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J.D., Columbia Law School, 2007

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Michael Hong represents financial institutions and corporate clients in a variety of U.S., Canadian and other international transactions. These matters have included initial public offerings and other equity offerings, as well as high-yield and investment-grade debt offerings and restructuring transactions, such as tender offers, exchange offers and consent solicitations, and financings under the U.S.-Canada Multijurisdictional Disclosure System.

Mr. Hong also counsels corporate clients of all sizes across a variety of industries on an ongoing basis, assisting with the review and preparation of SEC filings, corporate governance matters and interactions with security holders, stock exchanges and other regulatory bodies. He also advises Canadian issuers in connection with initial listings on the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq and the NYSE American.

Recent representations include:

- Performance Food Group Company in its \$1.06 billion high-yield notes offering and \$450 million equity offering to finance its acquisition of Reinhart Foodservice;
- Alpha Auto Group in its \$243.5 million high-yield notes offering;
- the initial purchasers in the \$1.6 billion Rule 144A high-yield notes offering of Novelis Corporation;
- Acrisure Holdings in multiple secured and unsecured high-yield notes offerings and its \$2 billion recapitalization of its preferred stock;
- Stanley Black & Decker in numerous public offerings, including its \$750 million offering of subordinated debentures, \$1 billion offering of senior notes and \$675 million offering of equity units;
- the initial purchasers in the \$650 million and \$500 million high-yield notes offerings of Brookfield Residential Properties Inc.;
- Ashtead Group in its \$1.2 billion high-yield secured notes offering;
- the initial purchasers in the \$650 million high-yield notes offering by IAMGOLD Corporation;
- Talen Energy in a series of refinancing transactions, including its \$400 million offering of high-yield notes and related tender offers;
- the initial purchasers in the \$500 million high-yield notes offering of Starwood Properties Trust Inc.;
- Shelf Drilling Holdings, Ltd. in its \$600 million high-yield notes offering;
- the initial purchasers in the \$500 million high-yield notes offering of Ladder Capital Corp.;
- the initial purchasers in the \$900 million Rule 144A high-yield notes offering of MDC Partners Inc.;
- the underwriters in the \$350 million public offering of common stock by Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.;
- Frontier Communications Corporation in its \$6.6 billion Rule 144A high-yield notes offering;

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- Spotify AB in its \$1 billion private placement of convertible notes;
 - the underwriters in the \$290 million initial public offering of common stock of Bats Global Markets, Inc.;
 - NextEra Energy, Inc. in the \$406 million initial public offering of common units of its yieldco NextEra Energy Partners, L.P.;
 - First Solar, Inc. in the \$420 million initial public offering of common units of its joint venture yieldco 8point3 Energy Partners, L.P.;
 - SunEdison, Inc. and its yieldcos, TerraForm Power, Inc. and TerraForm Global, Inc., in numerous financing transactions, including public and private offerings of high-yield notes, convertible notes and preferred stock;
 - the underwriters in the \$385 million initial public offering of common shares of Essent Group Ltd.;
 - Fortress Transportation and Infrastructure Investors in its \$340 million initial public offering of common shares;
 - Forestar Group Inc. in its \$250 million Rule 144A high-yield notes offering, \$125 million Rule 144A convertible notes offering and \$150 million public tangible equity units offering;
 - the underwriters in the \$671 million initial public offering of common units of The Carlyle Group;
 - Realogy Holdings Corp. in numerous financing transactions, including its \$1.2 billion initial public offering, multiple secured and unsecured high-yield notes offerings and a \$2.7 billion exchange transaction pursuant to which holders of Realogy's unsecured notes exchanged such notes for either convertible notes or new longer-dated notes; and
 - various issuers, including CME Group, Crane Co., WhiteWave Foods, Healthpeak Properties, Hillenbrand, Hasbro, XL, Ball Corp. and Activision, in investment grade notes offerings aggregating in excess of \$30 billion.