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Yiming Liu is partner in charge of Cooley's Shanghai office. He advises life sciences, healthcare and technology companies throughout their lifecycles, and has substantial experience representing high-growth companies, institutional investors and investment banks in strategic transactions, including IPOs in Hong Kong and the US, cross-border M&A, venture capital financings, joint ventures, and licensing and collaboration agreements. Yiming has practiced corporate law in New York, Hong Kong and Shanghai, and he previously received academic training and advanced degrees in molecular, cellular and developmental biology and health services administration. Yiming leverages his broad experience and technical background to help clients achieve their desired results.

Yiming was named a "Growth Driver" by China Business Law Journal (CBLJ) and included in "The A-List" elite lawyers in China for 2023-2025. He was also acknowledged as one of the "Asia Dealmakers 2024" by Thomson Reuters, Asian Legal Business (ALB). In addition, he has been ranked as a "Leading Partner" for Life Sciences and Healthcare in China (Foreign Firm) in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 rankings, an "Up and Coming" lawyer for Life Sciences in China (International Firm) in Chambers Greater China 2025 edition and a "Highly Regarded" lawyer for Capital Markets, M&A, and Private Equity practices in China (Foreign Firm) in the International Financial Law Review (IFLR1000) 2024 Asia Pacific rankings. Yiming was also shortlisted as "Dealmaker of the Year - International" by ALB China Law Awards 2024 and "Life Sciences and Healthcare Lawyer of the Year" (Foreign Firm) by The Legal 500 China Awards 2024.

Yiming is a native Mandarin speaker and is fluent in English.

Representative Matters:

Capital Markets (Hong Kong)

- **Asymchem's** US\$979 million Hong Kong IPO (the largest healthcare Hong Kong IPO in 2021)
- **RemeGen's** US\$515 million Hong Kong IPO (the world's largest biopharmaceutical IPO in 2020)
- **Innovent Biologics' US\$421 million Hong Kong IPO** (the largest biotech Hong Kong IPO in 2018)
- **Keymed Biosciences' US\$400 million Hong Kong IPO**
- **Akeso Biopharma's** US\$383 million Hong Kong IPO, and HK\$1.2 billion and HK\$1.9 billion follow-on offerings
- **Brii Biosciences' US\$320 million Hong Kong IPO**
- **Hygeia Healthcare's** US\$286 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Jacobio Pharmaceuticals' US\$174 million Hong Kong IPO** and placement of existing shares and top-up

subscription of new share under general mandate totaling HK\$160.4 million

- **VISEN Pharmaceuticals'** US\$101 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Jiuyuan Gene Engineering's** US\$72.5 million Hong Kong IPO
- **ImmuneOnco Biopharmaceuticals'** US\$41 million Hong Kong IPO and HK\$234 million share placement
- **YZY Biopharma's** US\$22.4 million Hong Kong IPO
- Proposed Hong Kong IPO of **Biokin Pharmaceuticals, Shulan Health, Betta Pharmaceuticals, Shukun Technology**, etc.
- **Morgan Stanley and CICC** in **Sincere Pharmaceutical's** US\$461 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Morgan Stanley, Jefferies, CITIC Securities, CICC** and **CMB International Securities** in **Duality Biotherapeutics'** HK\$1.64 billion Hong Kong IPO
- **CICC** in **Laekna Therapeutics'** US\$101 million Hong Kong IPO
- **CICC** and **SPDB International** in **BrainAurora Medical Technology's** HK\$583 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Morgan Stanley and CICC** in **Taimet Technologies'** HK\$335 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Goldman Sachs** and **Morgan Stanley** in **CStone Pharmaceuticals'** US\$285 million Hong Kong IPO
- **Citi Bank** and **Huatai International** in **Cryofocus Medtech's** HK\$210 million Hong Kong IPO
- Underwriters in the proposed Hong Kong IPO of **Insight Lifetech, Genecast, Insilico Medicine**, etc.

