

# The global investment banking advisor

November 2025



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We have 30 years of providing high-quality M&A advice

#### Where we are

We deliver global coverage for our clients from BDA's own platform



#### **Key facts**

**#1** Cross-border Asian sellside M&A advisor<sup>(1)</sup>

**1996** Founded and led since then by the same team

**120+** Bankers across three continents

**9** Offices globally

**2** Strategic partners

**80%** Owned by Partners and Employees

#### **Our services**

We provide M&A advisory services for:

Divestitures	Acquisitions	Capital raisings
Debt advisory & restr	Valuations	
Debt advisory & restructuring transactions		Valuations

## How we are organised



# BDA Partners is #1 for Asian cross-border private sellside M&A

No other firm has built the same scale, focus, connectivity and deal flow in Asia

# Private, cross-border Asian sellside transactions up to US\$1bn EV since 2016<sup>(1)</sup>

Rank	Advisor	# of Deals
1	B D A PARTNERS	68
2	J.P.Morgan	59
3	Morgan Stanley	56
4	Goldman Sachs	53
4	NOMURA	50
6	<b>※</b> Rothschild & Co	50
7	cîti	47
7	<b>¾UBS</b>	47
9	BANK OF AMERICA ル	39
10	DC advisory	38

#### **Highlights**

- 80% of transactions involved either the sale/acquisition of an Asian asset, an Asian buyer or an Asian seller
- 80% of M&A transactions with BDA as sellside advisor
- 75% of M&A transactions were cross-border
- 60% of sale to a strategic buyer vs 40% of sale to financial sponsors

## Long-established Asian presence



## A recognized global M&A platform

Cross-border excellence

### **Experts in cross-border M&A**



















## Regularly honoured as a top investment banking advisor

2024		
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Investment Banking Firm of the Year - Asia Pacific
2023		
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Investment Banking Firm of the Year
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Advisor Leadership Award
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Corporate / Strategic Deal of the Year
2022		
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Investment Banking Firm of the Year
	Vietnam Investment Review	M&A Advisory Firm of the Year – Vietnam
2021		
	ATLAS AWARDS	Outstanding Cross-Border Investment Bank of the Year
2020		
	THE M&A ADVISOR	Cross-border Investment Bank of the Year

Corporate Deal of the Year

## A global senior team, interacting seamlessly with our clients and each other

As an M&A-focused boutique, senior bankers globally work as one team

## Regional senior bankers speaking with local buyers and targets

# North America











India





Retail

Managing Partner Head of Consumer &



Alex Ditchfield Managing Director **Industrials** 



Balwani Partner Technology



Huntley Managing Partner Head of Health (Europe / Asia)



Jonathan Aiken Partner European coverage



Mark Webster Chairman Services & Sustainability



Sanjay Singh Partner Health



Mahtani Partner Consumer & Retail



**Jyotin Gagrani** Managing Director Technology

**SE Asia** 





#### **Greater China**









Japan





Paul DiGiacomo Managing Partner



**Huong Trinh** Partner Vietnam coverage



Rica Wirianata Partner FSG



Anindita Das Managing Director Technology



Karen Cheung Partner Consumer & Retail



Jeffrey Wang Chairman China coverage



Anthony Siu Partner Financial Sponsors Group



Jakub Widzyk Managing Director Services



Simon Kavanagh Partner Head of Industrials



Howard Lee Partner Korea Coverage



Hyunjoo Kwak Managing Director



**Jeff Acton** Partner Head of **Technology** 



Japan coverage







Koichiro Yasuda Chairman

## We are committed to seven sectors

### Delivering valuable, real-time transactional insights to clients

- Our global teams are organised around seven dedicated sectors, building knowledge and sharing perspectives across global markets, supported by continuous deal flow in each sector
- We maintain an extensive network of senior-level relationships with financial sponsors, publicly listed corporates and private companies within our sectors to deliver valuable, real-time transactional insights to our clients

## Deep industry knowledge



#### Chemicals

- Coatings
- Electronic Materials
- Petrochemicals
- Plastics
- Specialty & fine chemicals



# Consumer & Retail

- Apparel & accessories
- Cosmetics
- Food & beverage
- · Food chains
- Food services
- Jewellery
- Luxury goods



### Health

- Biotech
- Medical tech
- Pharma
- Services



#### **Industrials**

- Aftermarket
- Auto components
- Building materials
- Electronics
- Flow control
- Machinery
- Packaging
- Printing



#### Services

- Professional services and outsourcing
- Commercial services
- Transport & logistics ("T&L")



#### Sustainability

- Water and wastewater treatment
- Waste management and recycling
- Environmental services
- Energy transition
- Envirotech



#### **Technology**

- Digital media
- Information
- Software
- Systems integrators & BPO (Business Process Outsourcing)

## **Expertise** on the sellside

We are among the most active global sellside advisors in Asia. We draw on that experience to drive sellside processes that maximise value and certainty

#### Processes that clear the market globally

#### Positioning for value maximisation

- Positioning businesses for sale and spike valuation
- Positioning led by senior sector bankers from process initiation, supported by our proprietary insight into private market M&A valuations in Asia and worldwide

#### Thoughtfully designed and well-run processes

- Tailored, creative and thoughtfully constructed processes
- · Best-in-class transaction execution
- Customised to industry and asset

#### Global buyer outreach

- Senior bankers drive buyer identification outreach
- Our reach clears the market globally for our clients

#### **Selected BDA exits**











Divested Texon to

2022





## Premium advice and execution

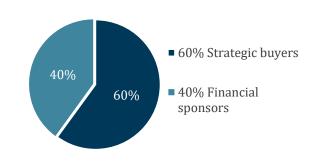












Credibility with financial sponsors

## A valuable resource for financial sponsors

Dedicated coverage team generating proprietary deal flow and exits

#### Financial sponsor portfolio company exits



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Divested TES to

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**JAFCO** 

Divested Isuzu Glass to

BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

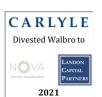
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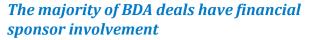


