

# Zongxiao Mou

## Senior Associate



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## Overview

Zongxiao is a Senior Associate in the Dentons Rodyk Corporate Group.

Zongxiao's main areas of practice include international mergers & acquisitions, corporate restructuring, employment law, and TMT.

He is part of the firm's regional practice group, assisting regional clients in the ASEAN and China region. He was seconded to Dentons Myanmar Limited (DML) in 2017 and 2018, and supported regional clients in their transactions and investments into the region.

In 2019, Zongxiao was seconded to Alibaba headquarters in Hangzhou, where he provided legal advice to the Alibaba business units and legal teams in relation to developing areas of international law (privacy and personal data laws, sanctions regulations, and antitrust law, among others) that are of key relevance to the tech industry.

Zongxiao is also fluent in written and spoken Mandarin.

## Experience

### Transactional

#### Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions

- **Surbana Jurong:** Acting in the acquisition of BH Architects, a Canadian architectural group, resulting in Surbana Jurong becoming one of the biggest architectural firms in the world.
- **AP Oil International Limited:** Acting for AP Oil International Limited, a company listed on the mainboard of SGX, and MoneyMax Financial Services Ltd (a company listed on the SGX Catalist Board), with the setting up of a PRC joint venture in the financial leasing business.
- **Keppel China:** Acting in the disposal of their interests in a real estate project in China, by the sale of their shares in a wholly-owned holding company.

- **Mapletree:** Acting in the part disposal of their interest in a real estate project in China, by the sale of their shares in a wholly-owned holding company, and advising them on subsequent joint venture considerations.
- **Wing Tai Holdings Limited:** Acting in the disposal of a wholly-owned subsidiary to Xu Chang Co. Limited for a cash consideration of RMB 1,330 million.
- **Private Client:** Acting in the disposal of a real estate holding company to Tian An China Investments Company Limited, with a consideration of RMB 480 million.

## PE Investment

- **Private Client, in the Green Food Industry:** Advising them on legal matters regarding equity investment by international investors into their joint venture in China.
- **Private Client:** Acting for an investment fund's Series A investment, by way of subscription for preference shares, into a start-up based in Vietnam.

## Energy

- **PRC SOE:** Acting in the acquisition of a Laos copper and gold mine; coordinating the acquisition with various foreign counsel.
- **Private Client in the Renewable Energies Industry:** Acting in the sale of a Vietnam solar power plant to a Thai purchaser.

## Legal Advisory

### Cross-Border Restructuring, Regulatory Compliance, Transactional Advice

- **CRRC Sifang:** Assisting with the incorporation of a Singapore subsidiary, advising on tax, employment, regulatory, company law, corporate secretarial requirements, and other issues. Advised on its tender projects with the Singapore Land Transport Authority.
- **Private Client:** Advising on the legal feasibility of a variable interest entity (VIE) structure for investment into China.

## Banking and Finance

- **Top Three Banks in China:** Advising them on the assignment of a cross-border facility with a Myanmar debtor.
- **Real Estate Developer:** Acting for a real estate property developer listed on the Catalist board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, advising them on the structuring of securities under an onshore security agent arrangement.

## Tax and Trust

- **Private Client:** Acting as an English-Chinese translator/interpreter for a private client on the Indonesia Forbes 50, advising on a trust structure.

## Alibaba Secondment

### Alibaba Group Headquarters, legal research and compliance department, 2019 (Secondment, 6 months)

- Research and analysis of the GDPR and relevant privacy and personal data protection laws of other

jurisdictions, evaluation of Alibaba's compliance strategy.

- Presentation – legal presentation given in Chinese to Alibaba legal department, on comparative international law and current regulatory trends governing the online programmatic advertising industry.
- Review of merchant agreements, platform rules and regulations, and service agreements in relation to Alibaba's e-commerce platforms.
- Assisted with the incorporation of a standards organisation, advising on incorporation, IP, antitrust, tax, company law, and other matters.

## Regional Professional Experience, Market Development and Office Management

### Dentons Myanmar Limited (DML), 2017, 2018

- Acting for regional clients relating to financing and M&A transactions in Myanmar and the region.
- Assisting with business development and marketing of firm to business leaders in Yangon.
- Office management in the Dentons Myanmar office, structuring work flow and managing local Myanmar lawyers.

## Activities and Affiliations

### Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Singapore

### Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Rodyk (formerly Rodyk & Davidson LLP), 2015 – present

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

## Education

- Singapore Management University, 2014, LLB (Hons)

## Admissions and qualifications

- Advocate and Solicitor, Singapore, 2015

## Languages

- Chinese

- English