



Capital Markets

Our global capital markets team represents issuers and underwriters in public equity and debt capital transactions, including initial public offerings (IPOs) and follow-on offerings; rights offerings; listings in international markets; and offerings of investment grade and high-yield bonds, including Rule 144A and Regulation S transactions.

We offer integrated securities advice on complex, cross-border transactions to issuers, underwriters, selling shareholders, sponsors, arrangers, lead managers, originators, dealers, trustees and depositories on a broad range of securities offerings.

Companies, underwriters, and placement agents rely on us to deliver global advice and unmatched local, on-the-ground resources to support public and private equity and debt capital raising transactions.

We have built a strong global platform based on deep industry knowledge in key growth sectors and access to global funding sources through relationships with the business and funding communities, including investment banks, private equity and venture capital providers and hedge funds.

CAPABILITES

Equity Capital Markets

- IPOs across key global exchanges (LSE Main Market and AIM, NYSE, NASDAQ, Hong-Kong SE, ASX and various EMEA exchanges)
- Follow-on share offerings and rights offerings
- IPOs of investment entities including special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs)
- Block trades (ABBs)
- Cross-border securities offerings
- Ongoing reporting and compliance advice
- US securities regulation
- Other public equity transactions, pre-IPO financings and convertible bond offerings
- Ordinary or preferred shares
- Depositary receipts - GDRs or ADRs

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Debt Capital Markets and Structured Finance

- High yield debt offerings
- Structured and project bonds
- Derivatives
- Portfolio asset sales
- Securitisations
- Collateralised loan obligations

US securities regulation

- SEC-registered offerings
- Rule 144A / Regulation S offerings
- On-going compliance with US rules
- US securities advisory across the UK, EMEA and Asia

Ongoing reporting and compliance advice

- Corporate governance
- Transparency Directive and DTRs
- Financial regulatory compliance

EXPERIENCE

Equity

- Represented NYSE-listed biopharmaceutical company Kadmon, in its \$75 million underwritten public offering
- Represented Connecture, Inc. (Nasdaq: CNXR), a fast growing provider of Web-based information systems used to create health insurance marketplaces, in its \$75 million initial public offering
- Represented Neothetics (Nasdaq: NEOT), a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company developing therapeutics for the aesthetic market, in its \$65 million initial public offering
- Advised Allied Minds on its IPO and admission to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange
- Advised Indochina Capital Vietnam Holdings on its \$500 million IPO and Rule 144A on the London Stock Exchange
- Represented China Railway Group in raising US\$5.5 billion through a dual listing in Shanghai and Hong Kong

Debt

- Represented United States Steel Corporation in its issuance of \$980 million aggregate principal amount of 8.375 percent Senior Secured Notes due in 202
- Represented Lima Metro 2 Finance Limited and the project sponsors in the issuance of \$1.15 billion of Senior Secured Notes to US and international investors pursuant to Rule 144 and Regulation S
- Represented J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and 14 other underwriters in connection with a US\$800 million dual-tranche investment grade debt offering by Marriott International, Inc.
- Represented Citigroup Global Markets as underwriter in the \$500 million shelf takedown of floating rate senior notes of Telefónica S.A.
- AKBank (one of the three largest Turkish banks) on a TL 1 billion (US\$570 million) international bond issue under Rule 144A. This was first Turkish Lira denominated bond issue out of Turkey
- Represented HSBC Bank plc, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Merrill Lynch International, Banco Santander, S.A., Bankia, S.A. and Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking, acting as initial purchasers, in connection with the issue by Abengoa Finance, S.A.U. – a wholly owned subsidiary Abengoa, S.A. – of €250,000,000 8.875 per cent. senior notes due 2018

(bonos) unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Abengoa, S.A. and some of its subsidiaries to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Euro MTF market

AKTUELLES

Veröffentlichungen

ASX and ASIC make it easier for companies to raise capital during COVID-19

3 April 2020

The economic shock caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted companies across all sectors, with many needing to raise capital urgently to sustain them until the pandemic passes. The Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) have recognised this, and on 31 March 2020 announced temporary emergency capital raising relief to help facilitate capital raisings in the short term.

COVID-19 and the impact on asset-based lenders and their customers

31 March 2020

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 represents one of the most significant global public health crises in recent memory and is causing major disruption and unprecedented volatility in markets, economies and businesses.

Australian Government increases scrutiny on foreign investment as part of response to COVID-19

31 March 2020

OVERVIEW

- Monetary screening threshold reduced to \$0 for all foreign investments under the FATA
 - Timetables for new and existing applications to be extended up to 6 months
 - Priority will be given to applications for investments that support Australian business and jobs so, where applicable, this should be highlighted in applications to FIRB
 - Transactions signed prior to 10:30pm on Sunday, 29 March not impacted by changes
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COVID-19 and French financial markets: The AMF announce a short selling ban for one month

31 March 2020

Following its decision to temporary ban short selling on 92 French stocks admitted to trading on Euronext Paris (regulated market), Euronext Growth Paris or Euronext Access (multilateral trading facilities), trading venues operated by Euronext Paris, with immediate effect until the end of the trading day on Tuesday 17 March, the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), in the light of the outbreak of COVID-19 and its consequences on the economy and financial market in France, has decided to ban for a total period of 30 days the creation or increase of short net positions with immediate effect on 18 March 2020 (read the decision here).

