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Hemant is a Partner in the firm's Technology and Corporate M&A practice group based in Bengaluru. He advises an array of core-technology and technology-adjacent businesses including Web3 and blockchain, online gaming, fintech, e-commerce, health-tech, and SaaS companies on a wide spectrum of technology transactions, technology-related advisory matters, and corporate transactions.

Technology Transactions: He frequently advises on technology transactions such as technical collaborations, strategic alliances, research and development (R&D) arrangements, tech-focused M&A, software development agreements, technology outsourcing arrangements, "software-as-a-service" agreements, assignments and licensing.

Technology Advisory: His advisory practice covers matters related to digital assets, privacy, data protection, e-commerce regulation, fintech regulation, online gaming regulation, cyber-security, artificial intelligence, digital media, and medical devices.

Corporate Transactions: He represents a wide range of buy-side and sell-side clients in early-to-late-stage fund-raising and investment transactions, mergers, and acquisitions. His transactional experience spans domestic and cross-border transactions involving listed as well as unlisted companies. He has advised venture capital and private equity funds, multinational companies, as well as start-ups and promoters.

Select Experience Statement

Transactions

- Advising a leading American EV player known for its advanced powertrain technology
 on its technology collaboration and strategic alliance with one of the world's largest
 manufacturers of two-wheelers based in India.
- Advising on one of the largest mergers till date in the telecommunications space in India that led to a combined entity valued at more than USD 2 billion.
- Advising the India arm of a Fortune 500 company on its acquisition, on a slump-sale basis, of manufacturer of gearboxes and gear-operators.
- Acting for the promoters of an Indian health-tech company in relation to the buyout of the company by a leading healthcare platform player.

Location

• Bengaluru

Education

 B.A. LL.B. (W.B. National University of Juridical Sciences)

Practices

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Professional Membership

• TiE Bengaluru Charter Member



- Advising one of India's largest homegrown private equity funds on the acquisition of the entire shareholding of a leading integrated commodity and collateral management company.
- Involved in advising the world's leading operator of stock and commodity exchanges on Indian law aspects related to the acquisition of a Singapore-based entity that operates futures markets in Singapore across metals, currencies, energy and agricultural commodities from an Indian parent.
- Acting for a Mauritius-based private equity fund on a cumulative foreign investment
 of USD 120 into a listed entity and an unlisted entity that form a part of a diversified
 agricultural conglomerate based in India.

Advisory

- Advised an NFT eco-system operator on a range of issues involving the structuring and operation of a non-fungible-token (NFT) marketplace and a Web3 online game.
- Advising a leading media house on setting up a marketplace for NFTs and cryptocollectibles.
- Advising a start-up focused on financial-markets-related technologies, on its online stock fantasy gaming platform.
- Conducting vendor legal due diligence for a pioneer in the Indian EV industry.
- Advising two large Japanese multinational conglomerates on a variety of matters involving foreign direct investment, e-commerce, prepaid payment instruments, and technology-related issues.