



# Karun Cariappa

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Karun Cariappa is a Partner in the Corporate and Commercial practice group.

## Practices

Corporate & Commercial  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Private Equity  
Venture Capital  
Capital Markets

## Education

LL.M., The London School of  
Economics and Political  
Science, University of  
London (2003)

B.A.L., LL.B., J.S.S. Law  
College, University of  
Mysore (2002)

## Professional Affiliations

Solicitor of the Senior Courts  
of England & Wales

Karnataka State Bar Council

Charter Member, The Indus  
Entrepreneurs (TiE),  
Singapore

## Recognitions & Accomplishments

India Business Law Journal's  
Top 100 A-List of  
International Counsel  
March 2019 as "a lawyer of  
repute"

Deal of the year by IBLJ

Karun has multi-disciplinary practice, including mergers & acquisitions, private equity, venture capital and general corporate matters. He has also advised corporate clients, investment banks, selling shareholders and sponsors on a wide range of capital markets transactions.

Karun brings significant experience and relationships across both Hong Kong and Singapore, where he has been based for a number of years. Prior to joining the Firm, Karun was a partner and global co-head of the India practice at an international law firm.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

In his areas of expertise, Karun has advised and represented several prominent clients including:

- **The University of Tokyo Edge Capital Partners**, on a US\$11.7 million Series A investment in Aerem, a clean energy startup headquartered in Mumbai, India;
- **Wilmar International Limited**, on its proposed acquisition of a 31.06% stake in Adani Wilmar Limited, amounting to approximately US\$2 billion, from Adani Commodities Limited;
- **Asia Pacific Resources International Pte. Ltd.**, on its control acquisition of Origami Cellulo Private Limited, a leading paper manufacturing company for US\$50 million;
- **TowerBrook Capital Partners**, on the Indian law aspects of its acquisition of CBTS, a leading North American provider of IT solutions and services, from altafiber;
- **Sunera Technologies**, on its 100% acquisition by Sutherland Digital Inc. for US\$180 million;
- **TVS Group**, on its 100% acquisition of Swiss E-Mobility Group for US\$ 100 million;
- **Dover Corporation**, on the sale of some of its global assets, including India, to Stabilus SE for US\$680 million;
- **PEMBA Capital Partners**, on the Indian law aspects of its acquisition of SuperConcepts Pty Ltd;

- **M&G**, on its US\$28 million investment in Livpure, a company that provides 'water as a service' services in India;
- **MUFG**, on its investment in Neo Group, a leading wealth management platform in India;
- **Google**, on its investment in Moving Tech (d/b/a Namma Yatri), an opensource ride sharing app in India;
- **Venturi**, on its US\$27 million investment in K-12 Techno Private Limited, a leading education platform in India;
- **Venturi**, on its US\$25 million investment in DALI Discount AG, a Philippines based discount store;
- **B Capital**, on its US\$5 million investment in Sugar.fit, a health tech startup in India;
- **MUFG and MUFG Innovation Partners**, on their investment in Lentra AI;
- **Google**, on its investment in CropIn Technologies Private Limited, an agritech company based in India;
- **nCinga Innovations** on its 100% acquisition by Zilingo for US\$15 million;
- **Vara Technologies**, on its 100% acquisition by Pagarbook;
- **TransAsia**, a Hong Kong based private equity fund, on protecting its interests with respect to an asset in India that was subject to bankruptcy proceedings;
- **Thakral Corporation**, a Singapore listed conglomerate, on its investments in the region, including India;
- A large **SE Asia based family office**, on its investments in India;
- A large **Singapore based family office** on its investments and general corporate advice across the world;
- **Rakuten Symphony** on its general corporate matters and investments in India;
- **Glade Brook Capital Partners** on its investments in a food delivery platform in India;
- **ICICI Securities and Citigroup** on the US\$485 million private placement by IndInfravit Trust, an infrastructure investment trust sponsored by L&T Infrastructure Projects Limited (a leading Indian road infrastructure development company), the first privately placed infrastructure investment trust offering in India;
- **Nomura and Citigroup** on the proposed private placement of units by an infrastructure investment trust sponsored by IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (a leading Indian road infrastructure development company); and
- **ICICI Securities, Axis Capital, HSBC, Nomura and SMC Capital Markets** on the proposed initial public offering of Crystal Crop Protection (a leading Indian fertilizer company).