ESG: the rise of private ordering and the role of the NCGC committee (United States)

26 March 2020

PROXY SEASON HOT TOPICS

This inaugural ESG handbook, part of our 2020 Proxy Season Hot Topics series, aims to help public companies as they develop and maintain a robust ESG program.

Securities regulators, TSX and TSXV provide relief for market participants due to COVID-19 (Canada)

25 MAR 2020

In response to ongoing developments related to COVID-19 and its impact on market participants, each of the Canadian Securities Administrators (“CSA”), the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) and the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”), have provided relief for issuers, dealers and investment funds.

Virtual shareholder meetings and COVID-19: a primer (Canada)

19 MAR 2020

With concerns regarding the spread of the COVID-19 and the fact that many jurisdictions have banned gatherings of anywhere from 10 to 250 people or more, and with new restrictions coming daily, if not hourly, many Canadian issuers have begun to consider alternatives to the traditional in-person annual meeting of shareholders.

Coronavirus: SEC provides guidance for conducting annual meeting (United States)

17 March 2020

The SEC provides a process for companies to notify shareholders of a change in date, time or location of the annual meeting and guidance on the holding of virtual or hybrid annual meetings and the presentation of shareholder proposals.

Considerations for virtual annual shareholder meetings in light of the coronavirus (United States)

6 March 2020

With the proxy season upon us, many public companies are grappling with how to responsibly hold annual shareholder meetings in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Monthly Legal Insights on Hong Kong Capital Market (February 2020)

5 March 2020

Hong Kong Capital Markets Monthly Legal Insight - The February edition is mainly about the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's guidance on rules regarding the publication of financial results during the outbreak of the Coronavirus and on the front-loaded regulatory approach adopted by the SFC of Hong Kong to address issues regarding market quality and corporate conducts.

SEC provides filing extension for companies affected by coronavirus (United States)

5 March 2020

Companies that file public reports that are unable to meet filing deadlines due to the COVID-19 outbreak will have an additional 45 days to file.

The Prospectus Regulation entered into force and now applies in full

22 July 2019

On Sunday 21 July 2019, the Prospectus Regulation entered into force, replacing the prospectus directive as implemented within the EU. The Prospectus Regulation harmonizes requirements for the drafting, approval, and distribution of the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

2019 Proxy Season Hot Topics: Part 3 – SEC hedging rules, auditor report, Form 10-K changes

15 FEB 2019

PROXY SEASON HOT TOPICS

New SEC hedging rules, changes to the auditor's report, changes to Form 10-K cover pages and exhibit hyperlinks.

How technical touchpoints can ensnare foreign cryptocurrency companies

29 OCT 2018

Useful guideposts for overseas companies assessing whether they are exposed to US securities laws.

Update Aktien- und Kapitalmarktrecht - Ausgabe 2/2018

23 JUL 2018

Die 2. Stufe der EU-Prospektverordnung wird am 21. Juli 2018 gezündet und zu diesem Zeitpunkt tritt auch das Gesetz zur Ausübung von Optionen der EU-Prospektverordnung und zur Anpassung weiterer Finanzmarktgesetze in Kraft.

Crypto industry sweep: ICOs and token offerings under increasing scrutiny by US regulators

18 APR 2018

Recent enforcement developments targeting the cryptocurrency community, and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Société Générale on joint venture with Mitsubishi UFI lease & finance in Malaysia

7 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised ALD, an auto lease company operating as a subsidiary of Société Générale, on the formation of a joint venture with Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance Company Limited that will establish multi-brand, full service operational leasing and fleet management business with related mobility products for corporate clients in Malaysia.

DLA Piper berät BASF beim Vollzug des Erwerbs des Polyamidgeschäfts von Solvay und Gründung eines Joint Ventures mit Domo Chemicals

24 March 2020

DLA Piper hat den DAX-Konzern BASF beim Erwerb des Polyamid-Geschäftes von Solvay beraten. Die Transaktion wurde am 31.

Januar 2020 vollzogen, nachdem entsprechende Vereinbarungen von beiden Unternehmen bereits im September 2017 und im August 2019 unterzeichnet worden waren. Der von BASF gezahlte Kaufpreis ohne Berücksichtigung von Barmitteln und Fremdkapital beträgt 1,3 Milliarden Euro.

DLA Piper berät Heidelberger Druckmaschinen bei Maßnahmenpaket zur Profitabilitätssteigerung

20 March 2020

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG im Rahmen des von der Gesellschaft angekündigten umfassenden Maßnahmenpakets zur Profitabilitätssteigerung beraten. Ziel des Maßnahmenpakets ist es, kurzfristig die Strukturkosten zu reduzieren und die Profitabilität des Unternehmens nachhaltig zu verbessern.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper only firm in top five for private equity, venture capital and M&A for third consecutive year

25 February 2020

DLA Piper was the only firm to rank among the top five most active law firms for global deal volume in each of private equity, venture capital and M&A.