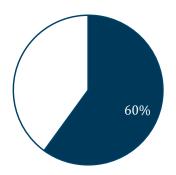
Divested stake in WINS to

2021









## High-volume, high-quality deal flow



DOOSAN

Divested

Doosan E&C to

A private equity consortium

2021



















Deals since 2016 with financial sponsors as client and/or buyer/investor

## **Dedication to buyside M&A**

We assist our clients to identify and conclude cross-border transactions efficiently and on optimal terms

#### **Target qualification**

• Persistent and persuasive in our pursuit of potential sellers for our clients



Identifying targets based on clients' criteria



Engaging with targets and building deal interest



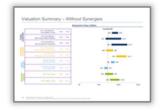
Positioning our client

## **Acquisition execution**

• Highly experienced in assessing, structuring and negotiating transactions



Thorough due diligence and process management



Valuation and pro-forma synergy analysis



Price and SPA negotiation

#### **BDA** buyside engagements













## **BDA Private Equity Conference attendees 2020-2024**

750+ members of the private equity community have attended a BDA PE conference over the last four years

Leading PE professionals representing over 150 firms

One-on-one meetings held











































































































































































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Partners Group













































# **BDA Private Equity Conference Singapore 2024 Recap**

A two-day event hosted in Singapore, featuring a welcome luncheon, over 500 one-on-one meetings between PE professionals and private companies

300+

Leading PE professionals participating from over 120 GPs

42

Presenting companies from over 5 sectors

+08

Founders / Management team members presenting

500+

One-on-one meetings and presentations held

## **BDA Private Equity Conference - Singapore 2024**













## Asia's leading financial sponsor franchise

## We have advised the following private equity clients on the sellside

















































## We have sold assets to the following private equity clients







































**Acquisitions** 

Acquired by

2023





















#### Portfolio company exits



















Raising capital







## SYNOKEM Received investment













# **Transactions**



## **BDA transactions**









2025







2025





Burst







as been acquired by

ONEX

2024





2024

2024



2024



















## **BDA transactions (cont'd)**



Raised growth capital from a consortium led by



2024



Acquired majority stake in

Cigniti

2024



Divested Oriental foods and IIT Corporation to



2024



Divested majority stake in NEW FRONTIER

to



2024



Divested majority stake in Shinwa Vanes



2024



Acquired majority stake in



2024



Agreed to acquire 70% of

2023



A portfolio company of

Everstone Capital

has been acquired by

**EMK** Capital

2023



Divested Crefact to



2023



Acquired



2023



Received investment from



2023



Divested Wavedash to



2023



Divested China architectural paint business to



2023



Acquired by

**W** VICTORY GIANT TECHNOLOGY

2023



Divested its European zipper division to



2023



Raised growth capital from Beall Investment Partners and



2023





2022





2023

THE INDEPENDENTS

Acquired

**PRODJECT** 

2023





2023



Divested majority stake in **DHOLIC Commerce to** 

UNISON CAPITAL

2023





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Received investment from

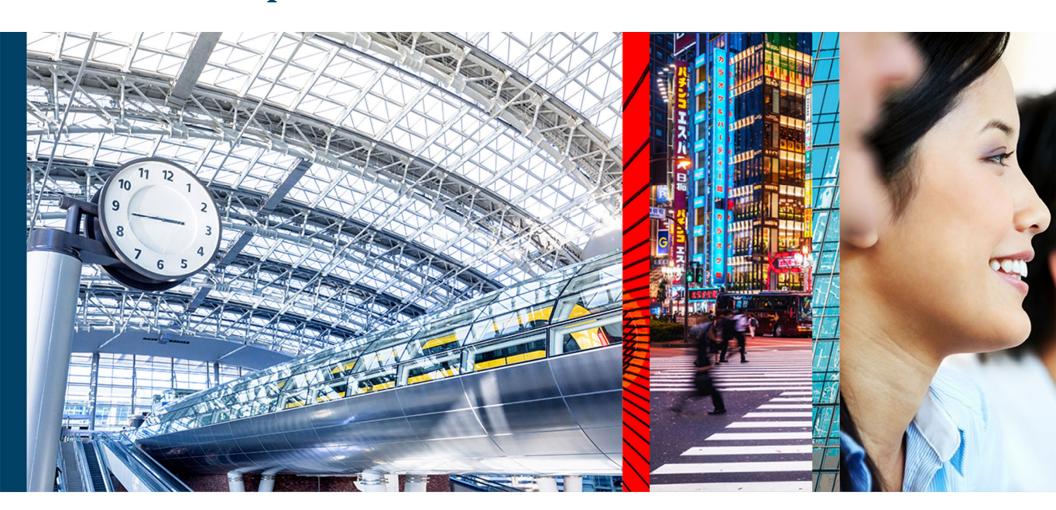


2023





# Partnerships



## Partnership with William Blair gives added global reach in the global middle market

Our reach into the US and Europe is extended by our shareholder, William Blair

#### Dedicated to Asia, with global reach

#### **East Asia North America** Ho Chi Minh City Atlanta Europe Hong Kong Boston Amsterdam Seoul Charlotte Frankfurt Shanghai Chicago London Madrid Singapore Denver Tokyo Los Angeles Stockholm New York Tel Aviv India San Francisco Zurich Mumbai **Australia** Sydney

## BDA cross-border transactions with WB



2021

#### A snapshot of William Blair - BDA

12+	Years of equity partnership	195	M&A transactions annually	60+%	Repeat clients in 2025
25	Offices worldwide	700+	Investment banking employees	65%+	Cross-border deals <sup>(1)</sup>
20+	Years of relationship building	#1	Investment banking advisor <sup>(2)</sup>	\$675m	Average transaction size

