

## Private Equity

When the stakes are high and time is short, private equity dealmakers need a legal team with expertise, speed and the ability to innovate. Whether devising tax-efficient cross-border structures or steering clients through intricate regulatory environments, we develop tailored solutions that get the deal done.

From mid-market deals to multibillion-dollar transactions, we assist private equity investors through every stage of the investment cycle, including buyouts and add-on acquisitions, carve-out transactions, consortia arrangements, cross-border transactions, distressed and special situations, IPOs, management buyouts, PIPEs, refinancing and dividend recaps, and rollups. In addition to domestic and foreign private equity firms, our clients include domestic and foreign pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and family offices, as well as specialized private equity funds such as growth equity, telecommunications, mining and metals, energy, infrastructure and real estate.

We leverage our expertise in M&A, tax, finance, capital markets, antitrust and foreign investment, technology, employment and incentive compensation, real estate and environmental law to address the full scope of transaction-related issues. Post acquisition, we work with portfolio companies on a wide array of matters to support their growth and assist with their exit strategies.

Our exceptional market insights and extensive industry network enable us to cut through obstacles and find novel solutions, creating value and giving our clients an edge in securing deals in a competitive environment. Whatever the challenge – and whatever the timeline – we get you across the finish line.

### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

#### **Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec**

Acted for Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec (FSTQ) with respect to its investment in Namakor Fund I Canada LP, a private equity firm focused on mid-market manufacturing Québec companies and business succession.

#### **Birch Hill Equity Partners**

Acted for Birch Hill Equity Partners as to the arrangements between Birch Hill and its co-investors, and the establishment of the related investment vehicle, for Birch Hill's C\$1.2-billion joint take-private acquisition with Homesteaders Life Company of Park Lawn Corporation, a Canadian-owned funeral, cremation and cemetery provider.

#### **SureKap**

Acted as Canadian counsel to SureKap, a portfolio company of LFM Capital, in its acquisition of Kraken Automation Inc., a leading provider of automated packaging systems.

#### **Phoenix Partners Management Inc.**

Acted for Phoenix Partners Management Inc. in its acquisition of Launchlife International Inc., a leading franchisor of education platforms and brands, with franchisees located in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

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## Canada Growth Fund

Acting for Canada Growth Fund and Canada Growth Fund Investment Management Inc. with an equity investment of US\$25 million in Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc., an integrated Québec-based company specializing in graphite mining and processing. This investment marks CGF's first transaction in critical minerals sector and its first direct investment in Québec.

## RECOGNITION

*Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*

- Corporate/M&A (Band 1 firm)
- International & Cross-Border Transactions (Band 1 firm)
- Private Equity: Buyouts

*Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business*

- Corporate/M&A (Band 1 firm)
- Investment Funds: Fund Formation (Band 1 firm)
- Private Equity: Buyouts

Mergermarket North America M&A Awards—Canada M&A Legal Advisory Firm of the Year (2021)

IFLR Americas Awards—National Corporate Firm of the Year: Canada (2018, 2021)

*IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*—Mergers and Acquisitions (Tier 1 firm)

*IFLR1000 Canada*

- Mergers and Acquisitions, Ontario (Tier 1)
- Mergers and Acquisitions, Québec (Tier 1)

*The Legal 500 Canada*—Corporate and M&A (Tier 1 firm)

The *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A 2021* has named 49 Davies partners among the best financing and M&A lawyers in the country

*The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Mergers & Acquisitions: Toronto and Montréal (Most Frequently Recommended firm)

*The Best Lawyers in Canada*—Mergers and Acquisitions Law (Law Firm of the Year 2019)