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Expertise

Capital Markets and Securities
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity

Bar Admissions

Québec, 1998

Olivier uses his deep knowledge of securities and corporate law to provide clients with detailed and creative advice. Olivier offers business-minded solutions on a wide variety of corporate finance activities, as well as mergers and acquisitions.

He has extensive experience in equity and debt public offerings, takeover bids, plans of arrangement, private placements and corporate governance matters, as well as general securities law compliance.

Public companies, investment banks and private equity funds – Canadian and international – can count on Olivier's meticulous approach and thoughtful manner. He has significant expertise in the retail, entertainment, media and mining industries.

Olivier is a member of the Advisory Committee on Corporate Finance of the Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec's securities regulatory authority). Olivier is also the coordinator of the Capital Markets practice in the Montréal office. He chairs our Montréal Student/Stagiaire Evaluation Committee and is a member of our Lawyer Evaluation Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

RelationShop Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel for RelationShop Inc. in its acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Mercatus Technologies, a leading provider of eCommerce solutions for regional grocers and independents.

Ember Infrastructure Management, LP

Acted for funds managed by Ember Infrastructure Management, LP, a New York-based private equity firm, in its \$395-million acquisition of H2O Innovation Inc., a TSX-listed company, by way of statutory plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, and the associated rollover of shares by Investissement Québec, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and management.

ShockWave Medical, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Nasdaq-listed Shockwave Medical, Inc., in its acquisition of Nasdaq- and TSX-listed British Columbia-based Neovasc Inc., for a total transaction value of up to US\$147 million consisting of a purchase price per share of cash and a contingent value right.

LKQ Corporation

Acted as Canadian counsel to LKQ Corporation in its C\$2.8-billion acquisition of Uni-Select Inc.

PSP Investments

Acts as regulatory counsel to PSP Investments in the structuring of all its

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worldwide investments to ensure compliance with the PSPIB Act and Regulations, as well as advising PSP Investments on governance and other commercial and regulatory matters.

Stifel Nicholaus Canada Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters led by Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc. in OpSens Inc.'s \$11.5-million bought deal public offering of common shares including the full exercise of the over-allotment option by the underwriters.

PSP Investments

Acted for PSP Investments (PSP) in relation to its investment in D-Wave Systems Inc. for the latter's merger with a SPAC, DPCM Capital Inc. – a deal with an implied value of US\$1.6 billion. Davies also advised PSP in its concurrent PIPE investment in D-Wave Quantum Inc., the resulting public issuer of the De-SPAC transaction.

National Bank Financial Inc.

Acted for National Bank Financial Inc. in its capacity as independent financial adviser to the board of directors of Intertape Polymer Group Inc. in its US\$2.6-billion sale to Clearwater Capital Group, L.P.

FS Investors

Acted for FS Investors, as lead investor, as well as Fonds de solidarité FTQ, Fondaction, Fonds économie circulaire and MacKinnon, Bennett & Co. in connection with their respective investments in the Montréal green tech company CarbiCrete Inc.

Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec and Investissement Québec

Acted for Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec (F.T.Q.) and Investissement Québec as private placement subscribers in mdf commerce inc.'s private placement of \$52.6 million in subscription receipts in the context of mdf's acquisition of Periscope Intermediate Corporation for a purchase price of approximately US\$207.3 million.

RECOGNITIONS

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Corporate Finance & Securities

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Mergers and Acquisitions; Real Estate Acquisitions

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Corporate Finance and Securities (Most Frequently Recommended); Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities Law

Who's Who Legal: Capital Markets—Debt and Equity; Who's Who Legal: Canada—Capital Markets

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INSIGHTS

Investing In... 2024: Canada chapter, co-author

Jan. 01, 2024

Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, Déjeun'aide 2020 – Breakfast with Leaders, "Financial Markets in the Time of a Pandemic"; Webinar

Nov. 13, 2020

Québec's Securities Tribunal Prevents Group Mach from Blocking Transat A.T./Air Canada Deal

Aug. 14, 2019

Canada Chapter, The International Comparative Legal Guide to Corporate Governance, co-author

July 01, 2019

Davies Governance Insights 2018

Oct. 03, 2018

Davies Governance Insights 2017

Oct. 02, 2017

Condotels and Other Real Estate Projects such as Timeshares Targeted by Draft Regulation of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF)

Dec. 02, 2016

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal, LLB, 1996

Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, 1993 Conventum

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Autorité des marchés financiers, Advisory Committee on Corporate Finance

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Olivier has lectured at the Collège des administrateurs de sociétés of Université Laval in Québec City.