



INTRODUCTION

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Sumes Dewan, managing partner of Lex Favios, is a corporate and securities lawyer with more than 20 years' experience in M&A transactions and cross-border transactions.

Lex Favios was ranked Best New Law Firm in the Indian Law Firms Awards, 2015, by *India Business Law Journal*. *International Financial Law Review* has ranked Lex Favios as a Notable Firm in the practice area of finance and corporate.

Mr. Dewan specializes in foreign investment in India, corporate law, banking and finance, joint ventures, cross-border taxation issues, real estate, and SEBI takeover regulations. He advises clients on issues related to making an offering in the domestic and international markets and drafting the requisite documents for initial public offerings, global depository receipts, foreign currency convertible bonds, Euro bonds, etc. Dewan has also advised clients on issues relating to acquisition of both Indian and overseas companies, including the foreign exchange and other governmental regulations applicable to such transactions; filing applications and obtaining clearances with the various regulatory authorities; conducting legal due diligence; structuring domestic and cross-border acquisitions, with focus on issues such as tax management, determining the type of SPV, jurisdiction of SPV, type of instruments, etc.; setting up real estate funds, and negotiating hotel management agreements and contracts.

In addition, he has advised clients on matters related to domestic and cross-border syndicated lending (both secured and unsecured), and asset sales and corporate financing and refinancing, including the setting up of NBFCs.

Mr. Dewan is one of the few lawyers in India to be admitted as an honorary fellow of the Association of Fellows and Legal Scholars, Centre for International Studies. He has also been nominated to the Direct Taxes and Intellectual Property Committee of ASSOCHAM (Chambers of Commerce in India). He has been named by *Asialaw Leading Lawyers* as one of the most highly-acclaimed legal experts in the Asia-Pacific region in the practice area of capital markets and corporate finance.