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OVERVIEW

David Kuo is a partner and a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions practice group. Prior to joining the firm, David was a corporate partner in the Singapore office of an international law firm. David has extensive experience in various transactions throughout Asia and the US, including cross-border M&A and business combinations, private equity, and venture capital transactions, particularly in the technology, manufacturing, energy and real estate sectors. He also has substantial experience leading corporate finance transactions, including equity, debt, hybrid, and equity-linked securities. David has been consistently ranked in several legal publications including *Chambers Asia Pacific*, Legal 500 and *IFLR1000*.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

David has over 20 years of experience in the US, Hong Kong, and Singapore at US and UK-headquartered international law firms.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Global* for Corporate/M&A: International in Singapore, 2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - Corporate/M&A: Foreign Firms in Singapore, 2022-2024, 2026
  - Foreign Firms in Indonesia, 2026
- Recognized by *IFLR1000* as a Notable Practitioner in M&A and Private Equity in Singapore, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *IFLR1000* as a Rising Star in Investment Funds, PE and M&A in Hong Kong, 2013-2020 and Singapore, 2021-2024
- Recognized by *Chambers Global* for Corporate/M&A in Hong Kong, 2012-2021
- Recognized by *Chambers Asia-Pacific*
  - Corporate/M&A in Hong Kong, 2012-2021

EDUCATION

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 2004
- B.A., University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 2001

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Registered Foreign Lawyer with the Law Society of Singapore

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 October 2026, K&L Gates Advises EICR (Cyprus) on US$500 Million MTN Programme and US$300 Million Inaugural Issuance
- 10 September 2026, K&L Gates Advises Cyient on the US$218 Million Acquisition of TAO Digital
- 8 April 2026, K&L Gates Advises Olam Holdings on US$375 Million Sale of Mindsprint to Wipro
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 27 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Ally Logistic Property on Strategic Investment From CapitaLand Investment
- 29 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises HBox on Strategic Growth Investment from Charlesbank Technology Opportunities Fund
- 11 December 2025, *Chambers Asia-Pacific* 2026 Guide Recognises K&L Gates
- 25 July 2025, India Business Law Journal Names K&L Gates Among Top Firms for India-Related Work in 2025 Report
- 26 March 2025, K&L Gates Advises Nous Infosystems on Strategic Investment by TA Associates
- 16 December 2024, K&L Gates Advises Auto Components Manufacturer Motherson on Acquisition of Japanese Manufacturer Atsumitec
- 26 November 2024, K&L Gates Advises Vee Healthtek on Strategic Investment by TA Associates
- 11 July 2024, K&L Gates Straits Law Bolsters Corporate Capabilities in Singapore

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 22 April 2026, *ION Analytics* | SaaSpocalypse fall-out forces Aussie software investors to rethink M&A strategies

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity Transactions
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Healthcare
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented HBox, Inc., a leading virtual care platform for specialty practices, in connection with a growth investment it received from Charlesbank Capital Partner's Technology Opportunities Fund II. Charlesbank's investment provides capital to help HBox advance key initiatives, including expanding its virtual care capabilities, furthering its mission to transform care delivery for patients with high-risk chronic conditions, and positioning itself as the virtual care partner to the specialty practice of the future. Charlesbank Capital Partners is a middle-market private investment firm based in Boston, Massachusetts and New York, New York.
- Advised Samvardhana Motherson International Limited (Motherson) in entering into definitive agreements through its subsidiary SMRP BV to acquire a 95% stake in Japanese automotive parts manufacturer Atsumitec Co, Ltd (Atsumitec).
- Advised Bengaluru- and US-based revenue recycle management (RCM) services provider Vee Healthtek (formerly a division of Vee Technologies) on the strategic growth investment from US private equity fund TA Associates.

- Advised global AI and data engineering solutions company Nous Infosystems on the strategic growth investment from US private equity fund TA Associates.
- Represented Hinduja Global Solutions, an Indian-listed conglomerate, on (i) the disposal of its US healthcare business process optimization division in a carve-out transaction to Barings Private Equity Asia for US$1.2 billion, (ii) the acquisition of Diversify Offshore Staffing Solutions, an Australian business process optimization business with operations in the Philippines for US$40 million, and (iii) the acquisition of Teklink, Inc., a US data analytics company for US$58.5 million.
- Represented Ellimist Singapore Pte Ltd., a subsidiary of an Indian family office, on (i) the acquisition of Sagent Pharmaceuticals and Omega Laboratories from Nichi-Iko Pharmaceuticals; (ii) a business combination between Omega Laboratories and Juno Pharmaceuticals (creating one of the largest specialty generic injectable business in Canada); and (iii) the sale by Sagent Pharmaceuticals of its facility located in Raleigh, North Carolina and its related business to a global pharmaceutical company.
- Represented Pine Labs, a leading Indian merchant platform company providing financing and retail transaction technology, on its US$45 million acquisition of Fave, a South East Asia smart payment app and a loyalty and cashback platform with operations in Malaysia and Singapore, as well as its earlier Series C preferred share investment into Fave.
- Represented Apeiron Agrocommodities Pte Ltd., a Singapore-headquartered biofuel and bioenergy company with operations across South East Asia and China, on the equity investments by Mitsui Chemicals and Proterra Investment Partners.
- Represented Mirabaud, an European-based asset manager, on its (i) Series C preferred share investment into a Singapore-based technology company providing e-commerce, digital marketing, analytics, and technology integration services, and (ii) Series D preferred share investment into a Singapore based consumer brands company.
- Represented Lingble (an e-commerce service provider), Cove Living (operator of co-living spaces), Collab Asia, Inc. (digital marketing), and other emerging companies on their various venture capital financings.
- Representing EXS Capital Advisors Pte, a Singapore-based asset manager, on the settlement of its investments into SKL, a Vietnamese real estate property developer and (ii) the establishment of EPIC VCC and the ongoing establishment of its Developer of Developers VCC.
- Represented SeaOil Philippines, a leading independent fuel company in the Philippines, on its sale of a 20% interest to Caltex Australia, and the entry into a strategic partnership.
- Represented Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (i) as a selling shareholder of Ganji.com (an operator of online classified advertisement in China), in the business combination transaction between 58.com (a NYSE listed Chinese e-commerce company) and Ganji.com, which values Ganji.com at US$2.8 billion; on its Series D preferred share investment into 360Buy (now JD.com); and (iii) on its Series C preferred share investment into Ganji.com.

- Represented Brookfield Property Partners, a US-listed company focused on operating and investments in commercial real estate, on its US$500 million pre-IPO investment in China Xintiandi, a subsidiary of Shui On Land, a Hong Kong-listed real estate property developer in in the PRC.
- Represented Jinchuan Group Limited, one of the largest global base metal producers and a PRC state-owned enterprise, on its approximately US$1.36 billion unsolicited take-over of Metorex Limited, a South Africa-based on Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed producer of copper and cobalt, by way of a scheme of arrangement.
- Represented Ule Group Holdings, an e-commerce company and a joint venture between China Post, a PRC state-owned enterprise, and TOM Group Limited, a Hong Kong listed media company, on its pre-IPO financing by strategic and financial investors.
- Represented Meadville Holdings Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, in the business combination transaction with TTM Technologies, Inc., a NASDAQ listed company, and the registration of shares of TTM Technologies, Inc. to be issued in connection with the transaction. The transaction is the first time that US listed shares are offered as consideration in the sale of a Hong Kong listed company.