DLA Piper berät Surplus Invest bei Beteiligung an Scaled Robotics

10 Februar 2020

DLA Piper hat das deutsche Venture Capital Unternehmen Surplus Invest bei einem Seed Investment in Höhe von 2 Millionen Euro gemeinsam mit dem norwegischen Fonds Construct Venture in das spanische Deep-Tech Start-up Scaled Robotics beraten.

DLA Piper berät ITM Power bei Joint Venture Gründung mit Linde

30 January 2020

DLA Piper hat den britischen Wasserstoff-Spezialisten ITM Power (ITM.L) bei der Gründung eines Joint Ventures mit dem DAX-Konzern Linde Group beraten. An dem Joint Venture werden beide Unternehmen zu gleichen Teilen beteiligt sein.

DLA Piper advises GS Engineering & Construction in its EUR140 million acquisition of Danwood Holding from Enterprise Investors

28 January 2020

DLA Piper advised GS Engineering & Construction, a leading global construction company based in South Korea, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Danwood Holding from Polish Enterprise Fund VII, a private equity fund managed by Enterprise Investors. The value of the transaction is EUR140 million.

DLA Piper advises Schröder on acquisition

28 January 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised multinational lighting company Schröder Group (Schröder) on its agreement to acquire the infrastructure lighting divisions of Gerard Lighting Group (GLG).

DLA Piper berät Rolls-Royce Power Systems bei Mehrheitserwerb an Stromspeicher-Spezialist Qinous

24 January 2020

DLA Piper hat die Rolls-Royce Power Systems AG beim Erwerb der Mehrheitsanteile in Höhe von 73,1 Prozent am Berliner Stromspeicherspezialisten Qinous GmbH beraten. Rolls-Royce Power Systems übernimmt die Anteile aller bisherigen Finanzinvestoren, unter denen sich auch die IBB Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH (Berlin) befindet.

DLA Piper berät Space Capital bei Investment in Technologie-Startup Mobius Labs

24 January 2020

DLA Piper hat den US-Venture Capital Investor Space Capital bei seiner Beteiligung am deutsche Technologie-Startup Mobius Labs beraten.

DLA Piper berät Berenberg bei 110 Millionen Euro Kapitalerhöhung der DIC Asset AG

23. Januar 2020

DLA Piper hat Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG als Sole Global Coordinator und Sole Bookrunner bei der erfolgreich abgeschlossenen Kapitalerhöhung der DIC Asset AG beraten. Insgesamt wurden 6.857.774 neue Aktien zu einem Preis von 16,00 Euro je Aktie platziert. Der Bruttoemissionserlös aus der Kapitalerhöhung beläuft sich auch rund 110 Millionen Euro.

DLA Piper berät Nemetschek bei Fusion von Maxon Computer und Red Giant

21. Januar 2020

DLA Piper hat den Softwarehersteller Nemetschek SE bei dem Zusammenschluss seines hundertprozentigen Tochterunternehmens Maxon Computer GmbH und Red Giant LLC im Segment Media & Entertainment der Nemetschek Group beraten. Durch die Fusion entsteht der weltweit führende Softwareanbieter zur Erstellung digitaler Inhalte.

DLA Piper advises Hyundai/KIA Motors on its EUR100m investment in electric vehicles company Arrival SARM

17 January 2020

DLA Piper's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital team has advised leading car manufacturer Hyundai/KIA Motors on its EUR100 million, Series A investment in Arrival SARM, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.

DLA Piper tops list for global M&A deal volume for tenth straight year

8 January 2020

For the tenth consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper erreicht Freigabe des Bundeskartellamts für die Gründung eines Joint Ventures zwischen EWE und Deutsche Telekom

7 January 2020

DLA Piper hat in einem Fusionskontrollverfahren für das Energie- und Telekommunikationsunternehmen EWE AG die Freigabe des Bundeskartellamts zur Gründung eines Joint Ventures mit der Telekom Deutschland GmbH erreicht.

DLA Piper advises NEQSOL on USD\$734 million acquisition of Vodafone Ukraine

9 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised NEQSOL on the acquisition of Vodafone Ukraine (VF Ukraine) from Russian telecommunications operator MTS Group for USD\$734 million, including a.c. USD\$84 million of earn-out payment. In addition, the firm advised NEQSOL on the raising of acquisition financing for the deal from a group of international funds and financial inst

DLA Piper berät The Social Chain AG bei EUR 15,8 Millionen Kapitalerhöhung

25 November 2019

DLA Piper hat das in Berlin ansässige Social Media-Unternehmen The Social Chain AG bei ihrer Kapitalerhöhung beraten.

DLA Piper advises Hanway Associates on the sale of HAPP Holdings to global media and data group NOBL

25 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hanway Associates, the cannabis consultancy business, on the sale of HAPP Holdings Limited to NOBL Group, including the market leading conference series Cannabis Europa.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of Sens-Tech

25 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised the owner of Sens-Tech (the Company) on the disposal of the Company to discoverIE Group plc (discoverIE), an international group of businesses that design, manufacture and supply innovative components for electronic applications.

