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Expertise

Tax

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Canadian and international clients rely on Andrew to identify and resolve critical tax aspects of their deals.

Andrew advises clients on the tax aspects of cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, investments, financings and reorganizations. A trusted advisor to leading corporations, he develops creative structures that support their growth. Clients from diverse industry sectors – including technology, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, construction, real estate, energy, pulp and paper and manufacturing – value Andrew for his practical advice and business acumen.

Andrew teaches the tax component of the Advanced Business Law Workshop on mergers and acquisitions at Osgoode Hall Law School.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Hellman & Friedman

Acting as Canadian counsel to Hellman & Friedman-backed AutoScout24, a European online automotive marketplace, in its acquisition of TRADER Corporation, a Canadian online marketplace also offering dealership and OEM software and lender services for the automotive sector, from Thoma Bravo.

OMERS Life Sciences

Acted for OMERS Life Sciences in its US\$304.7-million acquisition of 100% of Esperion's royalty entitlement (subject to a cap) on net sales of bempedoic acid products in Europe by Daiichi Sankyo Europe.

Sixty North Unity

Acting for Sixty North Unity, a consortium of Indigenous communities from the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, in connection with its proposed acquisition of Northwestel from Bell Canada for approximately C\$1 billion, which would make Northwestel the largest indigenous-owned telecommunications company in the world.

Tegus, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Tegus, a leading research platform for investors, on its US\$930-million sale to AlphaSense, the leading market intelligence and search platform.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for Aecon Group Inc. in the C\$150-million strategic preferred equity investment in Aecon Utilities Group Inc. by funds managed by the Power Opportunities strategy of Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

Atlas Holdings, LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings in its US\$120-million acquisition of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s Quesnel River pulp mill in British Columbia and Slave Lake pulp mill in Alberta.

DAVIES

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Atlas Holdings LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings LLC in its acquisition of Resolute FP Canada Inc.'s pulp, newsprint, and directory paper mill operations in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

OMERS Administrative Corporation

Acting for OMERS Administration Corporation in its US\$200-million acquisition of 54.5% stake of global royalties on MAVYRET, from Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

OMERS Capital Markets

Acted for OMERS Capital Markets in its US\$500-million acquisition of 30% of Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.'s royalty interest from Kyowa Kirin Co., Ltd. on the future sales of Crysivitar (burosumab) in the United States and Canada.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for Aecon Group Inc. in the sale of its Aecon Transportation East roadbuilding, aggregates and materials business in Ontario to Green Infrastructure Partners Inc. for C\$235 million in cash.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Tax

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Lexpert Special Edition: Restructuring and Insolvency—Lawyer to Watch

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Tax Law

INSIGHTS

Federal Budget 2024: How It Impacts You and Your Business

Apr. 16, 2024

Canada's Fall Economic Statement: Tax Highlights

Dec. 01, 2020

2018 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights

Feb. 27, 2018

EDUCATION

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, In-Depth Tax Course

University of Western Ontario, JD, 2012

University of Toronto, BA, 2007

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Andrew is a lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School, teaching the tax component of the Advanced Business Law Workshop on mergers and acquisitions.