



## Corporate

DLA Piper's global corporate lawyers support the world's leading enterprises, emerging startup companies and financial institutions in their development and investment activities.

From mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and venture capital to private and public equity and debt offerings, we assist clients through all stages of their transactions to ensure successful deal outcomes.

As a full-service global business law firm, DLA Piper provides a complete range of business legal services in all of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Our clients benefit from a valuable combination of global insight and local knowledge that allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions. Understanding the industry and the day-to-day issues faced by our clients is critical to our success.

That is why alongside their legal experience, our corporate lawyers have additional industry-specific focus - whether it is Banking, Energy, Healthcare, Hospitality and leisure, Insurance, Life sciences, Manufacturing, Technology or other sectors.

Furthermore, in addition to the corporate lawyers with primary transactional responsibility, our deal teams include sophisticated practitioners with experience in key practice areas, such as Corporate governance, Intellectual property, Technology, Antitrust, Compensation, Tax, Financial services, Regulation, Employment, Pensions, Securities compliance, and Real estate.

### CAPABILITIES

We help our clients with:

- Cross-border M&A (public and private), including:
  - inception, planning and due diligence
  - deal execution
  - post-merger integrations
  - joint ventures
  - growth by alternatives to M&A

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Employment
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Merger Control
- Tax
- International Corporate Reorganizations

### RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services

- Capital Markets (equity and debt)
- Private Equity
- Investment Funds
- Venture Capital
- Corporate Governance

- Hospitality and Leisure
- Insurance
- Life Sciences
- Industrials
- Technology

## EXPERIENCE

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### Awards and rankings

- **#1 Global M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2010-2019)**
- **#1 European M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2013-2018)**
- **#1 Worldwide Mid-Market and Small-Cap M&A deal volume (*Thomson Reuters* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Buyouts by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Exits by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Europe Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)**
- **#1 Most active law firm in Europe for private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)**
- #2 Most active law firm globally for private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm in US private equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm globally for private equity buyouts (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 Most active law firm in the rest of the world venture capital deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #3 US M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2018)
- #3 Global Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket* 2019)
- DLA Piper is 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 (*PitchBook* 2018)

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **New regulations reinforce CFIUS's expanded role with respect to foreign investments in the United States**

16 January 2020

The new CFIUS regulations become effective on February 13, 2020.

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#### **Franchising in Thailand: New Guidelines**

20 December 2019

Franchising in Thailand is about to get a lot more regulated, even if not specifically through implementation of the long awaited Franchise Act and establishment of a Franchise Commission Agency.

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#### **Taxpayers take note - first important QOZ program investment date is 12/31/2019**

3 December 2019

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The first important investment date established by the QOZ Program is December 31, 2019.

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### **Israel Group News November 2019**

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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### **Foreign Investment in Australia**

16 Oct 2019

Foreign investment is key to Australia's economic development, and Australia welcomes it.

Our guide to Foreign Investment in Australia is designed to help those considering investing in Australia to navigate through the regulatory and legislative regime framework, and maximise the many opportunities that Australia has to offer.

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### **Business Start-up Pack - UK**

18 JUN 2014

This Start-up Pack has been designed and prepared by DLA Piper's Technology Sector initiative, which includes lawyers with experience in intellectual property, corporate, employment and tax matters.

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### **US Trade Representative publishes fourth list of Chinese products subject to Section 301 tariffs**

19 August 2019

Yet more Chinese products will be subject to an additional 10 percent tariff.

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### **Israel Group News August 2019**

7 August 2019

#### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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### **ASIC consults on whistleblower policy requirements**

7 August 2019

ASIC has published its long awaited consultation paper on the requirements of whistleblower policies for public companies, large proprietary companies and proprietary companies that are trustees of registrable superannuation entities operating in Australia.

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## The states look at autonomous vehicles

24 July 2019

Many US states are experimenting with a wide range of approaches to autonomous vehicles, some cautious and others more ambitious.

