

# Carey Olsen's "take-private" offering in Hong Kong

# **About Carey Olsen**

Carey Olsen is an award-winning offshore law firm. Named Offshore Law Firm of the Year at the 2017 Lawyer Awards, we advise on Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guernsey and Jersey law across a global network of nine offices.

We are a full service law firm working across banking and finance, corporate and M&A, investment funds and private equity, trusts and private wealth, dispute resolution, insolvency and property law.

We are an integrated, international partnership of some 50 partners and over 200 lawyers. We have recently expanded with the opening of offices in Bermuda, Hong Kong and Singapore.

## Our Hong Kong office

Our Hong Kong office is led by partner Michael Makridakis who has over 10 years' experience as an offshore lawyer, specialising in insolvency, restructuring and large-scale, complex, commercial litigation. Michael is supported by two associates in Hong Kong. Dhan Vekaria, who previously practised in the Cayman Islands, and Yang Yang, a PRC qualified, BVI admitted lawyer, who is also a native Mandarin speaker.

# Our Cayman Islands office

Our insolvency, restructuring and litigation team in the Cayman Islands comprises two partners and seven associates. Since its launch in 2013, the team has enjoyed significant growth and is widely regarded as a premier provider of legal services in the Cayman market.

# Focus on "take-private" transactions

The practice of PRC businesses migrating from US stock exchanges to PRC/Asian stock exchanges has seen significant activity in recent years. We continue to see activity and growth, with several significant deals likely in 2018. Our lawyers have represented clients in several well-known "take-private" transactions including:

- Charm Communications Inc
- Homeinns Hotel Group
- JA Solar Holdings Co Ltd
- Kongzhong Corporation
- Qihoo 360 Technology Co Ltd
- Trina Solar Limited
- Zhaopin Limited

We are able to assist at the company/ promoter-led restructuring stage, and also with minority and dissenting shareholder issues. With the rise of dissenting shareholder litigation in merger cases in Cayman, companies and promoters may also consider achieving a "take-private" via a scheme of arrangement or "squeezeout". To view our detailed note comparing the three methods of taking a company private, "Taking Cayman Islands companies private: options for stakeholders", please click here

# Your next "take-private" transaction

Our aim is to develop relationships with the key market participants and service providers in Hong Kong. We provide:

- exceptional lawyers
- truly integrated, international offices and case-management services
- · competitive pricing.

We would be delighted to prepare a detailed proposal for the provision of offshore legal services for your next "take-private" transaction.



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