Capital Markets (US)

- **Advanced Accelerator Applications** in its proposed IPO and listing on Nasdaq
- **CooTek** in its US\$57 million IPO and listing on the NYSE
- **Deutsche Bank** and **Piper Jaffray** as joint book-running managers in **TCP International Holdings Ltd.'s** US\$73 million IPO and listing on NYSE
- **An AI-assisted drug development company** in its proposed IPO and listing on Nasdaq
- **A small molecule immunology therapy developer** in its proposed IPO and listing on Nasdaq

Mergers and Acquisitions

- **Chimagen Biosciences** in its agreement to sell CMG1A46, a clinical-stage dual CD19 and CD20-targeted T-cell engager (TCE), to GSK with US\$300 million upfront and US\$500 million development and commercial milestone payments
- **Asymchem Laboratories** in its acquisition of the API Pilot Plant and R&D Laboratory at the former Pfizer UK Sandwich Site, which marks the establishment of Asymchem's first Europe-based R&D and manufacturing hub
- **Brii Biosciences** (HKSE: 2137) in its agreements with VBI Vaccines (NASDAQ: VBIV) to acquire the IP for BRII-179 (VBI-2601), the manufacturing capabilities and assets of manufacturing facility in Rehovot, Israel, and an exclusive license to develop and commercialize VBI-1901 in Asia Pacific excluding Japan
- **Asymchem** in its agreement to acquire Snapdragon Chemistry, Inc., a US technology company
- **Roche** in its proposed acquisition of a US-based clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company
- **Didi Chuxing** in its US\$35 billion merger with Uber China
- **Apex Technology** as a consortium leader in the US\$4 billion acquisition of Lexmark International
- **Summit Healthcare Acquisition Corp.** (Nasdaq: SMIH) in its de-SPAC transaction with Yisheng Bio Co., Ltd.

- **Baidu** in its proposed acquisition of a European multinational technology business
- **BATS Global Markets** in its US\$365 million acquisition of Hotspot FX, a leading institutional spot foreign exchange market, from New Jersey-based financial services firm KCG Holdings
- **Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance** in its US\$370 million acquisition of Engine Lease Finance Corporation and Beacon Intermodal Leasing from The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ
- **Roper Technologies** in its acquisition of Illinois-based RF IDEas, which was one of two concurrently announced acquisitions with a combined purchase price of US\$277 million
- **Roper Technologies** in its proposed acquisition of a European tech company
- **First Data Corporation** in its proposed acquisition of a US-based finance company
- **EBX Group** in its proposed sale of mining division and debt restructuring
- **Comcast** in its proposed acquisition of a US-based communications company
- **Goldman Sachs Merchant Banking Division** (GS MBD) in its proposed acquisition of a US-based online finance company
- **iRay Technology** in its proposed acquisition of a US-based medical imaging technology company
- **QST** and **SummitView Capital** in the proposed acquisition of a US-based tech company

Private Equity / Venture Capital

- **Angitia** in its US\$120 million Series C financing
- **Chimagen Biosciences** in its Series B financing led by Foresite Capital and Lilly Asia Ventures
- **D3 Bio** in its US\$62 million Series A+ financing
- **Lupeng Pharmaceutical** in its US\$35 million Series Pre-B financing
- **Pulnovo Medical** in its latest financing round totaling tens of millions of dollars
- **JHL Biotech** in its spin-off and US\$125 million private financing of its manufacturing business
- **Lilly Asia Ventures** in its participation in the Series B financing of ArriVent Biopharma that raised US\$155 million
- **Didi Chuxing** in its more than US\$5.5 billion private financing round led by SoftBank
- **Huya** (a live-streaming game platform in China) in its US\$461.6 million investment by Tencent
- **Megvii (Face++)** in its US\$460 million Series C financing round
- **ByteDance (Toutiao)** in leading a private financing round of India's news and content aggregator DailyHunt that raised US\$25 million
- **TalkingData** in its Series F financing round
- **Crestview Partners** in various private equity transactions in the US, including the investment in its portfolio company Key Safety Systems, a Michigan-based company that develops and manufactures automotive safety systems, by FountainVest Partners
- **Tailwind Capital** in the sale of ReTrans, a leading US non-asset brokerage provider of intermodal transportation, to Switzerland-based Kuehne+Nagel, one of the world's leading logistics companies with a focus on providing information technology-based integrated logistics solutions
- **GGV Capital** in leading the US\$17.5 million Series B financing of Privy, an Indonesian tech company
- **CPE** in its investment in Acotec Scientific
- **YF Capital** in its investment in WuXi Diagnostics

- **YF Capital** in its investment in Cellular Biomedicine Group (CBMG)
- **Ocean Link** in its investment in various tourism companies
- **Warburg Pincus** in its proposed investment in an education company