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## The government in your cloud

24 July 2019

As companies shift more data to the cloud, the US government's ability to access that content should not be overlooked.

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## Global M&A Intelligence Report 2019

19 July 2019

For the ninth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2018. Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 2,000 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

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## Updates on giving gifts to officials in Thailand

8 July 2019

### THAILAND FOCUS

The Act Supplementing the Constitution Relating to the Prevention and Suppression of Corruption (2018) (Act) regulates the giving of Gifts or Benefits by any person to Officials in Thailand.

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## ASIC provides further details of new licensing regime for foreign financial service providers ("FFSP")

3 July 2019

If you or your overseas headquarters, entities or other operations are, or are considering, providing financial services in Australia, now is the time to review your operations and re-position yourself in light of the new details of the proposed changes by ASIC released on 3 July 2019.

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## English and US venture capital funds: key features

24 June 2019

Andrew Wylie (Partner and Head of Investment Funds, International) and Steven Yentzer (Managing Partner, Seattle) have recently written a practice note "English and US venture capital funds: key features" published on Thomson Reuters Practical Law UK on 6 June 2019.

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## Latest updates on Thailand's Personal Data Protection and Cyber-security Act

6 June 2019

### THAILAND FOCUS

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In this issue, articles include latest updates on Personal Data Protection in Thailand and summary of the Cyber-security Act in Thailand

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### **Trump issues Executive Order on securing information and communications technology and services – key points**

16 MAY 2019

The order is issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the latter creating potential civil and criminal liability for those violating EOs and regulations issued under its authority - liabilities that can expand to include those who facilitate a violation.

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### **Israel Group News May 2019**

9 MAY 2019

#### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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### **Washington state HB 1450 is signed into law, limiting enforceability of non-compete agreements – key takeaways**

9 MAY 2019

The new prohibitions on non-compete agreements in Washington have the potential to greatly impact employers in the state both positively and negatively.

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### **So you want to go digital...**

11 APR 2019

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

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### **DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review**

28 FEB 2019

While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

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### **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.

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## Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

### ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

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## The Financial Services Royal Commission Report: The DLA Piper Heat Map

5 FEB 2019

The impact of the Royal Commission into Financial Services in Australia will ripple out into the broader corporate environment. Please click [here](#) to download the DLA Piper heat map as a guide to help you understand how the Royal Commission's findings may affect not just financial services, but all Australian businesses.

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## Here Comes The Sun...?

5 FEB 2019

The Financial Services Royal Commission and technology implications.

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## Top of mind: Litigation

10 DEC 2018

Our coverage of big compliance, enforcement and litigation issues that businesses are thinking about this quarter.

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## Global Anticorruption Newsletter

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper's *Global Anticorruption Newsletter* offers practical guidance on complying with international bribery laws.

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## Proposed regulations eliminate major US tax impediments to utilizing foreign subsidiaries for credit support

14 NOV 2018

Potentially increasing the ability of US corporate borrowers to provide credit support in the form of guarantees by, and pledges of assets of, their foreign subsidiaries/CFCs.

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## New Regulatory Era on Virtual Assets Activities in Hong Kong

5 NOV 2018

On 1 November 2018, the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (SFC) issued a statement, "Statement on regulatory framework for virtual assets portfolios managers, fund distributors and trading platform operators" (VA Statement) and

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an accompanying circular "Circular to intermediaries - Distribution of virtual asset funds" (VA Distribution Circular) (collectively, the VA Circulars), to announce a new regulatory approach on virtual assets activities, virtual assets portfolio managers and their distribution of virtual assets investment products in Hong Kong.

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## **Israel Group News**

24 OCT 2018

### **[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)**

In this issue, legal developments worldwide that affect this dynamic ecosystem.

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## **CFIUS pilot program mandates declarations for certain non-controlling investments in critical technologies**

17 OCT 2018

The pilot program covers critical technologies in 27 industries.