DLA Piper advises Worldline on the acquisition of a minority stake in equensWorldline

16 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Worldline on the acquisition of the 36.4% minority stake in equensWorldline. DLA Piper had previously advised Worldline in 2016, when Worldline's payment transaction processing activities had been combined with Equens. This merger resulted in the creation of equensWorldline, which was 63.6% owned by Worldline and 36.4% owned by former Equens shareholders.

DLA Piper advises France Air Group on the project of acquisition of SIG's Air Handling Division

10 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised France Air Group, a leader for handling and diffusion of indoor air, which has entered into an agreement for the acquisition of SIG plc's Air Handling Division (the SIG Air Handling Division).

DLA Piper berät Berenberg, Bankhaus Lampe und Bankhaus Scheich bei EUR31 Millionen Kapitalerhöhung der Deutsche Konsum REIT-AG

20 September 2019

DLA Piper hat Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG als Sole Global Coordinator und Bookrunner, Bankhaus Lampe als Co-Bookrunner und Bankhaus Scheich als Selling Agent bei der erfolgreich abgeschlossenen Kapitalerhöhung der Deutsche Konsum REIT-AG beraten.

Financial Times ranks DLA Piper among the most innovative law firms in Europe

13 September 2019

DLA Piper has been recognised as one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in Europe at the Financial Times' 2019 European Innovative Lawyers report, an annual ranking assessing lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses.

DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper heeft The Carlyle Group geadviseerd bij de investering in HSO Group. Het eigen vermogen voor de investering kwam van Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), een fonds van EUR635 miljoen dat investeert in technologiegerichte bedrijven in Europa en de VS.

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group

6 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Carlyle Group on its investment in HSO Group. Equity for the investment is provided by Carlyle European Technology Partners III Fund (CETP), a EUR635 million fund that invests in technology-focused companies in Europe and the US.

DLA Piper continues to boost CEE region capability with new hires in Poland

5 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of eight new lawyers in its Warsaw office into three key practice areas of Corporate, Finance & Projects (F&P) and Litigation & Regulatory. These hires follow the recent appointment of corporate partners Marek Sawicki and Jakub Marcinkowski from CMS.

DLA Piper berät Tirona bei Beteiligung an CashCape

5 September 2019

DLA Piper hat Tirona Ltd. im Zusammenhang mit dem Erwerb einer 25%igen Beteiligung an der Fintech-App CashCape beraten.

DLA Piper advises Hain Celestial on sale of Tilda rice

29 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAIN) on its sale of Tilda, the premium Basmati and speciality rice business, to Ebro Foods S.A. for US\$342 million. Hain Celestial is a leading organic and natural products company with operations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

DLA Piper berät BASF bei teilweiser Veräußerung von europäischem Polyamidgeschäft

14 August 2019

DLA Piper hat den DAX-Konzern BASF beim Erwerb des integrierten globalen Polyamid-Geschäftes von Solvay beraten. Eine entsprechende Vereinbarung wurde von beiden Unternehmen im September 2017 unterzeichnet.

DLA Piper berät Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb von Camilyo Online Ltd

5. August 2019

DLA Piper hat erneut die Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb eines Anbieters onlinebasierter white-label Dienstleistungen für Online-Service Provider und deren Mittelstandskunden, die israelische Camilyo Online Ltd., beraten.

DLA Piper berät Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb einer Mehrheitsbeteiligung an Mono Solutions Group

1 August 2019

DLA Piper hat die Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb der Mehrheitsanteile an der Mono Solutions Group, dem führenden White-Label SaaS-Plattformprovider für Kleinunternehmen mit Hauptsitz in Dänemark, beraten.

DLA Piper advises Homebase on Bathstore acquisition

23 July 2019

DLA Piper today announced that it has advised leading home improvement and garden retailer, Homebase, on the acquisition of certain assets of specialist bathroom retailer, Bathstore from its administrators. The move will see Bathstore concessions added to Homebase stores as well as securing the continued operation of 44 of Bathstore's retail outlet.

DLA Piper berät Helios Investment Partners und EAEF beim Erwerb von Misr Hytech

17. Juli 2019

DLA Piper hat Helios Investment Partners (Helios) und den Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF) beim Erwerb eines 96,7% -Anteils an Misr Hytech Seed International (Misr Hytech) beraten. Die Investition des EAEF erfolgte über den Investmentmanager Lorax Capital Partners (LCP).

DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.

DLA Piper berät Wipro beim Erwerb der International TechneGroup Incorporated

10. Juli 2019

DLA Piper hat Wipro Limited beim Erwerb der International TechneGroup Incorporated (ITI), einem weltweit tätigen Unternehmen für digitale Technik- und Fertigungslösungen, beraten.

Best Lawyers Handelsblatt empfiehlt 45 Anwälte von DLA Piper im Ranking Deutschlands beste Anwälte

28 June 2019

Auch in diesem Jahr hat der US-Verlag Best Lawyers wieder zahlreiche Anwälte von DLA Piper in Deutschland in unterschiedlichen Rechtsgebieten ausgezeichnet. Waren es im vergangenen Jahr noch 26 Partner und Anwälte, so empfiehlt Best Lawyers in diesem Jahr insgesamt 45 Partner und Anwälte.

