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OVERVIEW

James Chen is a partner representing a broad range of clients, including multinational corporations, private equity firms, and industrial companies based in Taiwan, China, Singapore, and Indonesia, in their cross-border mergers and acquisitions. He also represents issuers, borrowers, lenders, and underwriters in a variety of corporate finance transactions. His experience includes public offerings and private placements of equity, debt, convertible, and other securities, export credit facilities, bank loans, securitization of accounts receivable, trade financing, and derivative transactions.

James has vast experience in the People's Republic of China (PRC), having represented issuers and underwriters in several IPO and B share listings in the PRC. He acted for foreign investors in the negotiation and documentation of more than 40 joint ventures and foreign wholly owned projects, including US$4 billion expansion projects for a paper manufacturer in the PRC.

Prior to joining the firm, James spent three years as a chief legal officer with a major Asian conglomerate in Singapore, and more than eight years in private practice with an international firm in its New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore offices.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Global* as an Eminent Practitioner for Capital Markets and Corporate/M&A in Taiwan, 2024-2026
- Recognized by *Chambers Greater China Region* as an Eminent Practitioner for Capital Markets and Corporate/M&A in Taiwan, 2022-2026
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* in Taiwan
  - Leading partner for Corporate and M&A, 2021-2026
  - Recommended Lawyer for Capital Markets, 2024-2025
- Named to The A-List: Taiwan's Top Lawyers, *Asia Business Law Journal*, 2019, 2022-2024

EDUCATION

- J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1993 *cum laude*
- LL.M., Cornell Law School, 1990
- LL.B., National Taiwan University, 1987

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of Taiwan

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English
- Taiwanese

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 June 2024, June 2024 Accolades

NEWS & EVENTS

- 24 August 2026, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion on US$1.15 Billion Convertible Senior Notes Offering
- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 15 January 2026, *Chambers Greater China Region* 2026 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 1 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises LIGHTEL on US$10.5 Million IPO on Taipei Exchange
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 16 January 2025, *Chambers Greater China Region* 2025 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 15 January 2025, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates In 2025 Asia Pacific Edition
- 12 November 2024, 2025: A Year of Opportunities for Asset Management Business in Taiwan
- 15 February 2024, *Chambers Global* 2024 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 18 January 2024, Chambers Greater China Region 2024 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 17 January 2024, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates in 2024 Asia Pacific Edition

- 3 October 2023, K&L Gates Advises Live-Streaming Platform 17LIVE on Landmark De-SPAC Business Combination in Singapore
- 16 February 2023, K&L Gates Recognized in 2023 *Chambers Global* Guide
- 16 January 2023, Chambers Greater China Region 2023 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 16 January 2023, The Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2023 Asia Pacific Edition
- 11 May 2022, K&L Gates Advises Silicon Motion Technology Corporation on US$3.8 Billion Cross-Border Take-Private Acquisition by MaxLinear, Inc.
- 8 April 2022, Three Taipei Partners Recognized Among Asia Business Law Journal's A-List
- 17 February 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 Chambers Global Guide
- 13 January 2022, Chambers Greater China Region 2022 Guide Recognises K&L Gates
- 13 January 2022, Legal 500 Recognizes K&L Gates in 2022 Asia Pacific Guide
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises Gorilla Technology Group Inc. on Proposed Merger With Global SPAC Partners Co.
- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 Chambers Global Guide
- 16 December 2020, K&L Gates Recognized in Chambers 2021 Asia Pacific and FinTech Guides
- 26 May 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Earn Honors in Chambers Global, Regional Guides
- 6 May 2015, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers Global Guides

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 28 August 2026, *Ignites Asia* | Morgan Stanley, First Sentier stick with Cathay despite scandal

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Public Companies

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Power