2021

## Partnership in Japan

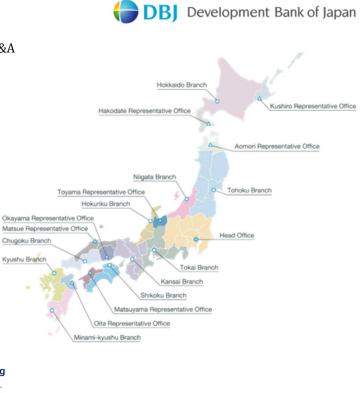
# Partnership with DBJ furthers global reach and access to capital

Our reach into Japan is extended by our shareholder and partner, DBJ

#### Development Bank of Japan is a 100% government-owned bank

- US\$150bn-balance sheet government bank
- Deep well of capital available to support M&A
- Access to Japanese blue-chip CEOs
- High-quality establishment
- 1,000+ bankers across 19 offices in Japan
- 100+ bankers across six offices in Asia





#### **Notable transactions**



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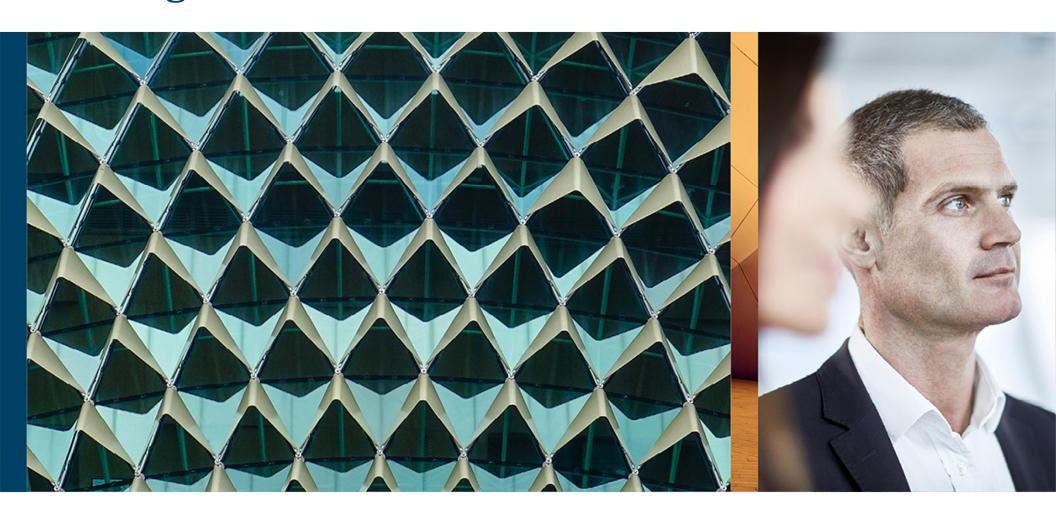
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# Management



## **Management**



**Euan Rellie Managing Partner** New York

Since founding BDA in 1996, he has lived in New York, London and Singapore. He has worked in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, and across the Middle East. 1990-1996, he worked for Schroders, the UK investment bank now part of Citigroup, in New York, London and Singapore. He was Head of SE Asia Execution for Schroders Asia-Pacific Regional Advisory Group. His clients have included Ardian, Bain Capital, CITIC Capital, Dainippon Ink & Chemical, DuPont, Ecolab, Flex, Hanjin, Happy Socks, ICICI, Intel, Investcorp, Kraft Foods, Lavazza, Life Technologies, Lubrizol, Materion, Nalco, On Semi, One Equity Partners, OpenGate Capital, Pfizer, Philip Morris, Platinum Equity, Sara Lee, Shimano, Sigma-Aldrich, Tenneco, Terex. ThomsonReuters, Wockhardt and Yucaipa, He is the recipient of the 2023 M&A Advisor Leadership Award, was named Dealmaker of the Year in 2016 and 2012 (by The M&A Advisor), 2014 North American Investment Banker of the Year, and one of the Top 50 Global M&A Dealmakers (by The Global M&A Network). He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.



**Andrew Huntley Managing Partner** Asia / Europe

Andrew Huntley is a Managing Partner, and Head of Healthcare. Joining the founders in 1998, he established and oversaw BDA's early Asian offices in Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong, co-managed BDA's New York office from 2002, and managed its London office from 2005 to 2018. He now has a pan-Asian role travelling widely in Asia and Europe from his base in HCMC and also oversees BDA's global Healthcare sector. He has advised on transactions across Asia, Europe and the US for blue chip corporates such as Arkema, Celestica, Clariant, Henkel, Johnson Matthey, Pfizer, Rexel, Sumitomo Chemical, SunGard, Tata and Weir Group and financial sponsors such as Actis, Ardian, Ares, EQT, LDC, Investcorp, Prudential, Segulah and STIC, Before BDA, he worked for the Jardine Matheson Group in Greater China and Vietnam. He was the Group Representative in Vietnam with responsibility for investments and businesses there. Mr. Huntley was educated at Oxford University (MA Hons, Chinese). He is fluent in Mandarin and conversant in Vietnamese.



Paul DiGiacomo **Managing Partner** SE Asia

Paul DiGiacomo is a Managing Partner and Head of Financial Sponsor Group. He joined BDA in 1997 and has lived in Asia since 2000. Mr. DiGiacomo founded and heads BDA's SE Asia practice, and oversees the teams in Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City, and Singapore. Mr. DiGiacomo has advised clients on transactions in most Asian markets. He has advised both blue chip corporate clients such as Arkema, Celestica, Ecolab, Jardine Matheson, Minor Group, Molex, Rexel, ST Technologies, Thomson Education, and Thomson Reuters, and financial sponsors such as Actis, EQT, Fortress, LDC, Mekong Capital, Navis Capital, Prudential, Standard Chartered PE and VinaCapital. Mr. DiGiacomo was educated at Trinity College (BA Hons, Political Science).



