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PRACTICE AREAS

MR. ZHUO PRACTICES IN THE AREA OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, COVERING THE WHOLE CHAIN OF DEBT FINANCING AND INCLUDING CROSS-BORDER DEBT FINANCING AND RESTRUCTURING, DEBT RECOVERY, AND PURCHASE OF NON-PERFORMING ASSETS. MR. ZHUO'S MAIN CLIENTS ARE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SHE HAS AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAWS AND PRACTICES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL IN THE MAINLAND, AND IS OFTEN CAPABLE OF PROVIDING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR HIS CLIENTS.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

Project Financing Transactions

- Represented Saudi Aramco in a syndicated loan transaction for a large-scale integrated refining and chemical unit, refinery and petrochemical complex project of North Huajin Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited
- Represented, as lead counsel and PRC counsel, China Development Bank Xiamen Branch in the project financing for the production of 300,000 tons per annum of ferronickel of PT Sulawesi Mining Investment
- Represented, as lead counsel and PRC counsel, The Export-Import Bank of China Anhui Branch in the project financing for the construction of the first phase of the 2500t/d clinker production line of Luangprabang Conch in Laos
- Represented China Merchants Bank Offshore Financial Center in the project financing and its subsequent amendment for the development of the Bakuta tungsten mine in Kazakhstan sponsored by Jiaxin International
- Represented China Development Bank in the financing and its subsequent

amendments for the development of Husab uranium mine project sponsored by China General Nuclear Power Corporation

- Represented, as lead counsel and PRC counsel, China Development Bank Jiangsu Branch in the project financing for the construction of the Kalawa Aragam 10MW biomass power plant in Sri Lanka
- Represented, as lead counsel and PRC counsel, the syndicate consisting of China Development Bank and Bank of China Jakarta Branch in a syndicated loan transaction for the production of 1 million tons per annum of stainless-steel continuous casting billets and its ancillary 2x150MW thermal power plant of PT Indonesia Tsingshan Stainless Steel
- Represented, as lead counsel and PRC counsel, the syndicate consisting of The Export-Import Bank of China, Bank of China and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in a syndicated loan transaction for the 600,000 tons of ferronickel project of PT. Guangqing Nickel Corporations Indonesia

Acquisition Financing Transactions

- Represented The Export-Import Bank of China Shenzhen Branch in an acquisition financing with respect to the acquisition of the equity interest in Shenzhen Investment International Capital Holdings Infrastructure Co., Ltd. by Shenzhen Expressway Corporation Limited
- Represented The Export-Import Bank of China Shenzhen Branch in an acquisition financing with respect to the acquisition of 90% equity interest in Brightoil Petroleum Group Limited by Yantian Port Group
- Represented China Merchants Bank Haikou Branch in an acquisition financing with respect to the acquisition of 100% equity interest in Vitesco Technologies Faulquemont SAS by Actblue Co., Ltd.
- Represented Chong Hing Bank in the financing for the acquisition of Yuexiu New Metropolis Building by Kailong Group from Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust

Other Financing Transactions

- Represented Mirxes Holding Company Limited as borrower in a syndicated loan transaction with R-Bridge II Investment One Limited as agent
- Represented China Merchants Bank in a revolving loan transaction with SHANGRI-LA ASIA LIMITED
- Represented Chong Hing Bank in a refinancing transaction with Country Garden Holdings
- Represented Shenzhen Investment Limited in a syndicated loan transaction

with the syndicate led by Bank of China (HK)

- Represented a syndicate led by Huatai Financial Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited in a refinancing transaction with Win Business Energy Caofeidian Limited
- Represented The Export-Import Bank of China, China Construction Bank and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in many factoring transactions with overseas subsidiaries of Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.
- Represented the American International School of Guangzhou in a fixed asset loan transaction with China Merchants Bank Guangzhou Branch
- Represented State Grid Overseas Investment Limited in a loan transaction with China Development Bank Hong Kong Branch

Risk Resolution and Disposal Projects

- Represented China Development Bank Jiangsu Branch in loan recovery involving parallel bankruptcy composition, debt restructuring, bankruptcy liquidation, winding up and arbitration proceedings in Italy, Luxembourg, Mainland China and Hong Kong
- Represented Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in the bankruptcy proceeding initiated by WOM S.A. in the U.S. State Court of Delaware
- Represented THE Export-Import Bank of China Shenzhen Branch in the scheme of arrangement of Hong Kong Airlines
- Represented an offshore syndicate in the debt restructuring and recovery related to KWG Group Holdings and its subsidiaries
- Represented an offshore syndicate in the debt restructuring and recovery related to subsidiaries of Sunac Group
- Represented a Hong Kong investment bank in the recovery of share repurchase funds from Zhang Jindong and his relevant subsidiaries
- Represented China Development Bank Hainan Branch in a loan risk resolution project with Hong Kong Airlines and Hong Kong International Aviation Leasing
- Represented THE Export-Import Bank of China Shenzhen Branch in a loan restructuring transaction with Hong Kong International Aviation Leasing
- Represented Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in a debt restructuring transaction with Wanda Group
- Represented an offshore fund in a debt restructuring with Zhenro Group and its subsidiaries
- Represented an offshore fund in a debt restructuring with Times China

Group

- Represented Wing Lung Bank in a debt restructuring with the subsidiaries of Logan Group
- Represented Huarong International in the due diligence and acquisition of a package of non-performing loans from ICBC Asia
- Represented Great Wall International Holdings Limited in the due diligence of a package of non-performing loans of China Development Bank Hong Kong Branch

OTHER INFORMATION

Education

- Northwest University of Political Science and Law, LL.M & LL.B
- King's College London, LL.M of International Financial Law

Professional Qualification

- Admitted to practice in the PRC

Presentations/Speeches

- “The Belt and Road Initiative and Cross-border Security”, a seminar held by The Chinese Bank’s Association Limited, 23 March 2016
- “Remittance of ODI Fund out of Mainland China - Current Circumstances and Solutions” as part of the seminars on “Alternative Financing Structure for Overseas M&A in the Background of Foreign Exchange Control” held by Fangda Partners in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen, June - July 2017
- “Common and Major Legal Issues on Cross-border Financial Transactions”, a seminar held by The Association of Shenzhen Foreign Financial Institutions, 9 December 2020
- “Offshore Claims with Debt Repayment Resources from Mainland Assets, Prevention and Resolution of Legal Risks”, a seminar held by The Chinese Banks’ Association Limited on 24 May 2023
- “Key Legal Issues in Cross-Border Financing - Legal Observations and Suggestions on Domestic Banks’ Cross-Border Business”, a seminar jointly held by APLMA, SCIA and Fangda on 25 October 2024

Publications

- “Common Legal Issues and Suggestions for PRC Banks' Overseas Loan Business”, published in China Foreign Exchange, Issue 8, 2022
- “The Origin and Breakthrough of the Structural Subordination of Foreign Creditors of PRC Real Estate Enterprises”, published in the official account of Fangda’s WeChat on 18 May 2022

Professional Affiliations

- Member of APLMA China Committee
- Member of the Talent Pool for Foreign-related Rule of Law of Guangdong Province

Professional Background

Mr. Romy Zhuo joined Fangda as a partner in February 2016. Prior to that, he worked at the Banking & Finance department of a major PRC law firm for about ten years