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## **A guide to IPO listing in Australia**

4 OCT 2018

A guide to Initial Public Offering listing and how we can help in this area. Available in English and Chinese.

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## **New law adopted to facilitate division of Delaware LLCs**

24 SEP 2018

Recent changes to the law governing Delaware LLCs will facilitate the division of Delaware LLCs and potentially provides a valuable new tool in corporate reorganizations involving this type of entity.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

14 SEP 2018

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, remote notarization – US state requirements, plus blockchain, the new stablecoin, the validity of esignatures, and more.

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## **Positive signs for issuers and the marketplace: Argentina economic briefing**

7 SEP 2018

The financial press continues to portray Argentina as another merging-market casualty but, to the contrary, there are a number of positive financial signs, for investors, the country and the marketplace, in today's Argentine economy.

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## **Congress finalizes CFIUS reform bill to broaden national security reviews of foreign investments**

25 JUL 2018

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A summary of the major changes FIRRMA presents to the CFIUS review process.

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### **Corporate reorganizations in the US: five key steps**

24 JUL 2018

Corporate reorganizations can be complex and time-consuming. Here are five key tips to consider, taken from our US chapter of *Corporate Reorganisations*, part of the popular "Getting the Deal Through" Q&A comparative series.

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### **Declinations for self-reporting on the rise under FCPA Pilot Program and Corporate Enforcement Policy**

10 JUL 2018

The DOJ appears to be following through on its pledge to increase declinations in exchange for self-reporting potential FCPA violations.

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### **Oil and gas licensing round now opened for Danish part of the North Sea**

29 JUN 2018

The Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate has just opened for applications for licences for exploration and production of oil and gas (hydrocarbons) in the 8th Danish Licensing Round for the Danish North Sea area.

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### **ASIC proposes new licensing regime for foreign financial services providers**

15 JUN 2018

The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) released a consultation paper on 1 June 2018 seeking comments on its proposal to repeal the current relief framework that exempts foreign financial services providers (FFSPs) from holding an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) and introduce a new foreign AFS licensing regime for FFSPs that are regulated by a sufficiently equivalent overseas regulatory regime.

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### **New notification allowing 100% foreign investment in the education sector**

25 APR 2018

The Myanmar Investment Commission ("MIC") has issued Notification 7/2018 ("Notification") on 20 April 2018, allowing foreign investors to make full capital investments in private schools in Myanmar.

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### **Warning: Ipso Facto Ahead**

24 APR 2018

The new ipso facto amendments\* will apply to all contracts entered into after 1 July 2018 and will place a stay on the enforcement of ipso facto clauses where a counterparty enters voluntary administration, receivership or a scheme of arrangement. The objective is to give a company room to continue trading during a formal restructure.

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### **Takeovers in Australia**

19 MAR 2018

Acquisitions of controlling interests in Australian publicly listed or widely held entities are highly regulated and complex, and involve different issues depending on the nature of the proposed target, the sector in which the target operates and the characteristics of the bidder.

A carefully considered deal strategy is critical. The strategy will often include engagement at an early stage with Government and key stakeholders.

This guide contains general information only and is not legal advice. Please contact us if you require specific legal advice.

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### **Australian mandatory data breach notification regime**

22 FEB 2018

The mandatory data breach notification regime will be in force in Australia from 22 February 2018, after the federal Government introduced the Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Bill 2016 to amend the Privacy Act. Our alert sets out some answers to the key questions being asked around the regime.

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### **ASIC guidance on sell side research**

9 FEB 2018

Following ASIC's recent focus on sell side research and after conducting a thorough review and consultation process, ASIC has released its guidance on sell-side research. ASIC's guidance focuses on managing conflicts of interest during the various stages of a capital raising transaction, handling inside information by Australian financial services (AFS) licensees that provide sell-side research and the content of research reports particularly in the context of IPOs.