**Charlie Maynard** Co-Founder and Senior Advisor London

Charlie Maynard is a Co-Founder and Senior Advisor of BDA. Mr. Maynard co-founded BDA in 1996. In January 2021, he stepped backed from an executive role, becoming BDA's Non-Executive Chairman. He has advised on many successful global transactions on behalf of both strategic and private equity clients. Prior to BDA, he worked for the Jardine Matheson Group in Hong Kong and Singapore, Mr. Maynard was educated at Oxford University (MA Hons, Geography).



**Ieff Acton** Partner Tokyo

Jeff Acton is a Partner, Co-Head of Tokyo and Head of Technology. Mr. Acton has a solid track record in originating and executing acquisitions and divestments for corporate clients and financial sponsors in Japan, China, Korea and Singapore, with a focus on the advanced manufacturing. automotive, consumer and specialty chemicals sectors. Clients for whom he has advised on transactions in Asia include Clariant, Cookson Group, Henkel, J-Will Partners and Kennametal among others. He started his career as an aerospace engineer with Pratt & Whitney in Canada. Mr. Acton has an MBA from INSEAD in France, and an MSc/BSc from Queen's University in Canada (with a year at Kyoto University). Mr. Acton is fluent in spoken and written Japanese and conversant in French.



Ionathan Aiken, CFA Partner London

Jonathan Aiken is a Partner and Head of BDA's London office. He joined BDA in 2007 and is responsible for the London office and strategy. Mr. Aiken's oversight role in London includes a broad range of sectors including industrials, technology, and consumer. He specialises in complex, cross-border transactions including corporate carveouts. His clients include EOT. Tata Group, Actis, LDC and Donaldson, He holds an MBA and a Masters in International Affairs from the George Washington University. He is fluent in English and French and proficient in Mandarin.



Manoj Balwani Partner New York

Manoj Balwani is a Partner and Head of Technology & Tech Services based in New York. He has over 16 years of experience and has closed over 20 M&A/PE/IPO/QIP transactions while building strong domain expertise across sub-segments within Technology, covering IT Services, BPO, Analytics, Enterprise Software, ER&D, Payments/Fin-Tech, Consumer Tech and New Age Technologies (AI/ML etc.). Some of his clients include TTEC, Majesco, Mastek, Motif, ICRA (Moody's subsidiary), Tejas Networks, Jupiter Capital, Altran, FINO, ISON Group, What's on India, Macmillan Group, Zensar Technologies, TIME Education, Nazara, and IndiaMart, Prior to BDA. Mr. Balwani worked with Edelweiss Financial Services as an Associate Director in the Technology, Media, Telecom and Education Investment Banking practice. Before Edelweiss, he was part of the Technology Investment Banking practice at Ernst & Young and Avendus. Mr. Balwani holds a dual degree (B.Tech+M.Tech) from IIT Madras. He speaks English, Hindi and Sindhi.



**Howard Lee** Partner Seoul

Howard Lee is a Partner and Head of Seoul. Before joining BDA, he led the M&A division of Samsung Securities, Korea's leading domestic investment banking firm, for four years. He was responsible for sourcing and executing domestic and cross-border M&A transactions for Korean corporates, private equity firms, and Government-related companies. His clients include several Samsung Group entities. Affinity, Carlyle, CVC. Goldman Sachs, Hyundai, Kolon, Korea Telecom, KTB, LG, Lotte, MBK, POSCO, SK, Standard Chartered and Visteon. Between 2004 and 2011, Mr. Lee worked as an Associate Director at Macquarie Securities' M&A group in Seoul. Mr. Lee holds a BA, International Economics from Seoul National University. He is fluent in Korean and English.



**Karen Cheung** Partner **Hong Kong** 

Karen Cheung is a Partner and Head of Consumer & Retail based in Hong Kong. She joined BDA in 2012 covering Greater China and SE Asia. She has advised on cross-border sell-side, buy-side and capital raising for both private equity and corporate clients across a number of industries including retail and consumer, food & beverage. Transactions she has advised on include the sale of Navis Capital's portfolio KFC franchise in HK and Macau, the sale of Navis Capital's investment in Hui Lau Shan dessert chain in Greater China and SE Asia, the capital raising for N Kid Corporation in Vietnam from Standard Chartered Private Equity and SunGard's divestment of its Singapore-based retail banking business to Silverlake Axis Ltd. Previously Ms. Cheung has worked in PwC Transactions Services and Ernst & Young in both Hong Kong and Canada. She qualified as a Chartered Accountant with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and has a BA in Commerce from the University of Toronto. She is fluent in English. Mandarin and Cantonese.



Kumar Mahtani Partner Mumbai

Kumar Mahtani is a Partner and Head of Consumer & Retail based in Mumbai. Before joining BDA, Mr. Mahtani was an Associate Director at KPMG India, responsible for structuring transactions for investments by global private equity firms in India, mergers / demergers and restructuring of Indian Corporates and MNCs, and outbound acquisitions by Indian groups. He has transaction experience in industrials, healthcare, chemicals and consumer sector and his clients include Blue Star, ICICI Venture, Larsen & Toubro, Navis Capital Partners, Omnova Solutions, Terex Corporation, and Wockhardt. Mr. Mahtani is a Chartered Accountant (CA), and has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Mumbai (H.R. College of Commerce & Economics). He is fluent in English and Hindi, and speaks basic Sindhi.



Simon Kavanagh Partner Hong Kong

Simon Kavanagh is a Partner and Head of Industrials based in Hong Kong. He joined BDA in 2013 and has over 25 years' M&A experience. Before joining BDA, he spent nine years with JPMorgan. His experience covers most sectors, with a particular focus on industrial companies. His multinational corporate clients have included Thomson Reuters, Kerry Group, FIS, Johnson Controls and Mitsubishi Corporation. He has advised many of the leading private equity firms in Asia, and has helped multiple founder-led companies. In addition to private and public M&A transactions he has worked on IPOs, capital raisings, and material transactions on the Hong Kong and London Stock Exchanges. Mr. Kavanagh has a degree in Economics from the University of Stirling in Scotland, a Masters in International Business from University College Dublin in Ireland, and he studied Mandarin at Xiamen University in China. He has lived in Asia for 16 years.



