



Practices:Corporate & Commercial Mergers & Acquisitions Private Equity

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Representative Matters:

In her area of expertise, Nayantara has advised and represented several prominent clients which include:

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co on 100% acquisition of Edelweiss Insurance Brokers Limited;
- Daily Mail and General Trust Plc. on the India leg of the sale of its insurance risk business - RMS Inc to Moody's Corporation;
- Swiss Re on its joint venture with Paytm to start a general insurance company in India (through the joint acquisition of Raheja QBE General Insurance);
- Votorantim on sale of its controlling stake in Shree Digvijay Cement Co Limited to True North Fund VI LLP;
- Future Markets Network Limited on sale of 100% shareholding in its subsidiaries, Gati Realtors Private Limited and Future Retail Destination Limited to E-Shang Redwood;
- Metropolis Healthcare Limited and its promoters on (i) investment in the company by the Caryle Group; (ii) acquisition of Sanjeevani Labs by way of a business transfer; and (iii) pre- IPO restructuring;
- IHH Healthcare Berhad on its investment in its Indian subsidiaries;
- Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds on (i) multiple acquisitions including acquisitions of seed companies in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Tanzania; (ii) and acquisitions of assets from Monsanto Inc in South Africa and India; and (iii) investment by IFC in Mahyco Singapore;
- Edelweiss Financial Services Limited and Edelweiss Insurance Brokers Limited (EIBL) in relation to a minority investment in EIBL by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (AJG);

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- Deliner Couplers and its shareholders on its sale to EQT;
- Vistra Group on its 100% acquisition of IL&FS Trust Company Limited;
- Times Internet Limited on its overseas acquisition of the Willow TV Group;
- People 2.0 (backed by TPG) on its acquisition of Husys Consulting Limited:
- Rosy Blue on its investment in Leo Schachter group;
- Reliance Industries Limited on its bids for the acquisition of various media rights;
- Excellence logging Limited on the acquisition of assets of the surface data logging business from Weatherford International PIc;
- Lighthouse on the India leg of the acquisition of H5; and
- The Ima Group on the sale of Hassia Packaging to Rovema GmbH.

Financial Sponsors, Private Equity and Venture Capital

- The Blackstone Group on its exit from Gokaldas Exports Limited by sale to Florintree Advisors;
- CarVal Investors on its acquisition of the Uttam steel businesses in Maharashtra;
- Clayton Dubilier & Rice and Solenis International LP on the India leg of the merger of BASF's wet-end Paper and Water Chemicals business with Solenis;
- Investcorp on their investment in Zolostays Private Limited and Safari Industries Limited;
- Mirae Capital on their investment in Zolostays Private Limited and Sorting Hat Technologies Private Limited (dba Unacademy);
- Indgrowth Capital on its investment in Chokhani Securities Limited;
- The Abraaj Group on a majority investment in BSR Super Specialty Hospitals Limited and exits from certain portfolio companies;
- Peninsula Brookfield on its investment in Total Environment;
- CIP Capital on the India leg of the global acquisition of the 3 Pillar Group;
- Insight Venture Partners on the India leg of the acquisition of 6Sense Insights Inc;
- GI Partners on the India leg of the acquisition of Sectigo;
- VSS Capital Partners on the India leg of the acquisition of the Centroid group;



- NewQuest Partners on the sale of its part stake in Brainbees Solutions (DBA FirstCry);
- PineBridge on its investment in Uniparts India Limited; and
- Blackpine Private Equity Partners on its investment in Tech4Billion Media (DBA Chingari).

Others

- Unic Memory Technology (Hong Kong) Limited on settlement of dispute with Lava International Limited and its promoters;
- Reliance Retail Limited, Reliance Brands and Major Brands on their franchise agreements; and
- Gilead Sciences, Inc., Chain IQ Group AG, China Fortune Land Development Co., Ltd., UcWeb and Excellence Logging on their India entry strategy and general corporate advisory.

Publications and Presentations:

Nayantara has authored / co-authored the following contributions:

- "Social Media and Fake News: How To Avoid Panic Without Infringing Freedom Of Speech?" published by Inc42.com (May 2020);
- "Navigating the China-India Investment Corridor", published by China Law & Practice (2016); and
- "Voting Arrangements in Listed Companies Clarified" published by India Business Law Journal (2015).