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Darshika Kothari has been with the Firm since its inception. With over 26 years' experience, she specialises in Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, General Corporate and Private Equity. Darshika represents leading international and domestic corporate clients across a range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, retail, infrastructure, renewables, financial services, and chemicals. She also advises marquee private equity clients, sovereign funds, and financial institutions on various legal and regulatory matters.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2006 – Present)

Key Practice Areas

- Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Services
- Private Equity & Venture Capital
- Regulatory & Securities
- E-Commerce & Retail
- Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare & Life Sciences

Recent Work Highlights

- KKR on its (i) acquisition and divestment of a majority holding in Alliance Tire Group to Yokohama Rubber Company; and (ii) its investment in and subsequent sale of the entire stake in HDFC
- Advent International on its acquisition of a majority stake in Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited
- TPG Capital on its acquisition and subsequent sale of Vishal Mega Mart
- TATA Group on its (i) establishment and operation of consumer electronics and domestic appliance stores under the brand name 'Croma' (ii) transfer of Tata Chemicals' 'Consumer Products Business' into Tata Global Beverages Limited by way of a demerger; and (iii) divestment by Tata Chemicals of its urea business to Yara Fertilizers India, a subsidiary of Yara International
- Richemont Group on the establishment of its single brand retail trading ventures under the 'Cartier' and 'Montblanc' brands
- TOTAL SA on its acquisition of 50% stake in a joint venture company with Adani Green Energy Ltd as the joint venture partner

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (1999)

Professional Qualifications

- Bachelor of Law (LLB), University of Bombay (1999)

Ranked for Corporate / M&A by Chambers & Partners Global (2015 – 2025)

Ranked for Corporate / M&A and Private Equity by Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific (2015 – 2026)

Recommended by the RSG India Report (2019)

‘Recommended Lawyer’ for Corporate/M&A (2021 – 2022, 2024 – 2025), Insurance (2025), Life Sciences & Healthcare (2024), Private Equity & Investment Funds (2021 – 2025) and TMT (2022) by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific

Featured in IBLJ’s ‘A-List of India’s Top 100 Lawyers’ (2016 – 2020, 2023 – 2024)

Recognized as a ‘Highly Regarded’ Lawyer for M&A (2018 – 2025) and Private Equity (2025) by IFLR1000

Recognized as a ‘Distinguished Practitioner’ for Corporate, M&A and Private Equity (2024 – 2025) and ‘Notable Practitioner’ for Corporate and M&A (2020 – 2023) and Private Equity (2021 – 2023) by Asialaw Profiles

Named ‘Women Lawyer of the Year’ at the ALB India Law Awards (2024)

Named a Leading Lawyer for Corporate / M&A (2022 – 2023) and for Private Equity (2023) in the Legal Era Leading Lawyer Rankings

Part of the Top 25 in the ‘Top 100 Corporate Dealmakers of the Year 2018–19’ List published by Legally India