DLA Piper berät KRAHN beim Erwerb von eMBe Products & Service

26 June 2019

DLA Piper hat die in der Chemedistribution tätige KRAHN Chemie GmbH bei dem Erwerb der eMBe Products & Service GmbH, einer der führenden Additiv-Hersteller für die Keramik- und Pulvermetallindustrie in Europa, beraten.

DLA Piper berät Rolls-Royce beim Erwerb des eAircraft Geschäfts von Siemens

21 June 2019

DLA Piper hat Rolls-Royce plc beim Erwerb der Elektro- und Hybridantriebssparte für die Luft- und Raumfahrt, eAircraft, von Siemens beraten. Die Akquisition ist Teil der Elektrifizierungsstrategie von Rolls-Royce und wird dazu beitragen, dass das Unternehmen zukünftig eine maßgebliche Rolle in der „dritten Epoche“ der Luftfahrt spielen wird.

DLA Piper berät Aluflexpack AG bei Börsengang an der SIX Swiss Exchange

18 June 2019

DLA Piper hat den Spezialverpackungshersteller Aluflexpack AG bei seinem öffentlichen Aktienangebot und Listing an der SIX Swiss Exchange beraten.

DLA Piper berät VARTA AG bei Kapitalerhöhung über rund EUR104 Mio. zur Erweiterung von Produktionskapazitäten

14 June 2019

DLA Piper hat die VARTA AG bei ihrer erfolgreichen Kapitalerhöhung zur Erweiterung der Produktionskapazitäten der Lithium-Ionen-Batterien beraten. Insgesamt wurden 2.221.686 neue Aktien zu einem Preis von EUR 46,70 je Aktie platziert. Aus der Kapitalerhöhung fließt der Gesellschaft ein Bruttoemissionserlös in Höhe von rund EUR 104 Mio. zu

DLA Piper continues expansion in Europe with double partner hire in Poland

4 June 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Marek Sawicki and Jakub Marcinkowski as new partners in its Corporate practice, based in Warsaw. Marek and Jakub will be joining the firm from CMS, where they have been working since 2007.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper appoints new Head of Corporate for the Middle East, strengthening M&A capability

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has appointed Will Seivewright as a partner and Head of Corporate for the Middle East. Will joins the firm's Dubai office from Baker McKenzie. His practice focuses on M&A (both public and private), joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity and venture capital transactions in the UAE, broader Middle East and internationally.

DLA Piper advises The Hut Group on the acquisition of luxury natural haircare brand Christophe Robin

2 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Hut Group ("THG"), one of the world's leading online beauty and wellbeing businesses, on the acquisition of Christophe Robin, a luxury natural haircare brand. This acquisition represents a further strategic investment in THG's international beauty offering.

DLA Piper grows Corporate/M&A practice in London with leading partner hire

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DLA Piper named Best Law Firm of the Year in France by Private Equity Magazine

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DLA Piper has been named Best Law Firm of the Year in France by Private Equity Magazine at its annual Les Grands Prix de Private Equity Magazine awards ceremony, held on April 15 at the Théâtre des Folies Bergère in Paris.

DLA Piper berät The Carlyle Group beim Verkauf von vwd

12 APR 2019

DLA Piper hat das globale Private Equity-Unternehmen The Carlyle Group beim Verkauf der vwd Vereinigte Wirtschaftsdienste GmbH, eines europaweit führender Anbieters von Softwarelösungen in der Investment Industrie, an Infront ASA beraten. Infront, mit Sitz in Oslo, ist einer der Marktführer in Europa für Lösungen für Real-Time Marktdaten, Trading sowie News und Analytics.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper berät Beck & Pollitzer beim Erwerb von montagen plus

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper hat Beck & Pollitzer bei der Übernahme von montagen plus und seiner hundertprozentigen Tochtergesellschaft montageprofis, einem in Nürnberg ansässigen Anbieter von Maschineninstallations- und Umzugsdienstleistungen, beraten.

DLA Piper continues to boost European M&A practice with partner hire in Belgium

28 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Michaël Heene will be joining the firm as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Brussels.

DLA Piper advises Mothercare on the sale of Early Learning Centre business to the Entertainer

26 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised UK retailer Mothercare plc on the £13.5 million sale of Early Learning Centre Limited to TEAL Brands Limited, a subsidiary of TEAL Group Holdings, the holding company of the Entertainer group of companies. Mothercare will use the proceeds from the sale to reduce its bank debt.

DLA Piper berät EWE bei Joint Venture-Vertrag mit Telekom Deutschland GmbH für Glasfaser NordWest

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper hat das Energie- und Telekommunikationsunternehmen EWE und seine Tochter, die EWE TEL, bei der Verhandlung und dem Abschluss eines Joint Venture-Vertrags zum Glasfaserausbau mit der Telekom Deutschland GmbH beraten.

DLA Piper berät Learnlight beim Erwerb von Arenalingua

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper hat Learnlight, einen Anbieter von globalen Sprachkenntnissen, interkulturellen Kompetenzen und Soft Skills, beim Erwerb der arenalingua GmbH beraten.