Sanjay Singh Partner Mumbai

Sanjay Singh is a Partner and Head of BDA in India, based in Mumbai. He is also Co-Head Asia, Healthcare for BDA. Before joining BDA, Mr. Singh was the Partner and Head of Life Sciences at KPMG India. He has a record of advising corporate and financial sponsor clients on transactions in the pharma, healthcare and chemicals sectors. He has advised clients including Baxter, Isagro, Johnson & Johnson, Nihon Nohyaku, Roquette and SMT. Before KPMG, Mr. Singh worked in leading pharma companies such as Glenmark Pharmaceuticals and Dr Reddy's Labs in corporate development and global marketing roles, and he has over 20 years' experience. Mr Singh holds an MBA from IIM Bangalore and a BTECH from IIT BHU. He is fluent in English and Hindi.



**Anthony Siu**Partner
Shanghai

Anthony Siu is a Partner and Head of BDA's Shanghai office. He joined BDA in 2016. Before joining BDA, he led the Greater China investment banking team at Robert W. Baird for 8 years. focusing on cross-border M&A between USA/Europe and Greater China. Before that, he was a Director at the Corporate Advisory division of Standard Chartered, responsible for public and private M&A. Earlier, he worked at Daiwa Securities and Schroders where he managed a variety of M&A and equity capital markets transactions. He has advised Asian corporate clients such as China Life, CLP, Hopewell, Kerry, New World, Ping An, Sinochem and Wheelock, as well as financial sponsors CDH. CITIC Capital. EOT and Hony. Anthony received an Executive MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and HKUST and holds a BA from Pomona College, USA. He worked in the audit department of KPMG after graduation and qualified as a CPA in California. He is fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.



**Huong Trinh**Partner
Ho Chi Minh City

Huong Trinh is a Partner and Head of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Before joining BDA in 2018, she worked at PwC (Vietnam) for over 10 years with a focus on investment banking, due diligence services, valuations and market entry services. Over the past 15 years, Ms. Trinh has been a buy and sell-side lead advisor on various sectors including the logistics, pharmaceuticals, industrials and consumables. Recent transactions she supported include ThiPha Cable's divestment to Stark Corporation, Duy Tan's 70% divestment to SCG, Capital raises of Seedcom and Kim Dental, Hop Nhat's divestment to Vingroup. Ms. Trinh holds a Masters Degree (Distinction) in International Business from the University of Dundee, UK and a Bachelor's Degree (First Class) from the Foreign Trade University of Vietnam. She is fluent in Vietnamese and English.



Mark Webster Chairman London

Mark Webster is a Chairman – Services & Sustainability, Executive Senior Advisor based in London and Singapore. He joined BDA in 2005, then he has advised on a range of successful sellside and buyside transactions for both private equity and corporate clients such as CITIC Capital, Kerry Group plc and Sherwin-Williams Inc. Previously Mr. Webster worked for Standard Chartered Bank in Shanghai as a Vice President assisting companies such as BP, Syngenta and UPS with strategic and operational funding. Prior to that he worked at JPMorgan's London office (earlier Robert Fleming Investment Bank) as a Mergers and Acquisitions Associate. From 1995 to 1998 he trained at Arthur Andersen in London, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant (ACA). Mr. Webster graduated from Oxford University (MA Hons, Modern History and Economics) and speaks Mandarin Chinese and French.



**Rica Wirianata**Partner
Singapore

Rica Wirianata is a Partner based in Singapore, covering the Indonesian and Singapore markets for BDA. She has significant capital markets experience with the institutional sales teams of Credit Agricole-Indosuez, ABN Amro, CLSA and Deutsche Bank servicing sovereign wealth funds and leading institutional investors. Her main coverage areas were ASEAN markets with special focus on Singapore and Indonesia. She subsequently spent five years serving as a financial advisor for a privately held company in the business services sector in Indonesia, driving M&A execution and organic expansion. She most recently worked for a global non-profit organization in Singapore before joining BDA. Ms Wirianata graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a B.Sc. in Management (Finance) and holds an MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management. She is fluent in Bahasa Indonesia and Mandarin Chinese.



**Anindita Das**Managing Director
Singapore

Anindita Das is a Managing Director based in Singapore. Ms. Das advises private equity funds, entrepreneurs, and corporates on divestments and capital raises. Ms. Das has more than twelve years of M&A and private equity experience across South/South East Asia. Before joining BDA, she was an Executive Director at TC Capital in Singapore where she executed transactions across SEA in consumer, industrials, ecommerce, real estate and chemicals. Prior to TC Capital, Ms. Das worked with Blue River Capital Advisors in Mumbai where she completed investments in the auto components, textiles and construction sectors. Ms. Das holds an MBA in International Finance from Brandeis International Business School in Massachusetts. She is fluent in English and Hindi and is a native Bengali speaker.



Alex Ditchfield Managing Director New York

Alexander Ditchfield is a Managing Director and Head of BDA's New York office. Prior to moving to New York in 2016, he worked in BDA's Shanghai and Hong Kong offices for seven years. Clients for whom he has advised on transactions include CHS, CITIC Capital, Kerry, Littlejohn, MacLean-Fogg, Molex, and Pfizer, among others. Before joining BDA, he worked on policy for the European Union's SWITCH-Asia and Asia Invest projects, promoting sustainable development, trade and investment flow between EU and Asia, at the EU Project Incubation (EUPIC) Centre in Chengdu, China. He graduated with a BSc in Economics from Cardiff University in the UK. He speaks Mandarin and English.



