

PRIVATE EQUITY

AT A GLANCE

Celebrated as a “one-stop shop for clients” by *Chambers USA* 2005, the McDermott Will & Emery Private Equity Group is deeply committed to helping its fund and portfolio company clients instantly respond to important business prospects that arise throughout the world. Our lawyers advise clients on how to most effectively seize new opportunities in an increasingly competitive market, while at the same time maximizing their after-tax investment returns. With an extensive client roster that spans industries ranging from financial services, health care and media to software, business services distribution and manufacturing, we offer clients throughout the world a flexible, proactive and team-based approach.

Experience

McDermott’s Private Equity Group includes current and former principals of major private equity firms as well as former in-house general counsel for portfolio companies of well-known private equity sponsors. This “inside-out” knowledge of the private equity industry provides our clients with a unique perspective on their transactions as well as on the day-to-day operations of their valuable investments. Our renowned tax, employee benefits, antitrust and other groups also help us provide leading-edge advice on fund formation, buyouts, early- and late-stage investments, and recapitalizations. We assist portfolio companies and other emerging enterprises with mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, private investments in public equity, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, venture financings and a broad spectrum of other corporate matters. Our services include:

- Representing private equity funds in buyout acquisitions of privately and publicly held companies
- Designing transaction and compensation structures to optimize financial results for fund investors, sponsors, managers and other investors
- Structuring and organizing fund investment vehicles and management entities
- Reviewing and negotiating private equity fund terms
- Advising public portfolio companies on evolving corporate governance, stock exchange listing standards and disclosure issues
- Negotiating and implementing joint ventures or other strategic alliances
- Helping companies negotiate and obtain capital for growth and expansion

Our private equity practice works seamlessly with our other practice areas—health care; estate planning; regulatory and government affairs; trial; and intellectual property, media and technology—to supply industry-focused advice on matters essential to strategic investment decision making.

International Reach

Attentive, coordinated cross-border solutions to the complex problems of global private equity matters are a particular strength of McDermott. We offer broad multi-jurisdictional private equity capabilities across the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe. Our London private equity practice represents clients in a myriad of sectors, ranging from the traditional “old” economies to the new high-tech economies. From London, we counsel on fund formation, U.S. and international venture capital, early- and late-stage investments, and other transactions. We also provide strategies on private equity financing, tax structuring, and Alternative Investment Market and other stock exchange listings. Our team works across borders and around the clock to deliver fully integrated services to our international clients from our 14 offices.

Scope of Services

- Buyouts & recapitalizations
- Executive compensation
- Fund formation & management
- Joint ventures/strategic alliances/licensing
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Public offerings
- Tax
- Venture financings

Our Team

70+ lawyers

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Awards & Recognition

Our private equity practice is globally recognized.

- *Chambers 2006* ranked us as a top-tier firm for our private equity practice.
- *The Association for Corporate Growth* recently bestowed on one of our partners the prestigious Meritorious Service Award for his leadership in the community and the corporate arena.

Our Firm

McDermott Will & Emery is a leading international law firm with a diversified business practice. We represent a wide range of commercial, industrial and financial enterprises, both publicly and privately held. Our clientele include some of the world's largest corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, and individuals.

Currently numbering 1,100 lawyers, we have offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Munich, New York, Orange County, Rome, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. McDermott Will & Emery has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices (Shanghai).