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### **New restrictions on acquisitions of Australian land and agribusinesses by foreign persons**

5 FEB 2018

From 1 February 2018, Australians must be given a chance to compete for the acquisition of agricultural land. A purchase by a foreign person that requires approval will now only be approved if the sale has been publicly advertised.

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### **Using representations and warranties insurance in global M&A deals: 8 questions and answers**

16 FEB 2016

R&W insurance can offer both buyers and sellers the additional confidence often needed to close the deal. Such insurance may be especially useful in global M&A transactions, particularly in Latin America.

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### **Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies**

9 DEC 2015

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES**

The UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

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## **Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points**

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

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## **International tax and withholding considerations for US companies and their directors**

19 MAY 2015

Multinationals commonly elect boards with international representation; it is also common to convene board meetings outside the US. US companies that do either – or both – of these things must be mindful of any resulting US or foreign tax implications

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## **Mixed feelings: China censures bitcoin while Hong Kong embraces it**

4 JUL 2014

Last December, bitcoin prices plummeted by nearly half, after Chinese authorities banned all financial institutions and payment processor companies in China from engaging in bitcoin-related business, denominating prices in bitcoins, and providing bitcoin trading, settlement, clearing or other linked financial products and services.

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## **A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart**

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

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## **Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure**

11 JUL 2013

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## **Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know**

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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## **Conflict mineral reporting rules impact many public companies: *new supply chain requirements and new Form SD***

19 Sep 2012

Understanding the new reporting requirements.

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## **Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be**

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21 Mar 2012

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## Events

### Upcoming

#### **IPEM 2020**

28-30 January 2020  
Paris

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#### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Sydney**

18 February 2020  
[WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)  
Sydney

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#### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Brisbane**

19 February 2020  
[WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)  
Brisbane

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#### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Melbourne**

20 February 2020  
[WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)  
Melbourne

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#### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2020, Perth**

27 February 2020  
[WIN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY 2020](#)  
Perth

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## Previous

### **Negotiating the regulatory minefield**

3 December 2019  
Wellington

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### **Negotiating the regulatory minefield**

13 November 2019  
Auckland

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### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019 - Perth**

14 MAR 219  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019  
Perth

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### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019 - Melbourne**

12 MARCH 2019  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019  
Melbourne

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### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019 - Brisbane**

7 MARCH 2019  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019  
Brisbane

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### **WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019 - Sydney**

5 MARCH 2019  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2019  
Sydney

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### **IPEM 2019**

22-24 JAN 2019  
Paris

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### **Corporate Joint Ventures in the Media, Sport And Entertainment Sector**

17 JAN 2019  
Webinar

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### **Canada & Israel: Weeding Out the New Regulatory, Legal and Public Market Landscapes**

16 OCT 2018

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**Women in FinTech - Making the room for change**

13 SEP 2018  
Sydney

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**Tech Summit Australia**

16 AUG 2018  
Tech Summit Australia  
Sydney

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**Tech Summit Australia**

2 AUG 2018  
Tech Summit Australia  
Melbourne

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**The Future of Women in Technology**

8 MAY 2018  
Sydney

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**WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018**

15 MAR 2018  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018  
Melbourne

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**WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018**

13 MAR 2018  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018  
Perth

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**WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018**

6 MAR 2018  
WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018  
Sydney

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**WIN In-House Counsel Day 2018**

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## NEWS

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

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 SARL, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Irvin and Johnson International on sale**

29 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Irvin and Johnson International on the sale of its 40 per cent stake in a joint venture with leading food manufacturer Simplot Australia to Simplot Australia.

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### **DLA Piper advising Saracen on acquisition and equity raising**

21 November 2019

DLA Piper is advising ASX-listed gold miner Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) on its acquisition of Barrick Gold Corporation's 50% interest in the KCGM Joint Venture for AUD1.1 billion, and its AUD796 million equity raising.

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### **DLA Piper advises Washington H. Soul Pattinson on acquisition**

7 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised diversified investment house Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (WHSP) (ASX: SOL) on its acquisition of equity interests in various unit trusts managed by private investment company Argyle Capital Partners.

