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Qi Yue is the Chief Representative and Partner in Charge of the Beijing office. He is a member of the firm's Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Private Equity Practice Groups. Qi has extensive experience in China-related public and private M&A and Private Equity transactions, including complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, business combinations and carve-outs, strategic and private equity buyouts, minority investments and venture capital transactions, offshore and onshore joint ventures and other strategic cooperation. He has also represented diverse participants in going private transactions involving Chinese companies listed in the United States, including special committees, buyer consortiums, founders, co-investors and other financing sources. Qi also advises top Chinese technology companies in cross-border compliance, regulatory, and investigation matters.

Qi is regularly recognized and listed as an expert in his field by publications such as *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Greater China Region*, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *China Business Law Journal*, *IFLR1000* and *Asian Legal Business*. In the *Chambers Greater China Region* guide, a client noted that Qi "has rock-solid M&A training and expertise. He is very practical and knows exactly how we think about risk. He is good at bridging the Chinese attitude with the Western." He was also named by *China Business Law Journal* as a Rising Star in 2022, by *IFLR1000* as a Rising Star Partner in 2022, and by *Asian Legal Business* in its *2021 China Top 15 Rising Lawyers list* which showcases the most accomplished lawyers in China under the age of 40. He recently advised the Special Committee of Chindata, one of China's largest data center providers, on its US$3.2 billion take-private transaction by a buyer consortium led by Bain Capital. His work in CPE's sale of a majority stake in Acotec, a Chinese medical technology company publicly listed in Hong Kong, to Boston Scientific was nominated as a finalist in the M&A Deal of the Year at the ALB China Law Awards 2023, and at the IFLR Asia-Pacific Awards 2024. His work in the Chindata Take Private transaction has also been named Best Private Equity Deal of the Year at the 2023 FinanceAsia Achievement Awards, and is shortlisted for Private Equity Deal of the Year at the upcoming IFLR Asia-Pacific Awards 2024 and Asia Legal Awards 2024.

Qi's strategic clients include Alibaba, Ant International, Bona Film, Bosch, Chindata, Danone, Guazi, Kuke Music, Montage Technology, Naura Technology, NetEase, Ningbo Joyson, Phoenix New Media, and Trina Solar, among others, where Qi advises these clients on cross-border M&A, joint venture, investment, financing, compliance, regulatory, and investigation matters.

His private equity, asset management and sovereign wealth funds clients include Advent International, Affinity Equity Partners, AGIC Capital, Anchor Equity, Apax Partners, Blackstone Real Estate Partners, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, CITIC Capital, CPE, CITIC Securities Investment, Davidson Kempner Asia, Goldman Sachs, Hillhouse Capital, I Squared Capital, JPMorgan Asset Management, KKR, Kuwait Investment Authority, Macquarie, Primavera Capital, and Silver Lake Partners, among others.

Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity

Credentials

Education

Harvard University - 2010 Juris Doctor
University of Washington - 2007 Master of Science
Peking University - 2002 Bachelor of Science

Admissions

New York Bar

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Qi has worked on a number of landmark transactions. His recent and most significant experience includes advising:

- The Special Committee of Chindata, one of China's largest data center providers, on its US$3.2 billion take-private transaction by a buyer consortium led by Bain Capital
- CPE in its sale of a majority stake in Acotec, a Chinese medical technology company publicly listed in Hong Kong, to Boston Scientific, through a US$520 million partial offer
- CPE in the US$4.8 billion going private transaction of China Biologic Products Holdings
- The Special Committee of Sina Corporation in the Company's US$2.6 billion going private transaction
- NetEase in the sale of its cross-border e-commerce platform Kaola to Alibaba for US$2 billion
- Beijing NAURA Technology in the acquisition of Akrion Systems, a leading supplier of advanced wafer surface preparation solutions in the U.S.
- Tsinghua Unigroup in the acquisition of a majority stake in Hewlett-Packard's China-based server, storage and technology services businesses for US$2.5 billion and the related joint venture
- Danone in the formation of chilled yogurt joint ventures with Mengniu and the strategic investment in Mengniu's Hong Kong Listco for approximately US$420 million

Prior to joining Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in 2015, Qi worked at a large international law firm where he spent two years in their New York office and three years in their Beijing office. Qi received his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 2010, his Master of Science from the University of Washington in 2007, and his Bachelor of Science from Peking University in 2002. He is admitted to practice in the state of New York and is fluent in Mandarin and English.

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