## DEALS AND SUITS

## Guardian Capital Group Limited to be taken private by Desjardins in \$1.67 billion transaction

On August 28, 2025, Guardian Capital Group Limited ("Guardian") announced it has entered into a definitive agreement with Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., an affiliate of Desjardins Group, to be taken private in a transaction valuing Guardian's equity at approximately \$1.67 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, shareholders will receive \$68.00 per share, representing a premium of 66 per cent to the last closing price of Guardian's Class A shares and 48 per cent to the last closing price of its Common shares.

BLG is acting as legal counsel to Guardian Capital Group Limited with a team led by <u>Carlos Cerqueira</u> including <u>Tim McCormick</u>, <u>Andrew McLean</u>, <u>Frazer House</u>, <u>Stephen Nguyen</u>, <u>Patrice Martin</u>, <u>Galen Flaherty</u>, <u>Ben Fuhrmann</u>, <u>Francesca Lee and Matthew Shuman</u> (M&A / Corporate); <u>Michael Taylor</u> and <u>Julie Mansi</u> (Investment Funds Regulatory) <u>Steve Suarez</u>, <u>Grace Pereira</u> and <u>Jingcai Ying</u> (Tax); <u>Jason Howg</u> (Intellectual Property); <u>Graham Splawski</u> and <u>Natalia Paunic</u> (Litigation); <u>Tamila Ivanov</u> (Real Estate); <u>James Fu</u> (Employment); <u>Denes Rothschild</u> (Competition).

For more details, see the Globe and Mail announcement.