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Education

LL.M., Columbia Law School, 2012
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Bar Admissions

New York
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English
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Andrea Spadacini is a highly experienced cross-border M&A lawyer who focuses on advising sovereign wealth funds, family offices, global financial sponsors and multinational corporations on complex M&A transactions across a range of sectors.

In addition to his private M&A work, Mr. Spadacini has substantial experience in public M&A work, corporate governance and securities matters, with a particular emphasis on transactions with a U.S.-related element.

His successful track record has earned recognition from leading legal publications, such as *IFLR1000* and *Lawdragon* as one of its 100 Leading Lawyers in the Middle East.

Mr. Spadacini's recent M&A experience includes advising:

- **a regional sovereign wealth fund** in a variety of matters, including private equity, infrastructure and energy investments involving assets based in the U.S., as well as in joint venture transactions
- **Judan Financial**, a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi's International Holding Company, in its acquisition of a 50.1% stake in Alpha Wave Global, a U.S.-based alternative asset manager and investor in leading artificial intelligence firms such as SpaceX, Anthropic and OpenAI
- **OSN Group**, a leading entertainment network in the MENA region, in connection with a strategic minority investment by Warner Bros. Discovery in OSN Streaming Ltd.
- **Pinnacle Investments S.A.**, the Luxembourg-based investment vehicle for certain Middle Eastern investors, in connection with joint venture arrangements totaling \$1.2 billion relating to three luxury hotels. The deal included the acquisition from Sahara Group of Grosvenor House in London and the refinancing of certain loans secured on The Plaza and Dream Hotels in New York
- **Cinépolis de México, S.A. de C.V.**, the largest cineplex chain in Latin America and the fourth largest in the world, in connection with its:
 - three-party joint venture with Abdulmohsen Al-Hokair Group for Tourism and Development Company and Al Tayer Group in Saudi Arabia
 - minority investment in PT Cinemaxx Global Pasifik in Indonesia
- **Investindustrial** and its portfolio companies in a number of transactions, including the acquisitions of:
 - Al Fursan AlMaghawear Group, a leading manufacturer of sauces and condiments based in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from Gulf Japan Food Fund and founders
 - the Procon Products Business, a division of Standex International Corporation
 - Micropump, Inc. from IDEX Corporation
 - Quality Pasta Company from its founders and other shareholders
 - the assets constituting the U.S. dressing, sauces and marinades business division of Richelieu Foods, Inc.
- **Permira** in the partial sale of Alter Domus Group to Cinven, at an enterprise value of €4.9 billion

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- **Silver Lake** in connection with its voluntary tender offer for the French-listed company CEGID Group and related strategic advice, including a plan to transform CEGID Group into a Societas Europaea and its potential relocation to the Netherlands
 - **Hg** in the \$650 million sale of Ullink to Itiviti, a company backed by Nordic Capital
 - **Lionel Messi** in his agreement to play for Major League Soccer club Inter Miami CF
 - **Quantum Pacific** in the acquisition of a 30% interest in the Atlético Madrid football club
 - **58.com Inc.**, operating China's largest online marketplace for classifieds, in its acquisition of Gumtree.com Limited, the leading online classifieds business in the U.K.
 - **United Talent Agency**, a leading global talent agency representing artists and other professionals in the entertainment industry, in connection with its minority investment in Lark Management Group Limited
 - **Speciality Chemicals International Limited** in the sale of the Polynt-Reichhold Group, a leading global composites and coatings technology producer, for approximately €2.5 billion, to funds advised by Black Diamond
 - **Exxon Mobil Corporation** in its \$3 billion acquisition of a 25% indirect interest in the Area 4 block of the Rovuma Basin offshore of Mozambique from Eni S.p.A.
 - **The Travel Corporation Limited** in its sale of TTC Travel Group Limited to funds advised by Apollo Global Management, Inc.
 - **L'Occitane International S.A.** in its acquisitions of:
 - 83% of Sol de Janeiro Holdings, Inc. at an enterprise value of \$450 million
 - the Elemis Group for \$900 million from U.S. private equity seller L Catterton
 - a combined 80% interest in Save The Duck S.p.A., based on an enterprise value of approximately €150 million
 - Dr. Vranjes Firenze, a luxury home fragrance brand headquartered in Italy, from its founder and Bluegem Capital
 - **Credit Suisse Asset Management Mexico** and **Nexus Capital** in connection with the business combination of Motivus (f/k/a AgileThought, Inc.) with the SPAC LIV Capital Acquisition Corp., with a market capitalization of approximately \$421 million
 - **Kismet Acquisition One**, a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$1.9 billion initial merger with Nexters Global Limited