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### **DLA Piper's cross-border team advises Althea on capital raising and acquisition of Peak Processing Solutions**

18 October 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed medicinal cannabis company, Althea Group Holdings Ltd (ASX: AGH), on its acquisition of Canadian extraction and contract manufacturing company Peak Processing Solutions, together with Althea's associated AUD30 million capital raising.

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### **DLA Piper advises Insilico Medicine on successful Series B funding**

17 October 2019

DLA Piper advised Insilico Medicine, a pioneer in next-generation artificial intelligence technology for drug discovery, on a successful US\$37 million Series B funding round to commercialize the validated generative chemistry and target identification technology.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox**

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

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### **DLA Piper advising Pacific Energy on scheme of arrangement with QIC**

1 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited (ASX: PEA) on its scheme of arrangement with QIC Private Capital, which will see QIC acquire 100% of Pacific Energy, valued at AUD422 million.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises IMF Bentham on new USD500 million fund**

4 July 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised IMF Bentham (ASX:IMF) on the launch of a new USD500 million fund (Fund 5) to invest in litigation cases across Australia, Asia, Canada and Europe.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ora Banda Mining on recapitalisation**

28 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised gold exploration company Ora Banda Mining Limited (ASX: OBM) on its successful recapitalisation and AUD30 million capital raising.

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### **DLA Piper advises MOD Resources on scheme of arrangement with Sandfire Resources**

28 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising MOD Resources Limited (ASX/LSE: MOD), on its scheme of arrangement with Sandfire Resources NL (ASX: SFR), which will see Sandfire acquire 100% of the issued share capital of MOD, valued at AUD167 million.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tubi on IPO and ASX listing**

21 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Tubi Limited (ASX: 2BE) on its AUD48.5 million initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

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### **DLA Piper bolsters Corporate practice with team of five new partners**

14 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has significantly bolstered the strength of its Corporate practice in Australia with a team of five market leading M&A partners from Norton Rose Fulbright. Partners Shane Bilardi, James Stewart, Jyoti Singh, Chris Mitchell and Andrew Fiskén will join DLA Piper in the coming months.

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### **DLA Piper advises Downer on acquisition of 50% of Repurpose It**

17 MAY 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Downer (ASX: DOW) on its acquisition of 50 percent of Repurpose It, a waste to resource business located in Victoria.

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## **DLA Piper advises Ping An OneConnect on Virtual Banking License**

16 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised Ping An OneConnect VB (OneConnect) on its successful application for a virtual banking license granted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA).

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## **DLA Piper advises Life360 on AUD820 million IPO**

14 MAY 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised US tech company Life360 on its AUD820 million IPO and ASX listing – the largest IPO on the ASX this year and one of the largest tech debuts on the ASX ever in Australia.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advised on financing for US\$1.34 billion consortium acquisition in Beijing, China**

4 APR 2019

DLA Piper advised an institutional investor consortium on the financing of its US\$1.34 billion acquisition of Dinghao Electronics Plaza, a landmark mixed-use office and retail complex located in Zhongguancun, Beijing.

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## **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Suncorp on sale of Resilium**

29 MAR 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Australian insurer Suncorp on the sale of its authorised representative network, Resilium, through a management buyout.

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### **Advising General Electric in Indonesia**

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper advised General Electric (GE) on two major deals for their transportation and distributed power businesses in Indonesia.

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### **DLA Piper advises Seeing Machines Limited on £34 million capital raise**

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised technology company Seeing Machines Limited (AIM: SEE) on its most recent £34.3 million (approximately AU\$64 million) capital raising.

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### **DLA Piper advises Pengana Capital Group on IPO for innovative Pengana Private Equity Trust**

19 MAR 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising fund manager Pengana Capital Group Limited (ASX: PCG) on its initial public offering (IPO) on the ASX of the Pengana Private Equity Trust (ASX: PE1), Australia's first global private equity listed investment trust (LIT).

