

## Stephanie Tang

Head of Private Equity – Greater China  
Hong Kong

### Biography

Stephanie is the head of private equity in Greater China. She is a well-regarded M&A (both public and private), private equity, and capital markets lawyer with a strong track record of successfully advising Chinese companies on their outbound investments and international companies on their investments in the Asia Pacific region. She has a strong TMT sector focus.

Stephanie has experience in all manner of transactions including PIPEs, equity investments, take-private transactions, and other complex deals.

Stephanie represents private equity clients as well as various public companies listed in the U.S. and China. In recent years, Stephanie led 24 take-private transactions of U.S.-listed Chinese companies, and various cross-border M&As led by Chinese private equity funds and/or Chinese A-share listed companies.

In addition, she has represented both issuers and underwriters on NYSE and NASDAQ IPOs, private placements of equity and equity-linked securities, and Rule 144A and Regulation S offerings by China-based companies.

A sought after speaker and commentator, Stephanie has been recognized as a leading lawyer for M&A by IFLR1000 and she frequently lectures on cross-border M&A and IPOs.



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### Languages

English  
Mandarin

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### Practices

Capital Markets  
Commercial  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity

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### Industries

Financial Institutions  
Technology & Telecoms

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## Representative experience

The buyer consortium in connection with the going-private transaction of NASDAQ-listed Gridsum Holding Inc. (NASDAQ: GSUM)

The special committee of the board of directors of NYSE-listed Jumei International Holding Limited in connection with its going private transaction.

Advising Tricor Group, Asia's leading global corporate services provider and a portfolio company of private equity firm Permira, on the acquisition of Richful Deyong Group.

The special committee of the board of directors of Sohu.com Inc. (NASDAQ: SOHU) in connection with the acquisition of all outstanding shares (including shares represented by American depositary shares) in its majority-owned subsidiary Changyou.com Limited (NASDAQ: CYOU) by Dr. Charles Zhang, the Chairman and CEO of Sohu and the Chairman of the Board of Changyou.com.\*

Taikang Asset Management Company Limited in a \$1 billion joint venture transaction with a U.S.-listed REIT, NorthStar Realty Finance Corp.\*

NYSE-listed Zhaopin Limited in connection with its acquisition by SEEK International Investments Pty Ltd., Zhaopin's controlling shareholder, and Hillhouse Capital Group and FountainVest Partners, in a going-private transaction.\*

The special committee of the board of directors of NYSE-listed Mindray Medical International Limited in connection with its going private transaction.\*

The special committee of the board of directors of NASDAQ-listed Bona Film Group Limited in connection with its going private transaction.\*

The buyer consortium in connection with Taomee Holdings Limited's going private transaction.\*

## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M., New York University

LL.B, with honors, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

BA Finance (Honors), Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

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CDH Investments as a member of a consortium consisting of Baring Private Equity Asia, Hony Capital and Giant Interactive's chairman Yuzhu Shi in connection with the consortium's leveraged buyout of NYSE-listed Giant Interactive in a going-private transaction valued at \$3 billion. Named "2015 Private Equity Deal of the Year" by *IFLR*, "2014 Take Private Deal of the Year" by *China Business Law Journal* and "2014 Private Equity Deal of the Year" by *China Law & Practice*.\*

NASDAQ-listed Tudou board in connection with its \$1.1 billion stock-for-stock merger with NYSE-listed Youku. Named "2012 M&A Deal of the Year" by *China Law & Practice* and "2012 M&A Deal of the Year (Inbound & Domestic)" by *China Business Law Journal*.\*

The independent committee of NASDAQ-listed Focus Media in connection with the \$3.7 billion leveraged buyout by a consortium consisting of The Carlyle Group, FountainVest, CITIC Capital and China Everbright. Named "2013 Private Equity Deal of the Year" by *China Law & Practice*, "2014 Private Equity Deal of the Year" by *IFLR* and "2014 Global M&A Deal of the Year: China Private Equity" by *The American Lawyer*.\*

The Carlyle Group, Sequoia Capital China and Actis on their \$688 million leveraged buyout of NYSE-listed 7 Days Inn.\*

Chinasoft International Limited (HKSE:354) in connection with the issuance of approximately US\$115 million of 3.0% convertible bonds due 2022 to the subscriber Dan Capital.\*

Primavera Capital Group in connection with its investment in Cainiao Smart Logistics Network Limited, the logistics arm of Alibaba Group.\*

Garena, a Singapore-based company operating in the gaming, internet and mobile industry in connection

with its financing. Investors were led by Ontario Teachers' Pension and Garena's existing shareholders participated as co-investors.\*

Ganji.com, a leading classified advertisement website in China, in connection with its \$80 million and \$100 million Series E preferred share financings by The Carlyle Group and Tiger Global Fund, respectively\*

Linkage Technologies in connection with its business combination with AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. in a transaction valued at \$1.6 billion.\*

K12 Inc. (NYSE: LRN), one of the largest providers of proprietary curriculum and online school programs for students in kindergarten through high school in the U.S., in connection with its strategic investment in Web International English, a leading education provider in China.\*

Hexindai Inc., a fast-growing consumer lending marketplace in China, in its NASDAQ initial public offering and listing.\*

Tudou Holdings Limited, a leading online video company in China, in connection with its \$143.5 million initial public offering and listing on the NASDAQ Global Market.\*

Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse and Bank of America Merrill Lynch as underwriters in connection with China Ming Yang Wind Power Group Limited's \$350 million initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange.\*

VancelInfo Technologies Inc., an information technology service provider and one of the leading offshore software development companies in China, in connection with its \$74.8 million initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange.\*

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Highly regarded for M&A (Hong Kong), *IFLR1000*
- Best M&A Legal Service Award 2017, *China Mergers & Acquisitions Association*
- China's Elite 50 Lawyers (Foreign Firms), *China Business Law Journal 2018*

## Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
  - Introduction to U.S. SPACs
- News
  - Hong Kong Corporate & Regulatory Insights – February 2021
- Insights
  - Hong Kong Corporate and Regulatory Insights - January 2021
- Insights
  - Hong Kong Corporate and Regulatory Insights
- Insights
  - Hong Kong Corporate Insights – November 2020
- Insights
  - Hong Kong Corporate Insights – October 2020