

OUTBOUND INVESTMENTS | CHINA

Gide is an international law firm, one of the biggest and the best in Europe, founded in Paris in 1920. The firm has 12 offices around the world and 550 lawyers, drawn from 35 different nationalities. In each of its offices in Europe, Asia, North America, Africa and the Middle East, Gide puts its comprehensive knowledge of local markets, its regional expertise and the resources of an international law firm to the service of its clients.

“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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Ranking No. 1 in France

Gide is the first international law firm to have originated in France. For more than 90 years, Gide has been offering its clients high added-value legal advice and assistance. In Paris, some 350 lawyers (including 83 partners), one of the largest teams in the country, share the same passion for excellence. The Paris office is organised into practice groups, each specialising in a specific area of business law. According to the individual characteristics and particularities of client matters, the members of the practice groups form multidisciplinary work groups adapted to suit requirements. Moreover, the **China Desk in Paris** offers additional services to the firm’s Chinese clients via dedicated partners and lawyers.

Gide’s M&A Practice - a Major Player in France

Gide’s Mergers & Acquisitions/Corporate team is among the best in France. It is one of the few teams recognised for its expertise in all kinds of M&A/Corporate work, including **public and private mergers and acquisitions, stock exchange and securities regulation, private equity, restructuring and privatisations.**

Gide Paris is regularly instructed on headline deals and is highly regarded for its first-class expertise, in-depth knowledge and breadth of skills. We advise on sectors with high growth potential such as:

- Banking, insurance and finance
- Food and wine industry
- Infrastructure and real estate investments
- Industry
- Natural resources, energy and agriculture
- Research and clean tech

“Combines strong French expertise with the ability to advise international companies on cross-border matters. Regularly handles sophisticated joint-venture and M&A transactions, as well as corporate structure issues. Enjoys a significant depth of experience in many different industries including healthcare, retail and insurance.”

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A Cross-border Task Force to Accompany Your Global Strategy

Gide has significant experience providing cross-border advice for various Chinese companies with their go-global strategy. Our lawyers are skilled in the most complex transactions covering a wide range of industries and their working languages are Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin and Shanghaiese), English and French. The team understands both the Chinese and overseas business environments and is able to provide a comprehensive and professional service that meets our Chinese clients' requirements throughout the world. The **China Desk in Paris** also offers additional services via dedicated lawyers who ensure a link with the other offices in China.

Our Chinese clients therefore benefit at the same time from a direct contact with Chinese-speaking experts in the People's Republic of China, as well as from the services of our first-tier M&A team in Paris.

Our Strengths

- One of only a few international law firms with a **dedicated cross-border team specialising in Chinese outbound investment** comprised of lawyers with first-class expertise in their field and in their own jurisdictions who work seamlessly together to achieve your project's objective and guarantee successful acquisitions in France.
- **A team ranking No. 1 in France** with a strong track record in large-scale cross-border transactions. This allows us to bring specialist knowledge and depth of resources, wherever required for transactions, and to ensure **swift, cost-efficient and optimum solutions** through our project management approach.
- **An excellent business network.** Our French heritage remains a core strength of the firm and Gide maintains excellent relationships with the French authorities and local agencies, not to mention our excellent business networking opportunities and local knowledge. No fewer than 38 of all CAC 40-listed companies - the top 40 companies of the French stock exchange - are Gide clients, and French multinationals represent a significant part of our global network's client base.

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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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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