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### **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").

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### **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

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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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ping An on investment exit from Bigo**

11 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Ping An on its successful exit from its investment in Bigo Inc. (Bigo) in a buyout by NASDAQ listed YY Inc. (YY).

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## **DLA Piper is advising Buddy Platform on AU\$71 million acquisition of LIFX**

12 FEB 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising leading Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud-based solutions company Buddy Platform Limited (ASX: BUD) on its AU\$71 million acquisition of global smart lighting technology company LIFX and associated AU\$18.1 million placement.

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## **DLA Piper Advises Global Firm RPS on Acquisition of Corview**

6 Feb 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised global professional services firm RPS on their AU\$32m acquisition of Australian advisory business Corview, strengthening its expansion across the Asia Pacific region.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises fintech company Splitit on its IPO**

31 Jan 2019

DLA Piper advised global payment installment solution company Splitit Payments Ltd on its Australian Stock Exchange initial public offering this week.

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## **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.

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## **DLA piper advises Geophysical Sub-Strata on its US\$400m medium-term note program**

24 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has advised Geophysical Sub-Strata Ltd. on the establishment of a US\$400 million medium-term note program and US\$151.5 million drawdown of 8.0% guaranteed notes due in 2023. The program dealer was Phillip Securities.

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## **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

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practice, based in Singapore.

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### **DLA Piper advises consortium on successful acquisition of PEXA**

21 January 2019

DLA Piper has advised a Consortium comprising Link Group, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure on its successful acquisition for PEXA. The electronic property settlements exchange was formed in 2010 out of a Council of Australian Governments initiative focused on the digital transformation of property conveyancing.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper sees flurry of fintech activity in 2018**

13 December 2018

The Australian fintech industry is set for strong growth in 2019 and 2020 according to DLA Piper as Data Republic – advised by DLA Piper - joins a trend of local fintech's undertaking successful venture capital backed funding rounds in 2018.

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### **DLA Piper advises Downer Group on the restructuring of its joint venture with Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems**

22 November 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Downer EDI (ASX: DOW) on the restructuring of its joint venture arrangements with Japanese-owned Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems.

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### **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.

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### **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

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transactions.

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### **DLA Piper advises Acciona on ground breaking project**

18 October 2018

DLA Piper has advised global infrastructure company, Acciona, on its successful appointment as Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor to the Kwinana Waste to Energy project (**Kwinana WtE**).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Laureate Education on the sale of private higher education group MSA**

20 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has advised Laureate Education Inc, the world's largest private higher education network, on the sale of its majority stake in MSA to Advtech.

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### **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper Advises Riversdale Resources on its \$70 million strategic placement to Hancock**

31 August

DLA Piper has advised Australian incorporated coal development company, Riversdale Resources ("Riversdale"), on its \$70 million placement to Hancock, resulting in Hancock's acquisition of a strategic stake in Riversdale. The investment values Riversdale at approximately \$500 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Kleos Space on the first ever Australian Stock Exchange IPO by a Luxembourg based company**

31 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Luxembourg based company "Kleos Space" on its initial offer to investors on the Australian Stock Exchange that floated last week. The offer comes in the lead-up to the planned launch of the company's first satellite, built by Danish cubesat manufacturer GomSpace, in mid-2019, to detect radio transmissions and pinpoint their origin and timing. Kleos Space offers satellite technology which responds to Governments needs for new technologies to support to enhance border and maritime security.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Nickel Mines Limited on AU\$200 million initial public offering**

20 AUG 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper advised Nickel Mines Limited (**NIC**) on its AU\$200 million initial public offering (**IPO**). NIC shares began trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) today and its market capitalisation at the offer price is AU\$486 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises on one of the largest venture capital Series C fintech rounds in Southeast Asia**

17 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Experian, the Dublin-based global information services company, as lead investor, and responsAbility Investments AG (rAp) and Deutsche Investitions - und Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG), as other investors, on the US\$28 million Series C investment in Singapore-based C88 Financial Technologies Group (C88). This is one of the largest venture capital Series C fintech rounds in Southeast Asia.