**Ivotin Gagrani Managing Director** Mumbai

Jyotin Gagrani is a Director based in Mumbai and covers the Technology & Education sectors in India. Before joining BDA, Mr. Gagrani worked with Edelweiss Financial Services as a Director in the Technology and Education Investment Banking practice. Before Edelweiss, he was part of the Technology Investment Banking practice at Ernst & Young. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (rank holder in CA Level 1) and has graduated from Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics in Mumbai. He is fluent in English and Hindi.



**Iakub Widzvk Managing Director** Hong Kong

Jakub Widzyk is a Managing Director based in Hong Kong. Prior to his relocation to Asia in 2018, Mr. Widzyk was based in the London office of BDA for six years. He has transactional experience in the automotive, consumer, general industrials, services and technology sectors. His clients include EQT, Terex, CSLI, MacLean-Fogg, and Resource Partners, among others, Before joining BDA, he gained transactional experience at Kerburn Rose, in New York, and in Warsaw, in the equity research department of PKO Bank Polski and the investment office of PTE PZU, an insurance group. Mr. Widzyk holds an MSc in Finance degree from IE Business School in Madrid and a BA in Finance and Accounting from Warsaw School of Economics.



**Hvunjoo Kwak Managing Director** 

Hyunjoo Kwak is a Managing Director and Deputy Head at the Seoul office. Mr. Kwak has more than 20 years' M&A experience across both domestic and cross-border transactions. Before joining BDA, Mr. Kwak was a Partner at Deloitte Korea's Financial Advisory team, where he advised on key transactions, including joint ventures, private placements, and M&As, working closely with major Korean large corporates and financial sponsors. Prior to that, he was Head of Korea M&A at Barclays and worked at IP Morgan's Financial Institutions Group. He has advised major Korean corporates including Samsung Group, KCC Corp, HL Group, KB Financial Group, and Shinhan Financial Group, as well as leading sponsors such as MBK Partners. Hyunjoo holds a BA in Economics from Seoul National University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School. He speaks native Korean and fluent English.



**Dominik Woessner Managing Director** Singapore

Dominik Woessner is a Managing Director and Head of Private Capital Advisory (PCA) Secondaries, based in Singapore. He has over 20 years of private equity advisory experience and has played a senior role in the industry in Asia for over ten years. He previously worked on GP-led and LP-led transactions, as Head of Secondaries Asia Pacific at Lazard, and as a Managing Director at Greenhill and Thrive Alternatives.

Mr. Woessner is responsible for providing strategic advisory services to financial sponsors across a variety of portfolio and fund management objectives. He also advises limited partners on liquidity solutions for their private fund portfolios. He has successfully closed dozens of secondaries transactions with clients in Asia, predominantly in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore and Korea. Mr. Woessner holds an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management and speaks German and English.



Suguru Sasaki **Managing Director** Tokyo

Suguru Sasaki is a Director based in Tokyo. Before joining BDA, he focused exclusively on advising clients on cross-border and domestic M&A transactions at Greenhill & Co. for 10 years. He has advised Japanese companies in a wide range of industries, such as HR services, Technology, Consumer & Retail with his extensive experience advising and executing M&A transactions. Mr. Sasaki started his career at Financial Business Unit (nka. Corporate Development Business Unit) of Mitsui & Co. in 2006, where he worked as a commodity derivative trader in precious metal market. He holds a BA in Engineering from the University of Tokyo. He is fluent in Japanese and English.



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# Our case studies



Case study - Industrials

## **M&A** case study: Bose



**Buyer** 

Seller

Asset







- Bose Corporation, founded in 1964, is a leading global audio company, best known for its premium noisecanceling headphones, speakers, and Hi-Fi systems
- Bose's automotive audio division supplies premium audio systems to global carmakers such as Porsche, Cadillac, and Nissan
- The Tijuana facility comprises advanced manufacturing equipment and R&D laboratories, with a book of business exceeding US\$500m in annual value
- Luxshare Precision Industry is a US\$40bn+ publicly traded manufacturer of electronic components and peripherals, best known as the primary assembler of Apple's AirPods
- Luxshare, headquartered in China, has rapidly expanded its presence in both North America and the global automotive supply chain via a series of acquisitions to both reduce reliance on revenue from Apple and to leverage positive trends in the automotive EV market
- With this acquisition, Luxshare has reinforced its position in the automotive supply chain and becomes Bose's primary manufacturing partner for its automotive division
- BDA executed a tightly controlled sale process, engaging only a select group of potential buyers pre-approved
  by Bose's leadership that BDA thoroughly vetted from not only a financial perspective but also from their
  potential as a long-term manufacturing partner
- Multiple site visits and negotiations were conducted across different time zones, legal jurisdictions, and languages
- With this divestment, Bose can leverage Luxshare's international manufacturing capabilities to better serve its international client base and has further transformed their operations to better align as a designer and engineer of premium acoustic systems
- Navigating geopolitical tensions and facilitating a transaction involving a Chinese blue-chip company in North America added significant complexity
- BDA's advisory ensured a smooth transition, highlighting its expertise in cross-border dealmaking and reinforcing its capabilities in optimizing global supply chains for North American clients

## **M&A** case study: Chemfield Cellulose

Divestment of majority equity stake in a leading India-based manufacturer of Micro Crystalline Cellulose pharma excipient to a Japan-based strategic



**Buyer** 

Seller





- BDA Partners acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Chemfield Cellulose ("Chemfield") on divestment of a strategic stake to Oji Holdings ("Oji")
- Chemfield is engaged in the development and manufacturing of MCC (micro crystalline cellulose) based ingredients for drug coating application in pharma, nutraceuticals, F&B, and cosmetics segments
- This transaction enables Oji to forward integrate and provides an entry into value added and higher margin pharma excipient segments
- BDA designed and managed a global process with marketing solely to strategic buyers
- Deal team handled extensive parallel due diligence processes with multiple advisors to negotiate the final offer within ~1 month of the receipt of the NBIO and with minimum deviations
- BDA worked closely with the management team throughout the process including negotiations on key purchase agreement terms to deliver the best outcome
- This transaction reinforces BDA's ability to execute value-maximizing and market clearing cross-border M&A transactions
- The transaction further establishes BDA's expertise in pharma sector, particularly within the excipients and pharma ingredients sub-sector

