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A senior associate in the London office, Coral Yu advises clients in relation to mergers and acquisitions, private equity and capital markets. She has experience in cross-border transactions involving mainland China as well as the Hong Kong market.

BACKGROUND

Coral joined Armstrong Teasdale in early 2021 when Kerman & Co. in London combined with the firm. Before that, she worked at law firms in London and Beijing.

EDUCATION

- Peking University (LL.B., 2008)
- BPP University Law School (GDL, 2009)
- BPP University Law School (LPC, 2010)

ACCOLADES

- The Legal 500 U.K., Recommended Lawyer, Mergers & Acquisitions (2024); Equity Capital Markets (2021-present); M&A Smaller Deals up to £50m (2022)

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Chinese

EXPERIENCE

Represented Insight Enterprises in Amdaris Acquisition

Represented Insight Enterprises, a Fortune 500 Solutions Integrator, in its acquisition of software development and digital services specialist Amdaris. The acquisition adds Amdaris' software development, application support, managed services and consultancy services to Insight's broad solutions portfolio and IT supply chain capabilities.

Advised Tungsten West on Fundraising

Advised AIM-quoted mining company Tungsten West Plc on its fundraising, by way of a placing of secured Convertible Loan Notes, as well as advising on an Open Offer to qualifying shareholders, raising in aggregate approximately £7.1 million.

Advised AIM-Quoted Invinity on Strategic Investment by Taiwan-Based Everbrite

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate

Private Equity and Venture Capital

Mergers and Acquisitions

Capital Markets

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

Technology

Advised Invinity Energy Systems PLC on a strategic investment of £2.5 million by Everbrite Technology Co., Ltd. (Everbrite) into Invinity, by way of a conditional subscription of new shares in Invinity (Subscription). Everbrite is a leading Taiwanese manufacturer of industrial technology, and this investment is intended to support a closer strategic relationship between the two companies in Taiwan and further afield. The Subscription is conditional upon shareholder approval and Everbrite receiving certain necessary outbound investment approvals from the applicable regulatory authorities in Taiwan. The team was led by Joan Yu, with support from senior associate Coral Yu.

Advised United Oil & Gas PLC in Agreement to Sell Licence Containing Maria Oil

Discovery

Assisted client United Oil & Gas PLC (United) in the execution of a conditional asset purchase agreement with Quattro Energy Limited to sell U.K. Central North Sea Licence P2519 containing the Maria oil discovery in Block 15/18e for a maximum consideration including contingent bonus payments of up to £5.7 million.

Acquisition of 75% Stake in Pexion Group for £34 Million

Represented investment firm RDCP Group in its acquisition of a 75% stake in Pexion Group, a precision engineering firm, in a transaction valued at £34 million.

Cross-Border Transactions for Holding Company and Primary Portfolio Company

Completed a series of four complex, multimillion-dollar transactions in the U.S. and U.K. on behalf of a holding company and its primary portfolio company. In addition to traditional M&A aspects, our team provided guidance on related real estate, environmental, employment, benefits, immigration and international factors. Two of the four transactions closed on the same day on two different continents.

Advised on Admission to Trading, £17 Million Fundraising

Advised Samarkand Group PLC, a cross-border e-commerce technology and retail group, on the admission of its ordinary shares to trading on the APEX segment of the Aquis Stock Exchange Growth Market in the U.K. The significantly oversubscribed fundraising was scaled up from its original £10 million target to accommodate demand from institutional and qualified investors. The final amount raised was £17 million (before expenses) at an issue price of 115 pence per share. The net proceeds will be used primarily for the expansion of Samarkand's business development activities and to progress the Nomad platform, its proprietary software platform.

\$100 Million Series B Funding Investment by Private Equity Fund

Advised a private equity fund on its equity investment in a U.K. company's \$100 million Series B funding round.

Sale of Development Consultancy and Financial Modelling Services Business

Advised a multidisciplinary construction and regeneration consultancy on the sale of its development consultancy and financial modelling services business.

Advised on the Public Takeover of an AIM-Quoted Oil and Gas Company

Advised AIM-quoted oil and gas exploration company in connection with the acquisition of all its outstanding securities by way of a scheme of arrangement under English law.

£13.57 Million Subscription, Placement by Oil and Gas Company

Advised AIM-quoted oil and gas company on its subscription and placing to raise an

aggregate of £13.57 million.

Advised U.K. Food Service Company on Sale

Advised U.K. food service company on the sale of its business and assets to a subsidiary of an NYSE-listed corporation.

Advised Magazine Publisher on Investment by Thai Developer

Advised a magazine publisher on investment from a leading Thai property developer.

£21 Million Acquisition for International Service Station Operator

Advised international service station operator in connection with £21 million acquisition of seven sites and related businesses.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

September 27, 2023

Proposed Reporting Requirements for Large U.K. Companies

March 1, 2021

English Court Determines Meaning of ‘Fair Value’ in a Private Company Shareholder Buy-Out

October 20, 2020

Time to Buy – SDLT surcharge for overseas property buyers

Kerman & Co. website

September 24, 2020

Companies House to resume compulsory strike off action from 10 October 2020

Kerman & Co website

July 29, 2020

Marex Financial Ltd v Sevilleja – The Supreme Court’s decision on the “Reflective Loss” principle

Kerman & Co. website