Advising Zetta Jet on foreign insolvency judgment in Singapore

19 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted as international counsel to Zetta Jet Pte. Ltd. (a Singapore-incorporated company) ("Zetta Jet") and others, as applicants, in a seminal judgment on the recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (as adopted in Singapore in 2017) (the "Singapore Model Law").

DLA Piper advises China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. on investment in GDS Holdings Limited

18 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. (Ping An Overseas) in entering into a definitive agreement to make an equity investment in the NASDAQ listed GDS Holdings Limited (GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Ping An Overseas paid a subscription price of US\$150 million for convertible preferred shares in GDS.

DLA Piper advises on AFS Technologies merger with Exceedra

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Symphony Technology Group (STG), the parent company of AFS Technologies (AFS) - a provider of software solutions purpose-built for consumer goods manufacturers and food distribution companies - on its merger with Exceedra.

DLA Piper advises on £255 million takeover of Manx Telecom

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper is advising AIM listed telecommunications provider, Manx Telecom plc, on its proposed takeover by Kelion Bidco for a total cash consideration of approximately £255.9 million.

DLA Piper advises Ocean Outdoor on €51m acquisitions of Dutch groups Interbest and Ngage Media

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital advertising firm Ocean Outdoor on its approximately €51 million (£43.5 million) acquisitions of Interbest (Interbest) and Ngage Media (Ngage), two leading digital out-of-home (DOOH) companies operating across the Netherlands.

DLA Piper advises Merlin Entertainments on the A\$174 million sale of Australian ski resorts

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Merlin Entertainments, a global leader in location based entertainment, on the A\$174 million sale of its Australian ski resorts, Hotham and Falls Creek, to US ski resort operator Vail Resorts, Inc.

DLA Piper advises 10x Future Technologies on £32m Series B fundraising

12 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised fintech banking start-up 10x Future Technologies (10x) on its £32 million Series B funding round. A number of investors participated in the Series B funding including Nationwide, the world's largest building society, China's Ping An and global managing consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

DLA Piper berät Sviper bei Series A Financing Round

7 MAR 2019

DLA Piper hat Sviper GmbH bei der Series A Finanzierungsrunde mit dem schwedischen Lead Investor MTG Gaming Holding AB beraten.

DLA Piper advises Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Baltimore-based and Nasdaq listed Laureate Education (NASDAQ:LAUR), the world's largest global network of higher education institutions, on the sale of Laureate's interest in Stamford International University (Stamford) to China YuHua Education Investment Limited (YuHua) (6169:HK).

Galyna Zagorodniuk Re-Elected to the Public Council with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine

28 FEB 2019

Galyna Zagorodniuk, Head of Competition at DLA Piper in Ukraine and member of the Ukrainian Professional Association of Corporate Governance, has been re-elected to the Public Council of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for 2019-2020.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper berät FinLab AG bei Beteiligung an ONPEX' Banking-as-a-Service Plattform

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper hat die FinLab AG bei der Investition eines hohen siebenstelligen Betrags zusammen mit Bestandsinvestoren in die Banking-as-a-Service Plattform der ONPEX Holding GmbH beraten, die über operativ tätige Tochtergesellschaften in Deutschland, Luxemburg und Hong Kong verfügt.

DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

DLA Piper boosts corporate offering in Amsterdam with senior partner hire

5 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Henk Arnold Sijnja as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Amsterdam.

DLA Piper berät Samsung Electronics bei Beteiligung an Identitätsplattform Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper hat Samsung Electronics bei ihrem Investment in die Verimi GmbH beraten. Samsung Electronics tritt einem Gesellschafterkreis von zwölf internationalen Unternehmen aus den unterschiedlichsten Branchen bei. Dazu gehören Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank and Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Giesecke+Devrient, Here Technologies, Lufthansa und Volkswagen Financial Services.

DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$85 million sale of Reliability Services business to ReladDyne

28 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of its Reliability Services business to an affiliate of ReladDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

DLA Piper strengthens ASEAN Corporate and Finance offering with key partner hire

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has strengthened its Corporate and Finance offering with the appointment of Philip Lee as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Singapore.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.

DLA Piper tops *Mergermarket*, *Thomson Reuters* league tables

9 JAN 2019

For the ninth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper strengthens tax offering in Luxembourg with partner hire

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Jacques Wantz as a partner in its Tax practice, based in Luxembourg. He will be joined by associate Emre Akan.

DLA Piper berät Stillfront Group beim Erwerb der Playa Games GmbH

14 DEC 2018

DLA Piper hat die Stillfront Group AB beim Erwerb der deutschen Playa Games GmbH beraten.

DLA Piper berät H.I.G. Capital bei Erwerb von BollAnts Spa in Bad Sobernheim

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper hat den US-amerikanischen Vermögensverwalter H.I.G. Capital beim Erwerb des BollAnts Spa im Park im rheinland-

pfälzischen Bad Sobernheim beraten. Der Erwerb erfolgte gemeinsam mit dem britischen Unternehmen Hamilton Hotel Investors. Über den Kaufpreis haben die beteiligten Parteien Stillschweigen vereinbart.

