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Abhishek Guha

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Abhishek Guha is a partner with the Firm in the corporate practice group and specialises in private equity investments and mergers & acquisitions.

At the Firm, he works closely on matters pertaining to inbound and outbound mergers & acquisitions and private equity investments with specialisation in the banking and financial sector, pharmaceutical sector, and the information technology sector. He has acted for several private and public companies, banks and financial institutions and financial sponsors.

Abhishek has significant experience in mergers & acquisitions involving public listed as well as private companies and has worked extensively in structuring and executing inbound foreign investments into India. He regularly advises several multi-national corporations on compliances with Indian foreign exchange, regulatory and securities regulations. Abhishek has consistently been endorsed as a notable practitioner for financial and corporate laws by **The International Financial Law Review 1000** from 2018-2022. He has featured as one of the **Top 100 lawyers in India** in the **Forbes India Legal Powerlist** for 2021 and recently again in 2022. Abhishek has also been ranked as one of the **'Top 10 M&A lawyers in India'** league table by **MergerLinks, 2021**.

Abhishek's clients include **Carlyle Group, OMERS, General Electric Corporation, Blackstone Group, General Atlantic, Novartis AG, Tata Group** and **Walmart** among others. Some of his recent notable deals include advising **Carlyle** in its acquisition of a minority stake in **Yes Bank Limited**; **General Atlantic** in its acquisition of a significant minority stake in **ASG Hospital Private Limited**, **Carlyle** in its acquisition of **Hexaware Limited**, **Walmart** in the acquisition of a majority stake in **Flipkart Limited**, **Axis Bank** in its USD 1.8 billion fundraising from **Bain Capital** and other investors, **General Electric Corporation** in divesting its stake in the joint venture credit card business with **SBI** to the **Carlyle Group** and the **State Bank of India**.

Select Experience Statement

Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, Private Equity Investments

- Advised **Carlyle** in the acquisition of a minority stake in **Yes Bank Limited** as a part of the USD 1.1 billion fund raising round – *which is the 2nd largest private equity investment in the Indian banking sector.*
- Advised **General Atlantic** in the acquisition of a significant minority stake in **ASG Hospital Private Limited** in *one of the largest private equity investments in the eye care sector in India.*

Location

- Mumbai

Education

- B.A. LL.B. (Hons), National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata

Practices

- General Corporate
- Private Equity

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of West Bengal

Awards & Recognitions

- **Highly Regarded** for M&A by IFLR1000 Asia Pacific Rankings, 2023
- **Notable Practitioner** for M&A and Private Equity by IFLR1000, 2019-22
- **Top M&A Lawyers in India** league table by MergerLinks, 2022
- Among the **Top 100 Lawyers in the Forbes, India, Legal Powerlist**, 2021-22





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- Advised **Carlyle** in the acquisition of a controlling stake in **Hexaware Limited** – which is one of the largest PE -PE buyouts in Asia (ex-infrastructure sector).
- Advised **Leeds Equity Partners** in the strategic global acquisitions from **Thomson Reuters LLC**, and **Gartner Inc.**, in separate transactions.
- Advised **Fractal Analytics Limited** in its USD 360 million investment by **TPG Capital** (which was recognised as the *Asian Legal Business M&A deal of the year 2022*).
- Advised **Fractal Analytics Limited** in relation to its USD 200 million investment by **Apax Partners**.
- Advised **KelixBio**, a pan-Asian and African biopharmaceutical platform, backed by **Development Partners International**, **British International Investment** and **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development** on its founding investment into **Celon Laboratories Limited**, an Indian oncology and critical care specialist.
- Advised **Novartis AG** in the transfer of its women healthcare portfolio to **Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited**.
- Advised **Walmart** in its acquisition of a majority stake in **Flipkart Limited** for US\$ 16 billion, *resulting in the biggest private equity exit ever in India*.
- Advised **Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System** in the multiple rounds of acquisition of a minority stake in the **National Stock Exchange of India Limited** from **General Atlantic** and **Goldman Sachs**.
- Advised **Carlyle** in the acquisition of substantial minority stake in **Indigene Private Limited**.
- Advised **Carlyle** in the acquisition of a majority stake in **Saama Technologies Inc.**
- Advised **Axis Bank Limited** in the private equity investment of USD 1.8 billion by **Bain Capital**, **Capital Group**, and the **Life Insurance Corporation of India** – *which is the largest private equity investment in the Indian banking sector*.
- Advised **Blackstone** in acquiring a controlling stake in **Mphasis Limited** from **Hewlett Packard Enterprise**.
- Advised **Tata Consumer Products limited** in the acquisition of 100% of shareholding of **Kottaram Agro Foods Private Limited** operating food products and beverages under the **SOULFULL** brand.
- Advised **Tata Chemicals Limited** on its acquisition of precipitated silica business of **Allied Silica Limited** on a slump sale basis.
- Advised **Fractal Analytics Limited** in relation to acquisition of a controlling stake in **Samya Ai**- *which was recognised as one of the benchmark deals of the year in 2021 by The Indian Business Law Journal*.
- Advised **General Atlantic** in the proposed acquisition of a majority stake in **Medplus Limited**.
- Advised **Broadpeak Investments** in its investment in **ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd (Ola)**.
- Advised **General Electric Corporation** in the divestment of its stake in the joint venture credit card business with **State Bank of India** to **Carlyle Group** and the **State Bank of India**.