## **M&A Case Study: FICT**

BDA acted as financial advisor to Advantage Partners on its sale of FICT to MBK Partners and FormFactor



Buyer

Seller



Asset



- BDA acted as financial advisor, alongside Daiwa Securities, to Advantage Partners on its sale of FICT to a consortium formed by funds managed by MBK Partners K.K. and FormFactor, Inc. (80% and 20% respectively)
- FICT designs and manufactures high-multilayer printed circuit boards, semiconductor package substrates, space transformers, and multilayer organic substrates for probe cards
- BDA leveraged its extensive global network and approached 126 potential buyers and received 7 NBIOs: 2 global strategics, 3 global PE funds, and 1 Japanese PE fund
- BDA conducted a cross-border due diligence process by inviting 2 global strategics and 1 Japanese investment fund, and smoothly carried out Q&A, information disclosure, and site visits with multinational counterparties
- FormFactor, is a global leader in probe card manufacturing, and this transaction solidifies their important collaboration with FICT to build world-class test and packaging consumables, and strengthens the semiconductor test supply chain
- MBK Partners, one of the largest private equity firms in North Asia, decided to invest in FICT to meet the growing demand for high-performing semiconductor components from global chip makers

## **M&A case study: HKIOC**

Advised TE Asia on the sale of HKIOC, the largest pure-play private oncology group in Hong Kong



**Buyer** 

Seller

Asset





- BDA acted as an exclusive financial advisor to TE Asia on the sale of HKIOC, the largest pure-play oncology group in Hong Kong to New Frontier
- HKIOC Provides quality and holistic multidisciplinary specialist services for cancer diagnosis, treatment and wellness services
- BDA leveraged its global network to access a curated universe of strategic and financial sponsor buyers, which generated high interests and buyer engagements to maximize the valuation for selling shareholders
- The strategic rationale included:
  - Synergistic addition to strengthen New Frontier's existing presence in private comprehensive oncology services
  - Strong strategic fit for New Frontier to bolster cross-border cancer care services and develop a multidisciplinary network in Greater Bay Area
  - Enhanced expertise and knowledge to create an advanced and robust healthcare ecosystem
  - Fostered collaborations with academic and research institutions on clinical trials and medical research
- BDA demonstrated HKIOC as the largest pure-play private oncology group In Hong Kong, guiding bidders towards the desired transaction outcome
- BDA crafted a tailored story to articulate HKIOC's competitive positioning and strengths, and carefully managed the negotiation process with all parties to achieve an above-market-average exit multiple

## M&A case study: Nippon Sangyo Suishin Kiko (NSSK)

NSSK divested its portfolio company IIT/ORF Group to Coop Sapporo in May 2024. BDA acted as sell-side financial advisor by leading the overall execution of the transaction and successfully closed the within short period of four months



Investor

**Target** 





- BDA acted as the financial advisor for NSSK (Nippon Sangyo Suishin Kiko) in supporting the exit of their portfolio companies, IIT Co., Ltd. and Oriental Foods Co., Ltd. ("IIT/ORF Group")
- The IIT/ORF Group is the largest independent cold chain and produce wholesaler platform in Hokkaido, holding a significant market share in supplying major supermarkets and discount stores
- Considering the business characteristics of the target company, BDA approached a total of 178 domestic operating companies and PE funds within a short period. BDA maintained close communication with each potential buyer after the initial bid to accurately assess the differences in momentum
- Given Coop Sapporo's strong momentum and swift decision-making process before the second bid, BDA modified the initial plan and designed a unique secondary process focused on reaching an early agreement with Coop Sapporo
- Despite the tight schedule, BDA navigated both NSSK and Coop Sapporo, resulting in the signing of the final agreement within just two months from the start of the initial process and successfully closed the deal within four months

Case Study - Tech

# **M&A** case study: Servion



a portfolio company of **Everstone Capital**has been acquired by

**EMK** Capital

2023

**Buyer** 

Seller

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### Sale of Servion, an Everstone Capital portfolio company, to EMK Capital

- BDA acted as an exclusive financial advisor to Everstone Capital for its portfolio company, Servion's divestment to EMK Capital
- Servion is a leading independent technology agnostic provider of Customer Experience (CX) solutions and Digital Engineering solutions. The company specializes in architecting, implementing, and managing Contact Centers, both on-premise and on the cloud
- BDA executed a well-designed process which ensured generating high interest from the investors, build competitive pressure, maximizing shareholders' interest. Worked closely with the management throughout the process rightly positioned the Company as a strong play on increasing digitalization and importance of CX to enterprise clients
- BDA elaborated and supported robust, achievable growth plan centered on migration from traditional onpremise to new-age cloud ecosystem. Helped investors build their thesis around the company's ongoing diversification from Cisco to other CX technology platforms
- Thorough understanding about the transaction structuring helped us to deliver the best outcome for our client. Spearheaded the complex deal negotiations with buyer and managed multiple stakeholders – selling shareholders, founders and management
- Managed a highly intensive and rigorous diligence process undertaken by the Financial Sponsor team and their advisors across geographies

