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Working Language: Chinese | English

Professional Field:

Cross-Border Business/Corporate Business, M&A and Bankruptcy Liquidation/Marriage and Family-related Wealth Management

Industry field:

Private Equity | Telecommunication, Media & Internet | Education & Training | Logistics & Warehousing

Personal profile

Mr. Forrest Gan's practice area covers Foreign Direct Investment, Outbound Investment, M&A and Corporate Legal Practice, PE and VC Investment, Private Wealth Management (Family Trust), National & International Arbitration, Foreigner's Personal Affairs.

Being in this industry for over 14 years, Mr. Forrest Gan, as appointed by domestic and international investors and as the chief coordinator of overall legal affairs, has been providing professional legal services regarding foreign direct investment and outbound investment in Europe, Africa, North America, Oceania, Southeast Asia, Southern Asia and Western Asia; Mr. Forrest Gan has a broad footprint across 5 continents and the practice has expertise in a range of services types, including banking & finance, virtual currency, real estate, hotel industry, mining industry, machinery industry, automobile manufacturing, environmental protection, lottery industry and tobacco industry, etc.

Since 2014, Mr. Forrest Gan has been a solicitor for individual customers in China, providing offshore trust legal services. To date, Chinese customers have been assisted by Mr. Forrest Gan to complete their establishment of offshore trusts and been provided subsequent maintenance services for offshore trusts. Gan and his team are outstanding candidates for providing one-stop professional trust and trustee services for high net worth individuals and families, which includes but not limited to the establishment of family trust offices, family governance consultancy services, wealth planning, succession planning, etc., as well as using family trusts, will, insurance and other planning tools to help customers achieve wealth goals and family wealth protection and inheritance.

Education background

2005.09 - 2006.12: University of Liverpool (UK), LL.M, Master of Law

2004.12 - 2005.07: Sichuan University (China), Preparatory Course for Master Program

1999.09 - 2003.07: Sichuan Normal University (China), Bachelor of Laws

Work experience

2021.01 - to date: Tahota (Tian Fu) Law Firm, Senior Partner

2016.07 - to date: Tahota (Hong Kong) Law Firm, LLP

Registered Foreign Lawyer in Hong Kong (PRC)

2007.01 - 2021.01: Tahota Law Firm, Associate, Senior Partner

Social positions and memberships

Honors and evaluations

Outstanding Young Lawyer of Sichuan Province (2010-2012)

Outstanding Lawyers of Chengdu (2019 to 2020)

Member of the ACLA International Legal Professionals

Member of China Top 1000 International Legal Professionals

Member of Sichuan Province International Legal Professionals

Representative performance

1、Outbound Direct Investment and Acquisition

Represented a state-owned tourism investment company in the acquisition of a Turkey airline company with an amount of approximately \$100 millions, including conducting legal due diligence on the target airline company, advising on the transaction structure and drafting various transaction agreements.

Represented a Sichuan based real estate company in their investment and acquisition of a tourism island in Republic of Fiji, including conducting legal due diligence on the target island and legal/market environment of the investment location; timely identified transaction risks and proposed the termination of the acquisition to prevent further losses. In the subsequent dispute resolution procedure, assisted the client to sue the New Zealand seller in the High Court of New Zealand Auckland, and eventually achieved a favorable litigation result.

Advised Luzhou Laojiao Sales Company and another China liquor sales company to successfully establish a joint venture company in the United States of America for the development and sale of new liquor products in the U.S and EU market.

Advised Luzhou Laojiao International Development (Hong Kong) Limited to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary in the United States of America.

Represented a state-owned wine investment company in the acquisition of an Australian chateau and their relevant operations through a Hong Kong holding company.

As the general legal counsel of a large private company in China, represented them in the acquisition of a private bank in the Republic of Malta.

Advised a China private automobile manufacturer in their investment project to establish a joint venture company in Iran for the production and sale of passenger cars.

Advised a state-owned electric power fittings company in their cooperation with a Thailand listed company to jointly invest and establish a factory in Thailand for carrying out localized operations of electric power fittings production.

Advised a subsidiary of China Construction Third Engineering Bureau Co, Ltd. in their investment of coal mining and thermal power plant EPC subcontracting project in the Republic of Pakistan.

Represented a Sichuan based state-owned energy investment company in two M&A investment projects of potash mines in Thailand.

Advised a Chengdu based property service company in their property management investments in Kingdom of Cambodia.

Advised a Guangdong based private fund in their investment to an overseas red-chip listed company.

Advised a Sichuan based state-owned investment platform company in their investment to an overseas red-chip listed company.

Advised a Sichuan based environmental technology company in their investment project in the Republic of Georgia in terms of rubber recycling and establishment of manufacturing plant.

Represented Minyoun Group in the acquisition of a four-stars hotel in Paris together with U-Tour Group, which is the first international hotel investment project of Minyoun Group.

Advised a hotel and real estate group in their joint investment of property development project in the Republic of Angola together with China-Africa Fund.

Advised several Sichuan based real estate enterprises in their investments of property development projects in Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand and Myanmar.

Advised a Chongqing based environmental industry group in connection with their involvement of Regional Solid Waster Management Facility at Taloja developed by Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

Advised a Chongqing based a motorcycle manufacturing group in their investment project in Italy for the production of new types of motorcycle.

Advised a number of individual investors in their investments of welfare lottery sales and cigarette production and sales in Bangladesh.

Advised a number of individual investors in their investments of sports lottery and welfare lottery sales in Nigeria.

Advised a Sichuan based investment company in their investment of gold exploration and mining in the Republic of Sierra Leone.

2、Inbound/Domestic Investment and Acquisition

Represented ASIA TIMBER PRODUCTS GROUP LIMITED in the acquisition of a BVI company and its Hong Kong and China subsidiary in Leshan, Sichuan Province, whose business is manufactures and sales of medium density fibre board, doors and flooring, etc.

Represented Cogdel Education Group in the acquisition of Kaplan Education's entire international high school business (International Division) in China; the subject of the acquisition included a number of non-profit private schools located in Chengdu, Chongqing, Suzhou, Qingdao, etc.

Advised a China health technology company on the establishment of a strategic partnership with GN Hearing A/S (Rishengda, Denmark) and receipt of a strategic investment from the foreign investor.

Represented Shanghai Yupei Group in their investment and acquisition of a domestic company's equity/land in Qing Baijiang, Chengdu, to establish the Yupei Qing Baijiang Logistics Park.

Represented a hotel and real estate group in the acquisition of a real estate development project in Du Jiangyan, Chengdu, under the name of China Chongqing Land (CC LAND).