Liu Dingfa

Jun He

FINALISTS

Brendan Kelly (Baker & McKenzie)
Daniel Chan (DLA Piper)
Peter Ni (Zhong Lun Law Firm)
Tony Dong (King & Wood Mallesons)



Yu Yongqiang on behalf
of Liu Dingfa of Jun He

Rising Star: Competition

WINNER Bai Yong

Clifford Chance

FINALISTS

Andrew Skudder (Fangda Partners)
Hazel Yin (King & Wood Mallesons)
Jie Tong (Allen & Overy)
Ken Dai (Dacheng Law Offices)
Vivian Cao (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)



Bai Yong of Clifford
Chance

Rising Star: Dispute Resolution

WINNER Liu Yue

Jingtian & Gongcheng

FINALISTS

Desmond Ang (O'Melveny & Myers)
Jacky He (Jun He Law Offices)
Ricky Xu (King & Wood Mallesons)
Soo Khim Keoy (Baker & McKenzie)



Ron Ma on behalf of
Liu Yue of Jingtian &
Gongcheng

Rising Star: Intellectual Property

WINNER Aggie Liu

Rouse

FINALISTS

Frank Liu (Chang Tsi & Partners)
Jessica Xu (Jun He)
Maggie Chong (Norton Rose Fulbright)
Zhang Bin (Lifang & Partners)



Aggie Liu of Rouse

Rising Star: Labour & Employment

WINNER Yin Juquan

King & Wood Mallesons

FINALISTS

Bai Hongjuan (Jun He Law Offices)
Bofu An (Baker & McKenzie)
Claire Zhao (Faegre Baker Daniels)
Duan Haiyan (Zhong Lun Law Firm)



Ian Robertson on behalf
of Yin Juquan of King &
Wood Mallesons

Individual Awards / Firms of the Year

Rising Star: Real Estate & Construction

WINNER Wayne Ma

Paul Hastings

FINALISTS

Fan Rong (King & Wood Mallesons)
Maria Wang (Morrison & Foerster)
Xia Yuqin (Zhonglun W&D Law Firm)

Rising Star: Tax

WINNER Ron Ma

Jingtian & Gongcheng

FINALISTS

Cindy Huang (O'Melveny & Myers)
Daisy Duan (King & Wood Mallesons)
Nancy Lai (Baker & McKenzie)



Ron Ma of Jingtian & Gongcheng

Outstanding Achievement

WINNER

Gao Xiqing

It is *China Law & Practice's* honour to award Mr Gao Xiqing with the Outstanding Achievement Award for 2014.

Having only recently stepped down from his seven-year presidency of the China Investment Corporation, Mr Gao has also served as vice chairman of the National Council for Social Security Fund of China and of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), of which he was a founding member. His knowledge and understanding of China's securities laws were key to the establishment of the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges in 1990.

He has been praised by the legal community as "a remarkable individual who is really pushing forward Chinese economic development" and one who "spearheaded the advancement of the securities law".

Mr Gao graduated from the Duke University School of Law in 1986, where he was a Richard Nixon Scholar, and still serves on its board of trustees. He received his bachelor of arts and master of laws degrees from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

He has taught as an adjunct professor at the law schools of Duke University and Tsinghua University, UIBE and the Guanghua Management School of Peking University. He has also written and published many works on Chinese securities law, banking, antitrust and legal philosophy.

During an interview with *China Law & Practice* back in 2000 (when he was CSRC vice chairman), Mr Gao was asked what China's markets would look like in 20 years' time. He correctly predicted that China's markets would be a major force in the world and said the key to attaining this was "disclosure, enforcement and corporate governance," on top of "the overall heightening of the quality of people – regulators and market players".

Although the challenges are evolving, these values continue to stand at the core of progress. *China Law & Practice* extends this award to Mr Gao Xiqing for his efforts and contribution to guiding China's markets to where they are today.



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