# M&A case study: Toshiba



Buyer

Seller

Asset







#### Sale of an Italian energy EPC service provider to a European turnaround PE fund

- BDA and Eidos Partners ("Eidos") acted as exclusive financial advisors to Toshiba Energy Systems & Solutions Corporation, a 100%-owned subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation (together, "Toshiba"), on the sale of its Italy-based subsidiary Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Europe S.P.A. ("TTDE") to Mutares SE & Co. KgaA ("Mutares")
- Headquartered in Genova, TTDE is a provider of full turnkey EPC (engineering, procurement, and construction) services for energy transmission and distribution. The Company delivers high-/mediumvoltage substations, battery storage systems, smart grid solutions and plants for renewable energy globally. TTDE was established following Toshiba's acquisition of Ansaldo Trasmissione & Distribuzione S.p.A in 2011
- Mutares, a listed private equity holding company headquartered in Munich, will acquire TTDE as an add-on for its portfolio company Balcke-Dürr Group, a Germany-based supplier of components for increasing energy efficiency and reducing environmental impact for the industry
- BDA, along with Eidos, utilised its network and expertise across Japan and Europe to run a smooth and efficient sale process despite the geographic distance and the COVID-19 pandemic
- Potential buyers considered were primarily strategic players operating locally and turnaround PE funds. Received five indicative offers, with all five bidders proceeding to the DD phase and submitting final offers; entered a long period of negotiations with one party subsequently
- The vast majority of the negotiations were done via online meetings, but BDA and Toshiba also travelled to Italy despite COVID-19 to being the negotiations with potential buyers face-to-face
- Being a carveout from an industrial group, many complicated agreements existed between Toshiba and TTDE that had to be sorted out one by one with the final buyer
- Through this transaction, BDA demonstrated its expertise in advising on complicated carveouts, its ability to adapt its cross-border processes under the COVID-19 environment and its commitment to its clients

Case study – Services

# **M&A case study: Honour Lane Shipping**

A successful transaction for the founding shareholders during a period of intense industry volatility



Buyer Seller







**Asset** 

## Global process for transport and logistics vendors

- BDA Partners acted as exclusive financial advisor to Honour Lane Shipping ("HLS") on the sale of Nexus Point, an Asian private equity fund focused on control opportunities in Greater China
- HLS is headquartered in Hong Kong and as one of the largest non-vessel operating carriers ("NVOCC") in the transpacific trade lane
- BDA executed a complex transaction involving a large, global organisation with over 30 offices across 12 countries, conducting business with hundreds of transport and logistics vendors and customers
- BDA leveraged its global network to access a curated universe of strategic and financial sponsor investors to maximise buyer engagement and valuation for the selling shareholders
- Continuous, hands-on involvement of senior bankers to guide the founding management in their first sale process and ensure smooth path through deal marketing, due diligence, signing, and closing
- Surgical process execution with high touch buyer engagement to position the business to bidders and guide them towards the desired deal economics and structure

## Capital raise case study: Pollination

BDA advises Pollination on a Series B investment from ANZ, forming a strategic partnership driving the transition to net zero in the Asia Pacific region



#### Asset









#### Strategic investment in leading climate advisory and asset management firm

- BDA acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Pollination, a leading climate change advisory and asset management firm, on a US\$50m investment and formation of a strategic partnership with ANZ
  - BDA also supported an earlier SAFE<sup>(1)</sup> round, primarily led by high-net-worth individuals
- ANZ invested in Pollination as part of a wider US\$100m Series B capital raise, taking a 12% stake at a ~US\$400m<sup>(2)</sup> post money valuation
- Pollination, which was founded in 2019, works with corporates, governments and financial institutions to design, implement and finance their transitions to net zero and build nature positive business models
  - The Company boasts 120 leading environmental, financial, legal and industry experts across 13 countries, supporting three pillars of the business:
    - Breakthrough advisory: advising clients on the transition of their operations to net zero
    - Asset management: raising funds and deploying capital on behalf of LPs in climate thematics
    - **Principal investments**: taking equity stakes in projects, e.g. a mangrove project in Pakistan
  - Global estimates suggest US\$140tr will be needed to decarbonize the global economy, and Pollination aims to significantly influence this transition
- The strategic partnership between Pollination and ANZ will focus on the transition needs of ANZ's institutional customers globally in the areas of sustainable finance, project and export finance, carbon markets and corporate advisory, including mergers and acquisitions
  - ANZ is a Top 5 Asian corporate bank
  - Extensive third-party diligence was undertaken, including numerous white-boarding / workshop sessions to establish how a strategic relationship could be best structured
- This transaction reflects BDA's extensive network and ability to reach out to global strategics and financial institutions, as well as expertise within professional services and the climate sector
- The ESG thematic continues to be a strong focus within BDA, having advised on 4 deals in this space in Q1-2022

Case study - Consumer & Retail

# M&A case study: Shimano Divestiture of PEARL iZUMi to **United Sports Brands**

Sale of a leading US-based cycling apparel and footwear brand



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- BDA acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Shimano (TSE: 7309) on the sale of PEARL iZUMi USA, a market leading cycling apparel and footwear brand based in Louisville, Colorado to United Sports Brands ("USB"), a global leader in sports performance and protective products backed by Bregal Partners
- PEARL iZUMi was founded in Tokyo in 1950 and entered the US market in the 1980s. In 1989, four investors in Boulder, CO bought the rights to build a US-based PEARL iZUMi brand. Since then, the brand has grown to be a leader in cycling apparel in the US, widely distributed across Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand
- The sale of PEARL iZUMi USA marks the landmark first divestment made by Shimano. BDA leveraged its network and expertise in the US and Japan to ensure a smooth and efficient sale process between all parties, despite geographic distance
- Carefully curated marketing materials that reflected the strong status and reputation of the PEARL iZUMi brand in North America, highlighting its compelling history, leadership in ESG, and track record of technological innovation
- Contacted 90 investors including a mix of strategic and financial investors. Shared the CIM with 20 parties and received four indicative offers. Brought three parties to the second phase and received two strong final offers
- BDA navigated a complicated carve-out sale process with deep integrations between the two businesses, protecting the interests of the client while providing PEARL iZUMi with the necessary services to support its next phase of growth under new ownership
- This transaction demonstrates BDA's outstanding expertise in the global consumer sector, differentiating ability to execute a cross-border process, and commitment to driving optimal client outcomes

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