



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

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- Depositary receipts - GDRs or ADRs

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

ACTUALITÉS

Publications

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

15 FEB 2019

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.

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.

DLA Piper South Africa

13 DEC 2017

DLA Piper South Africa offers legal services to clients based in South Africa, Africa and internationally. Our services include Corporate/M&A, Capital Markets, Finance and Projects, Competition and Tax law.

NEWS

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

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Tracey Renshaw as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

DLA Piper advises Phatisa on Meridian exit

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Phatisa, a leading African development and private equity fund manager, and other minority shareholders, on the sale of a controlling shareholding in Meridian Group (Meridian) to Ma'aden, the Saudi Arabian based mining and metals company.

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 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.

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 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).

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 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 advises Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi GmbH. Samsung Electronics joins a group of twelve international companies from a variety of industries. These include Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank und Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Lufthansa and Volkswagen Financial Services.

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

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 RelaDyne 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 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 advises Russia's Transmashholding on the acquisition of a rail manufacturing facility in South Africa

30 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised TMH Africa on the acquisition of a 45,000 sq.m. DCD Rolling Stock manufacturing facility in Boksburg, South Africa from DCD Group.

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 South Africa advises AFGRI on the acquisition of the South African Bank of Athens Limited (SABA)

24 OCT 2018

DLA Piper South Africa advised AFGRI Holdings Proprietary Limited, a leading agricultural services company, and GroCapital Holdings Limited on the acquisition of 99.82 percent of the issued share capital of SABA. The ordinary shares were purchased from the National Bank of Greece SA and NBG Malta Holdings Limited at a consideration of R300,883,705.

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 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 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'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 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 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 conseille pour l'acquisition de Moroccan Salts Ltd par Emerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper à Casablanca a conseillé Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) dans le cadre de sa fusion (reverse takeover) avec Emerson Plc, ouvrant la voie à son introduction la Bourse de Londres.

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 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 conseille la Société d'aménagement Zenata dans son partenariat emblématique avec Saudi German Hospital Group

29 MAY 2018

DLA Piper a conseillé la Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ), l'entité en charge de l'aménagement global de l'Eco-Cité Zenata au Maroc, dans le cadre de sa signature d'une convention de développement et de gestion du pôle santé avec le groupe Saudi German Hospital (SGH).

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 announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper advises Deutsche Bank on Paladin Restructuring

28 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Bank on its special situations investment in Australian listed Paladin Energy Limited (PEL), which holds substantial uranium and mining assets in Namibia, Malawi, Canada and certain Australian states.

Four DLA Piper partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 50 Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to congratulate Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant, Finance & Projects partner Eric Villateau, and Corporate partner Christophe Bachelet, on their inclusion in *Jeune Afrique's* Top 50 Business Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017 rankings. This year, more DLA Piper lawyers than ever before have been awarded a place on the rankings, with partners scoring individual record rankings for the firm.

DLA Piper recognized as a global and national leader in M&A, private equity and venture capital by *PitchBook*

16 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is one of the most active law firms for M&A, private equity and venture capital deal volume and was the **only** firm to rank in the top five of each category in *PitchBook's* 2017 global league tables report.

DLA Piper advises Cabinet Group on Funcom joint venture

9 FEB 2018

DLA Piper represented Cabinet Group LLC on tax and Norwegian law matters in its joint venture with Funcom N.V., a Norwegian developer, to establish Heroic Signatures.

DLA Piper advises Immunomedics on royalty funding and stock purchase agreements with Royalty Pharma which raised an aggregate of US\$250 million

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper represented Immunomedics, Inc., in the sale of tiered, sales-based royalty rights on global net sales of sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132) to Royalty Pharma for US\$175 million. Royalty Pharma has also purchased US\$75 million in common stock of Immunomedics, at US\$17.15 per share.

DLA Piper tops Mergermarket's global league table for eighth consecutive year

9 JAN 2018

For the eighth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume in 2017, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of shares in one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies

9 NOV 2017

DLA Piper has advised Orchidia Pharmaceutical Industries (the "Company" or "Orchidia"), a leading ophthalmic generic medicine manufacturer and one of Egypt's fastest growing pharmaceutical companies, and Dr. Ossama Fouad Abbas, the founder, majority shareholder and Chairman of the Company, on the sale of a stake in the Company and two holding companies

incorporated in Cyprus to Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF).

DLA Piper launches new platform for *Guide to Going Global* series

20 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has launched a new platform featuring its *Guide to Going Global* series, an online resource designed to help companies operating and growing their international businesses.

DLA Piper wins Client Management Innovation Award at the Legal Week Innovation Awards

30 MAY 2017

DLA Piper's WIN (What In House Lawyers Need) programme has been awarded the Client Management Innovation Award at the 2017 Legal Week Innovation Awards in a ceremony held at The Brewery in London.