DLA Piper berät Ping An Global Voyager Fund bei Investment in finleap

22 NOV 2018

DLA Piper hat den Ping An Global Voyager Fund bei einer Investition von 41,5 Millionen Euro in finleap, ein führendes europäisches Fintech-Unternehmen, beraten. Dies ist die erste Investition des Unternehmens in Kontinentaleuropa.

DLA Piper berät Columbia Capital, LLC bei Beteiligung an der Resilience360 GmbH

13 NOV 2018

DLA Piper hat Columbia Capital, LLC bei einer Beteiligung an der Resilience360 GmbH, einer Tochtergesellschaft der Deutsche Post DHL Gruppe, beraten.

DLA Piper advises Webjet on purchase of Middle East headquartered Destinations of the World

7 November

DLA Piper has advised Australian online travel business Webjet Limited on its US\$ 173 million purchase of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer. Destinations of the World was sold by Abu Dhabi based private equity fund Gulf Capital.

DLA Piper completes global compliance survey of initial coin offerings and securities token offerings

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has completed a global compliance survey of initial coin offerings (ICOs) and securities token offerings (STOs), identifying how governments and agencies in more than 70 jurisdictions define, regulate and tax tokens and associated transactions.

DLA Piper berät Family Trust Investor bei Gründung von Beteiligungsholding und Erweiterung des Investorenkreises

11 OCT 2018

DLA Piper hat die Gesellschafter von Family Trust Investor („FTI“) bei der Gründung einer neuen Beteiligungsholding beraten. In diesem Zusammenhang hat FTI den bisherigen Investorenkreis stark erweitert und fest zugesagtes Eigenkapital eingeworben. Über die Höhe des zugesagten Eigenkapitals wurde Stillschweigen vereinbart.

DLA Piper advises James Hardie Industries in its €400 million debut euro bond offering

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented James Hardie Industries, a global manufacturer and marketer of fiber cement products, in its €400 million debut euro bond offering.

DLA Piper advises STG Partners on the acquisition of Extenda and Visma Retail

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised STG Partners, a California-based private equity firm focused on investing in innovative software, data, and analytics companies, on its acquisition of Visma Retail and Extenda, two of the most prominent technology providers in the tier 1 & 2 retail industry. STG Partners will merge both companies to form Extenda Retail.

DLA Piper grows Real Estate and Corporate team in Rome

24 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has added to its Real Estate and Corporate practice groups with three hires in Rome. Filippo Cecchetti, partner, joins together with Eleonora Laurito, legal director and Giulia Minetti Floccari, lawyer. All three hires come from Chiomenti Studio Legale where Filippo has worked as a partner since 2015.

DLA Piper advises Palisade on acquisition of equity stake in HCL fiber optic cable business

14 September

DLA Piper has advised Palisade Investment Partners Limited (Palisade), on behalf of funds that it manages, on the acquisition of a significant equity stake with board representation in HCL Limited Partnership, HCL LP General Partner Limited and International Connectivity Services Limited.

DLA Piper appoints two directors in South Africa

12 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has strengthened its office in Johannesburg, South Africa with the appointment of two directors. Hendré Human joins the Corporate team from Webber Wentzel in Johannesburg, where he was a partner. Monique Jefferson joins the Employment team from Bowmans in Johannesburg, where she was a senior associate.

DLA Piper berät Verivox beim Erwerb der digitalen Versicherungsmanager-App von Getsafe

12 SEP 2018

DLA Piper hat Verivox bei der Übernahme des kompletten Maklergeschäfts und der Versicherungsmanager-Lösung von Getsafe beraten. Über die App des Startup-Unternehmens können Kunden bestehende Versicherungsverträge digital verwalten und sich online beraten und neue Versicherungen vermitteln lassen.

DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards

11 SEP 2018

DLA Piper Africa is proud to announce that its Zimbabwean member firm, Manokore Attorneys, took home the 'African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice' award at The African Legal Awards, which took place on Friday 7 September 2018 at The Wanderers Club, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

DLA Piper berät Nemetschek bei Erwerb von MCS Solutions

31 AUG 2018

DLA Piper hat den Softwareanbieter Nemetschek SE beim Erwerb des Technologieunternehmens MCS Solutions in Belgien, Schweden, Indien und den USA beraten. Damit erhält das Unternehmen Zugang zum stark wachsenden Markt im Gebäudemanagement.

DLA Piper advises Ukraine's first foreign agribusiness on the sale of its assets

24 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Atlantic Agro Holdings and DUI Holding on the sale of three companies: Kyiv Atlantic Ukraine (KAU), Atlantic Farms and Atlantic Farms II, which together formed Kyiv Atlantic Group, a grain, oil seed and vegetable protein processing agroholding.

DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on the acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian software developer Itransition

23 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Baring Vostok, a private equity fund investing in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on its acquisition of a minority stake in Itransition, a leading Belarusian software solutions developer and full-spectrum IT services provider.