Corporate Partnering and Licensing

- **Earendil Labs'** (company affiliated with Helixon Therapeutics) in its license agreement with Sanofi for two potential first-in-class bispecific antibodies in the field of autoimmune and inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Beihai Biotech** in its strategic partnership with Zydus Lifesciences to grant exclusive commercialization rights for BEIZRAY® in the US market
- **Laekna** in its clinical collaboration with Eli Lilly and Company to accelerate the development of LAE102
- **Qiming Venture Partners** in its formation of and investment into Vignette Bio (NewCo) , a clinical-stage NewCo, with Foresite Capital, Samsara Biocapital, and Mirae Asset Capital Life Science, and in Vignette Bio's licensing agreement with EpimAb Biotherapeutic for its BCMA-targeting T-cell engager (TCE) EMB-06
- **FutureGen Biopharmaceutical** in its license agreement with AbbVie to develop FG-M701, a next generation TL1A antibody for the treatment of IBD currently in preclinical development
- **Akeso** in its amendment of collaboration and license agreement with Summit Therapeutics for Akeso's proprietary bispecific antibody ivonescimad (AK112) to expand the license territories to include Latin America, Middle East and Africa
- **Allorion Therapeutics** in its exclusive option and global license agreement with AstraZeneca to develop and commercialize a novel epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) L858R mutated allosteric inhibitor
- **Impact Therapeutics** in its global license and collaboration agreement with Eikon Therapeutics for PARP1 selective inhibitors including IMP1734
- **Zion Pharma** in Roche's acquisition of global rights to ZN-A-1041 (a blood-brain-barrier-penetrant oral HER2 TKI)
- **Rona Therapeutics** in its collaboration with Keymed Biosciences to jointly discover and develop first-in-class siRNA therapeutics for glomerulonephritis (also referred as severe kidney diseases)
- **InnoRNA** in its global strategic collaboration with BeiGene to develop mRNA-LNP therapeutics
- **JD.com** and **JD Finance** in the US\$500 million joint ventures for ecommerce and fintech services in Thailand with Thailand's largest retail conglomerate Central Group and Provident Capital
- **Vivo Capital** in forming a joint venture, Visima Therapeutics, with Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq: ARWAR) and subsequent license agreement for exclusive rights to develop and commercialize four of Arrowhead's RNA interference (RNAi) therapeutics in Greater China
- **Beijing Anitech Biotechnology** in the joint venture for the production and sale of premium quality research models and services in China with The Jackson Laboratory (JAX)
- **Akeso Biopharma** in its collaboration agreement with Pfizer
- **RemeGen** in its patent licensing and collaboration agreement with SeaGen (f/k/a Seattle Genetics)
- **Innovent Biologics** in its technology license agreement with certain European research institutions
- **Roche** in its research collaboration and licensing arrangements with, and purchase of an option to acquire, Janus Biotherapeutics, a Boston-based biopharmaceutical company, for the development of a small molecule toll-like receptor (TLR) inhibitor for the treatment of autoimmune diseases
- **A small molecule cancer biotech** in its proposed collaboration agreement with a multinational

pharmaceutical company

- **A gene therapy biotech** in its proposed collaboration agreement with another biotech company
- **A vaccine developer** in its proposed collaboration agreement with a biotech company
- **A US-based biotech company** in its proposed joint venture and R&D collaboration agreement with a well-known pharmaceutical investment fund

Education

Columbia University

JD

University of Michigan

MS (molecular, cellular, and developmental biology) , MHSA (health services administration)

Fudan University

BS (biological sciences)

Admissions & Credentials

New York

Hong Kong (Registered Foreign Lawyer)

Rankings & Accolades

Asian Legal Business (ALB): Thomson Reuters: Asia Dealmakers (2024)

China Business Law Journal (CBLJ) "The A-List" elite lawyers in China - Growth Driver (2023-2025)

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific - Leading Partner: Life Sciences and Healthcare in China (Foreign Firm) (2025)

Chambers and Partners Greater China -Up and Coming: Life Sciences in China (International Firm) (2025)

IFLR1000 Asia Pacific Rankings - Highly Regarded Lawyer: Capital Markets, M&A and Private Equity practices in China (Foreign Firm) (2024)

Asian Legal Business (ALB), Thomson Reuters: China Top 15 Capital Markets Lawyers (2022)

Asian Legal Business (ALB), Thomson Reuters: China Top 15 Rising Lawyers (2022)