

## CHINA

*Founded in 1920, Gide is a leading international law firm operating out of 12 offices worldwide. With 550 lawyers and legal consultants drawn from 35 different nationalities, the firm provides specialist quality legal services in the most complex areas of national and international finance and business law.*

**Gide has been present in China since 1987 and was one of the first foreign law firms to operate in China. Our practice is handled by a team of 60 people, including 30 western and Chinese lawyers, working from two offices in Beijing and Shanghai. The team co-operates closely with the firm's specialist teams in Paris and its other international offices.**

*“ Esteemed full-service firm, handling complex cross-border transactions and reorganisations for a mix of international and Chinese corporations. Has notable experience in advising PRC corporates on onshore and offshore investment structures as well as tax efficiency issues. Along with handling transfer pricing and general compliance issues, also highly skilled in advising on contentious tax matters. Regularly advises on matters with European or francophone-nation aspects. »*

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## Expertise and Practice Areas

The Gide China team offers its clients (which include companies, international institutions, government ministries and trade bodies) high quality services, combining solid legal knowledge and a highly commercial approach to their needs, across all sectors of business law:

- Foreign Direct Investments in China
- Mergers & Acquisitions - Corporate / Restructuring
- Outbound Investments
- Projects (Finance & Infrastructure) - Public-Private Partnerships
- Energy / Clean Tech
- Mining, Oil & Gas
- Construction
- Real Estate
- Banking & Finance - Financial Services
- Venture Capital - Private Equity
- Insurance
- Antitrust Law - Anticorruption - Compliance
- International Trade Law (WTO, Antidumping)
- Retail & Distribution
- Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media & Technology
- Dispute Settlement and Arbitration
- Employment Law
- Tax

*“ Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. advises many of France's largest energy and infrastructure companies on their activities in China, and also assists private Chinese project companies and SOEs with investment and development mandates in Africa. In 2017-2018, the group handled an increasing flow of transport, communications and port infrastructure projects throughout sub-Saharan Africa. »*

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### The Team

The China team is comprised of western and Chinese lawyers based in Beijing, Shanghai and Paris, who are highly-experienced in the practice of Chinese and international business law. The team's working languages are Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin and Shanghaiese), English and French. Our work extends throughout all of China, depending on where negotiations are taking place or where its clients' businesses are based. If required, the China team also works with local lawyers and legal consultants in the regions where our clients conduct business.

The China team can draw on advice and support from all of Gide's specialist legal practitioners in Paris and other international offices.

### Contacts with the Chinese Authorities

Gide's China team maintains close relationships with the Chinese authorities and government agencies who call on the firm for advice on their plans for legislative or regulatory reform, including:

- The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
- The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)
- The China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC)
- The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC)
- The People's Bank of China (PBOC)
- The State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC)
- The State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE)
- The State Administration of Taxation (SAT)
- The General Administration of Customs (GAC)
- The Ministry of Justice

### Publications Information

The China team regularly publishes books and articles on Chinese law. It also organises conferences on Chinese business law, particularly on foreign investment and publishes legal newsletters available on Gide's website (gide.com).

*Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. has a long-standing presence in the Chinese tax market where it advises multinationals, and particularly French companies on the tax aspects of a wide range of corporate transactions. Indeed, the China team often acts in conjunction with its colleagues in Paris to advise on outbound investment transactions in Africa, and inbound transactions involving French corporates. In addition to its M&A and investment work, the Beijing-based group has also advised clients including an international pharmaceutical company on the tax issues arising from a group reorganisation. »*

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*Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I.'s 'overall service is good and the legal analysis is thorough and documented'. The practice is experienced in regulated industries such as aeronautics and defence, automotive, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, and steel. The team is also active in deals involving the banking and finance, retail, manufacturing, and tourism and leisure sectors. The practice in China has expanded beyond its traditional client base of French corporations; it now also increasingly acts for other European multinational groups and Chinese entities. »*

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