DLA Piper team advises Mothercare on £32.5 million equity raise to save the company

3 AUG 2018

A London capital markets team of DLA Piper advised baby and maternity retailer Mothercare plc on its placing and open offer in July, raising £32.5 million through an issue of new shares listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. The fundraising is part of Mothercare's restructuring programme, which also calls for Mothercare to close 60 of its UK stores and which should ensure financial stability for the retailer after challenging times.

DLA Piper verstärkt den Bereich Corporate mit weiterem Partnerzugang am Standort München

3 AUG 2018

DLA Piper hat mit Simon Vogel einen weiteren Neuzugang für die Praxisgruppe Corporate gewinnen können. Er wechselt von Dentons, wo er seit 2017 als Partner tätig war. Zuvor konnten bereits Gerald Schumann und Dr. Roland Maaß als neue Partner für die Praxisgruppe Corporate an den Standorten München und Frankfurt gewonnen werden. Gemeinsam mit Simon Vogel werden die Associates Eva Viktor und Michael Rebholz zu DLA Piper wechseln. Sie werden künftig das Münchener Büro von DLA Piper verstärken.

DLA Piper berät Discovery bei Joint Venture mit ProSiebenSat.1 zum Auf- und Ausbau von Streaming Plattform

2 AUG 2018

DLA Piper hat die in den USA börsennotierte Discovery Inc., ein weltweit führendes Medien- und Unterhaltungsunternehmen in den Bereichen Real Life Entertainment und internationalen Sportprogrammen, bei ihrem Joint Venture mit der ProSiebenSat.

DLA Piper advises Brookstone Partners on the acquisition of AM Wind

1 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised the US private equity fund Brookstone Partners on their acquisition of Morocco-based renewable energy company AM Wind from Altus and All'in Consulting.

DLA Piper advises Avison Young in investment by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

16 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Avison Young in connection with a CA\$250 million preferred equity investment in the firm by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec.

DLA Piper Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Casablanca has assisted Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) in its reverse takeover acquisition by Emerson Plc, paving the way to its listing in the London Stock Exchange.

DLA Piper advised Morrison & Co on AU\$6 billion funds management transfer

6 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Morrison & Co (MCO) on the formal transition of its appointment as manager of Utilities Trust of Australia (UTA), effective 1 July 2018.

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of the Austrian Haas Group by the Bühler Group

27 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Haas Group, the Austrian world market leader of wafer, biscuits, and confectionery production systems, on the sale of their global group to the Swiss company Bühler AG.

DLA Piper gewinnt mit Gerald Schumann erfahrenen Partner für den Münchener Standort

22 JUN 2018

DLA Piper hat mit Gerald Schumann einen renommierten Partner für die Bereiche Corporate/M&A sowie Private Equity am Münchener Standort gewinnen können. Gerald Schumann kommt voraussichtlich zum 1. September 2018 von Baker & McKenzie, wo er seit 2008 als Partner tätig war.

DLA Piper erringt für Transatel Erfolg vor BNetzA in Grundsatzverfahren zum regulierten Großkundenroaming im Bereich Internet-of-Things

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper hat für den französischen Telekommunikationsanbieter Transatel SA einen Erfolg in einem telekommunikationsrechtlichen Streitbeilegungsverfahren vor der Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA) errungen. Die BNetzA hat in diesem Grundsatzverfahren den deutschen Mobilfunknetzbetreiber Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG dazu verpflichtet, Transatel den Entwurf eines Vertrags über den Zugang zum regulierten Großkundenroaming vorzulegen.

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper boosts London Corporate practice with major partner hire

6 Jun 2018

DLA Piper today announces that Martin Nelson-Jones will be joining the firm as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

Martin will be joining the firm from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he was a partner since 2001 and served as co-head of their global infrastructure and transport sector group. He specialises in M&A and has worked across a range of sectors, including energy and infrastructure. Martin advises both corporates and financial investors.

DLA Piper advises la Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ) on landmark healthcare centre project

29 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised La Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ), the entity in charge of the overall development of the Zenata Eco-City in Morocco, on the signature of a cooperation agreement with the Saudi German Hospital Group to develop a healthcare centre.

DLA Piper to launch new office in Dublin with leading partner hire

15 MAY 2018

DLA Piper today announces that it will be opening an office in Dublin, Ireland, alongside the hire of partner David Carthy. The new office will focus on the Financial Services, Technology and Life Sciences sectors initially.

DLA Piper advises Waterlogic on Billi Group acquisition

30 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Waterlogic on its 100% acquisition of Melbourne-headquartered Billi, a leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of boiling, chilled and sparkling filtered drinking water under-the-sink units operating in Australia, the UK and international markets.

DLA Piper berät Migdal bei Erwerb von drei Light-Industrial Immobilien

13 APR 2018

DLA Piper hat den israelischen Versicherer und Pensionsmanager Migdal beim Erwerb von drei Light-Industrial-Immobilien im Wert von 55,7 Millionen Euro beraten. Verkäufer dieses sogenannten Robin-Portfolios ist ThreadGreen Industrial. Die Transaktion wird komplett mit Eigenkapital finanziert - 95 Prozent des Kapitals kommen von Migdal, den Rest steuern Cording Real Estate und der Cording-Eigner Edmond de Rothschild bei.
