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## ABOUT REX

Rex is dual-qualified to practise both Singapore law and PRC law. He specialises in corporate finance, corporate and commercial transactions, and regulatory compliance in Singapore, Southeast Asia and the Greater China. His principal areas of practice include cross-border investments, mergers and acquisitions, financing and initial public offerings, equity and debt issues, joint ventures, and private equity and venture capital investments.

Rex has extensive knowledge of the legal and regulatory landscape of Web 3.0, blockchain and cryptocurrencies. His clients include world-leading blockchain and cryptocurrency firms and exchanges.

Rex also advises high net worth individuals on setting up of family offices in Singapore and application to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for various tax exemptions and licensing exemptions.

## EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters which Rex has handled to-date include:

### ***IPOs and Capital Markets***

- Acted for Haidilao International Holding Ltd in its US\$964 million initial public offering and listing on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The deal won the Editor's Choice Impact Deal and Cases Awards: Impact Deal / Case of the Year at the 2020 Asialaw Awards, and was also nominated by Asian Legal Business as the Equity Market Deal of the Year (premium) in SE Asia Law Awards 2019.

- Acted for a major Malaysian cocoa ingredients producer in its initial public offering and listing on the Catalist of SGX-ST.
- Acted for a major building construction service provider in Singapore in its initial public offering and listing on the Catalist of SGX-ST.
- Acted for the RMB400 million initial public offering and listing of one of the biggest Chinese local pharmaceutical companies.
- Acted for SGX-listed Firstlink Investments Corporation Limited, in the proposed reverse takeover by the acquisition of Tai Ao Aluminium Group Limited, a manufacturer of aluminium related products based in Taishan, Guangdong, China, for approximately S\$150 million satisfied by the issue of consideration shares.
- Assisted in the S\$170 million public offering of convertible corporate bonds of a leading Chinese solar energy source company.
- As the Singapore legal counsel, assisted various PRC companies in their respective IPOs and listings in China.

### ***Mergers and Acquisitions /Joint Ventures***

- Acted for two Chinese investment funds (including a China state-owned investment fund) in the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of a Singapore company which owns various subsidiaries and semiconductor factories in Malaysia.
- Assisted in the establishment of a joint venture between the multinational conglomerate Hinduja Group and Focus Financial Partners LLC for carrying out

investment management, investment banking and real estate advisory businesses.

- Acted for Ralec Electronic Corporation, a leading chip resistor and resistor array professional manufacturer listed on Taiwan stock exchange, in its acquisition of SGX-ST listed ASJ Holdings Limited.
- Acted for Jumbo Seafood in its establishment of joint venture enterprises in China (including Shanghai and Beijing) and its franchise arrangements with companies in China.
- Acted for Shandong Shipping Corporation (which is one of the biggest state-owned enterprises in Shandong Province, the PRC) in its establishment of a joint venture enterprise in Singapore as well as the restructuring of the joint venture enterprise.
- Acted for a SGX-listed, hotel-operating company in its investment in Guangdong in relation to a joint venture property, a hotel project and the subsequent transactions relating to the joint venture.

### ***Private Equity / Venture Capital Investments***

- Acted for a cross-border venture fund based in Silicon Valley and Asia in its investment in the Singapore holding company of several offshore companies that carry out crypto exchange and crypto fund businesses.
- Acted for a leading China-based venture capital firm focusing on the areas of internet and technology in its investment in a Singapore technology company that provides innovative digital media enablement solutions and services for telecommunication service providers, content providers, media broadcasters and enterprises.
- Acted for a Chinese company in its private placement of classes of redeemable preference shares in Singapore. The proceeds of such placement would be invested in the establishment of more than 200 blocks of luxury serviced apartments in Liaoning Province, the PRC.
- Acted for a number of venture capital firms in their various investments in companies in

Singapore, China and overseas.

### ***Web 3.0, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency***

- Advised Coinbase Inc. on its proposed transactions with a Swiss foundation and the relevant operations in Singapore.
- Assisted various blockchain and cryptocurrency firms in their financing and issuance of digital tokens, including drafting of simple agreements for future tokens and simple agreements for future equity.
- Advised a number of world-leading blockchain and cryptocurrency firms (such as NEO Foundation) on the listing and legal compliance matters, including reviewing of whitepapers and analysing of whether a specific digital token would be considered a security or a capital markets product under the Singapore law.
- Advised various companies on the Payment Services Act 2019 and acted for them in the applications to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for payment services licences.

### ***General Corporate Advice***

- Assisted a leading K-12 after-school online education company headquartered in Beijing in establishment of business (including online platforms) and its operations in Singapore.
- Assisted a Singapore-based technology company in establishing its employee share option plan. Unlike a typical employee share option plan, by exercising such options, employees will be entitled to purchase units of ownership interest of a Singapore limited liability partnership which owns share capital in this company. The limited liability partnership was set up for the sole purpose of the employee share option plan.
- Acted for China State-owned BGP Geopexplorer Pte. Ltd. in various commercial matters in the region.
- Acted for the Export-Import Bank of China in its various security arrangements with offshore companies.
- Advised SMRT Corporation Ltd on its business matters.
- Advised Facebook Singapore Pte. Ltd. on

its corporate matters.

## **Family Offices and Wealth Management**

- Advised and assisted high net worth individuals from different countries (including individuals listed on the Forbes World Billionaires List) in setting up family offices in Singapore and applied to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for tax incentives under section 13O/13U of the Income Tax Act 1947 of Singapore and exemptions from a requirement to hold a capital markets services licence to carry out fund management business in Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore.

## ACCOLADES

### **Asian Legal Business**

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*"He is dual-qualified to practice law in Singapore and China."*



*"Recognised as a key member of the Greater China Desk at Drew & Napier, Huang is at the forefront of innovation in corporate law. He ensures that his clients receive cutting-edge and practical legal solutions."*

### **Singapore Business Review**

Singapore's Most Influential Lawyers under 40

*"Specialising in corporate finance, commercial transactions, and regulatory compliance, he focuses on the Greater China, Singapore, and regional markets."*

*"He is recognised for his extensive expertise in the legal and regulatory aspects of blockchain and cryptocurrencies."*

## APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong Singapore Business Association