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M&A

Shin & Kim has a leading M&A practice, which has played an integral role in the creating and shaping of the M&A market in Korea. Our M&A team has advised many clients, both Korean and foreign, in transactions around the world. Having been at the forefront of every landmark M&A transaction, across a wide range of industries, Shin & Kim's M&A team has a reputation for excellence.

Our M&A team has the expertise and experience to provide efficient and commercially tailored advice throughout every step of the M&A process. Whether it be a competitive bid transaction or a hostile M&A transaction, Shin & Kim's M&A team is able to effectively and efficiently advise clients through all aspects of deals, whether for the buy side or the sell side. From pre-M&A preparations, due diligence, documentation, negotiation, closing and post-closing, the M&A team will advise clients at every stage. Our extensive experience in the life cycle of M&A transactions allows our M&A team to provide commercially relevant advice on transaction structure, bidding or selling strategies, merger filings, labor and personnel issues and strategies for post-merger integration (PMI) as well as M&A-related disputes.

Key Services

Shin & Kim provides services in the following areas in connection with M&A transactions:

- M&A transaction structuring and establishment of bidding strategies
- Legal due diligence investigations of target corporations while taking into account industry-specific factors
- Definitive agreement (drafting, commenting and negotiating) for the consummation of the M&A transaction
- Transaction specific and industry or sector specific government licenses, approvals or permits
- Acquisition financing and labor and personnel management
- Dispute resolution in connection with disputes arising from M&A transactions

Experience

- Hahn & Company, acquisition of SsangYong Cement Industrial (Korea's largest cement producer)
- Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, sale of shares in Woori Bank

- Kakao Corporation, acquisition of LOEN Entertainment
- Hynix Semiconductor, sale of control interest in a company to SK Telecom
- GE Capital International Holdings, sale of Hyundai Card and Hyundai Capital Services
- SK Networks, acquisition of Tongyang Magic
- ORIX Corporation, sale of shares in Hyundai Logistics
- IMM Investment and Mirae Asset Global Investments, sale of their shares in Doosan DST to Hanwha Techwin
- Tongyang Cement & Energy Corp., sale of shares of a company to Sampyo Cement
- Netmarble Games Corporation, strategic alliance and cross-shareholding transaction with NC Soft Corporation
- PAN-Ocean, sale of shares to HarimGroup-JKL Consortium (the largest M&A transaction in 2014 involving a company under rehabilitation proceedings)
- Korea Exchange Bank, share swap with Hana Financial Group
- Dongbu Corporation, sale of Dongbu Express to DBEX Holdings
- Citigroup Korea Inc., merger with Citibank Korea Inc.
- CJ Games, sale of shares to Tencent (the largest foreign investment in the Korean content industry, which includes the broadcasting, motion pictures and games industries)
- ORIX Corporation, sale of STX Energy to GS and LG International Corp.
- SB LiMotive (a joint venture company between Samsung SDI and Robert Bosch GmbH), sales of Cobasys LLC (a Michigan company) and SB LiMotive Germany GmbH to Robert Bosch

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Awards and Rankings

- M&A Deal of the Year - Korean Air’s Acquisition of Asiana Airlines and Sale of Asiana Airlines Cargo Business
  ALB Korea Law Awards 2025
- Ranked Band 1 Law Firm for M&A
  Chambers Global / Chambers Asia 2013-2016, 2020-2026
- Ranked Tier 1 Law Firm for M&A
  IFLR 1000, 2006-2025
- Impact Deal and Case of the Year : Chubb's acquisition of Cigna's APAC businesses
  Asialaw Awards 2023
- M&A Deal of the Year : Acquisition of LINA Life Insurance of Korea,Cigna Korea and LINA Financial Service
  ALB Korea Law Awards 2022
- Best M&A Legal Advisor of the Year
  Money Today Korea IB Awards 2022
- Ranked Tier 1 Law Firm for M&A
  Asia Pacific Legal500 2013-2018, 2020-2023
- M&A Deal of the Year : Acquisition of Momentive
  ALB Korea Law Awards 2019
- Best M&A Innovative M&A House and Best M&A Seller (Sale of CJ Healthcare)
  Korea Capital Markets thebell League Table Awards 2019
- Corporate/M&A Firm of the Year
  Asialaw Asia-Pacific Legal Practice Awards 2017
- Best Deal of the Year: Privatization of Woori Bank
  Yeonhap Informax IB Awards 2017
- Ranked Tier 1 Law Firm for M&A
  Asia Legal Business(ALB) 2013-2024
- Standout Law Firm in Innovation in Corporate and Commercial Law : The privatization of Woori Financial Holdings
  FT(Financial Times) Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers Awards 2015
- M&A Legal Advisor

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