

## Mergers & Acquisitions/Private Equity

The Aird & Berlis Mergers & Acquisitions/Private Equity Group applies its Canadian expertise and global experience to every M&A/Private Equity transaction in which our firm is engaged. The knowledge of our legal professionals of what is occurring throughout the world provides a value added dimension to our services for both our domestic and international clients. We deliver a timely, responsive and efficient Canadian legal service that is tailored to the needs of each individual client based on its needs and objectives.

The M&A/PE Group uses an integrated approach to deliver exceptional service to our clients. More than 40 Aird & Berlis lawyers in at least 12 areas of Canadian law are active members of the M&A/PE Group. Within the firm, our experience extends considerably further than just acquisition work. We have highly regarded expert lawyers in all areas that are key to private equity, including tax structuring, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, funds, financing, financial services regulation and pensions as well as real estate, leasing and environmental concerns. We cover all types of private equity transactions: buy-outs, public-to-privates, portfolio management, recapitalisations and exits by sale to trade/financial buyers or by IPO. We have a strong acquisition and acquisition finance team, who have experience with many types of transactions, including 'lock box' purchase agreements as well as representation and warranty insurance.

As private equity transactions become increasingly cross-border, our independent status and domestic and multinational legal relationships ensure that we can recommend access to the most appropriate lawyers at firms with whom we have had experience.

Further, Aird & Berlis, being an independent Toronto-based law firm, is the gateway to Canada for our international clients. We act for international entities doing business in Canada and Canadian entities doing business abroad. We use our extensive network of Canadian law firms to provide comprehensive Canada-wide legal advice to all M&A and Private Equity participants.

Our M&A/PE Group is involved with numerous types of public and private mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions, including:

- > traditional stock and asset purchases, including auctions or privately-negotiated transactions
- > share exchanges
- > mergers, amalgamations and plans of arrangement
- > going private transactions
- > reorganizations, restructurings and workouts
- > takeovers (friendly and hostile) and activism matters
- > reverse takeovers
- > leveraged buyouts (LBOs) and management buyouts (MBOs)
- > fund formation and financing and regulatory compliance
- > real estate funds and flow through vehicles

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