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### Expertise

Corporate  
Mergers and Acquisitions

### Bar Admissions

Paris, 2016  
Québec, 2022

## Hugo brings multijurisdictional experience to his clients' complex corporate transactions.

Hugo acts for clients in domestic and cross-border private and public mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and corporate finance across a number of industries, including industrials, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

Hugo has been a member of the Barreau de Paris since 2016. Before joining Davies, Hugo practised at the Paris office of a large international law firm.

### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### The Bidvest Group Limited

Acting for The Bidvest Group Limited, a South African publicly-traded company, in its acquisition of 100% of Citron Hygiene LP, a provider of washroom hygiene products and services in the U.S., Canada and UK, from Birch Hill Equity Partners and other investors.

#### Briolf Group, S.L.

Acted for Spanish-based Briolf Group, a chemical conglomerate, in its acquisition of Montreal-based Montana Colors, a spray paint distributor.

#### Permanent Capital Partners Inc.

Acted for Permanent Capital Partners Inc. with CDPQ's minority investment in AVENIR GLOBAL, a Montréal-based holding managing public relations and communications firm that ranks in the international top 25.

#### Industrial and Financial Systems AB

Acted for Industrial and Financial Systems AB in its acquisition of Poka Inc., a Québec-based provider of connected worker platform software.

#### Burgundy Diamond Mines Limited

Acted for Burgundy Diamond Mines Limited (BDM) in its US\$136-million acquisition of Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Limited, including the world-class Ekati Diamond Mine in Canada's Northwest Territories, and Arctic Canadian Diamond Marketing N.V. Upon closing, BDM became one of the largest listed diamond companies globally.

# DAVIES

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## EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London, LLM Commercial and Corporate Law, 2014

Université Aix-Marseille, Master 2 Corporate Law (Hons), 2012

Université Aix-Marseille, DJCE (Corporate Legal Advisor's Diploma) (Hons), 2012

Université Aix-Marseille, Master 1 Business Law (Hons), 2011

Université Aix-Marseille, LLB (Hons), 2010

Lycée de Provence, Baccalaureate in Sciences (Hons), 2007