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## **DLA Piper advises Helios Technologies on acquisition of Custom Fluidpower**

13 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Helios Technologies (Nasdaq: SNHY) on the 100% acquisition of Australian business Custom Fluidpower for AU\$35 million (approximately US\$26 million) on 1 August, 2018. The acquisition was funded using cash and shares of SNHY common stock.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper bolsters Corporate practice with partner hire in Beijing**

4 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has strengthened its Corporate practice with the appointment of US capital markets partner Yang Ge in Beijing.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper appoints Corporate partner Stefan Luke in Brisbane**

8 MAY 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has appointed leading transactional lawyer, Stefan Luke, as a partner of the firm effective today, 8 May 2018.

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### **DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on stake in up to AU\$500M property fund**

7 MAY 2018

DLA Piper is advising Allianz Real Estate on the investment into a portfolio of student accommodation facilities in Australia through the new Scape Australia Joint Venture 2 Fund. The fund will invest up to AU\$500 million, focusing on student accommodation facilities in Sydney and Melbourne, it may also invest in the Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Adelaide markets.

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### **DLA Piper advises Beijing Enterprise Water Group on acquisition of TRILITY**

5 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised BEWG International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beijing Enterprises Water Group, on its 100% acquisition of water utility service provider TRILITY by way of a competitive bid process.

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### **DLA Piper advised on Boscastle sale to Pacific Equity Partners**

2 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised Boscastle Pastries and Foods on its sale to Patties, owned by Pacific Equity Partners.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advised AFL on landmark AU\$225M Etihad Stadium redevelopment deal**

23 APR 2018

DLA Piper advised the AFL (Australian Football League) on its historic AU\$225 million deal with the State of Victoria to redevelop Etihad Stadium and the surrounding Docklands precinct, with an extended 40-year commitment to host the AFL Grand Finals.

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### **DLA Piper appoints new Corporate partner in Hong Kong**

10 APR 2018

DLA Piper has appointed Henry Cheng as a partner to its Corporate practice based in Hong Kong.

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### **DLA Piper advises Pacific Energy on acquisition of Contract Power**

10 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited on its AU\$90 million acquisition of Contract Power Group.

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### **DLA Piper advising Atlas on combination with Mineral Resources**

10 APR 2018

DLA Piper is advising Atlas Iron Limited (ASX: AGO) on its agreement with Mineral Resources Limited (ASX: MIN) to combine by way of scheme of arrangement in a deal that values the iron ore miner at AU\$297.6 million.

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### **DLA Piper advising Alliance Minerals on AU\$446M merger with Tawana Resources**

10 APR 2018

DLA Piper is advising SGX-listed Alliance Mineral Assets Limited (Alliance) on its announced merger with ASX-listed Tawana Resources NL (Tawana), positioning the company as a sizeable producer of high-demand lithium concentrate.

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### **DLA Piper advises Catapult on AU\$25M institutional placement**

4 APRIL 2018

DLA Piper has advised elite sports technology company Catapult Group International Limited (ASX:CAT) on its successful AU\$25 million institutional placement to fund its growth strategy.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises industrial internet of things company MOVUS on funding**

3 APRIL 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised one of Australia's most exciting high growth companies, industrial IoT machine monitoring company MOVUS, on its Series A Venture Capital Funding Round.

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### **DLA Piper advises China Merchants Securities on HK\$462 million IPO of CS Mall Group**

19 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited, as sole sponsor, sole global coordinator and sole bookrunner on CS Mall Group Limited's (CS Mall) IPO and listing on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Fosun to become majority shareholder of Lanvin**

23 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Shanghai-based conglomerate Fosun International Limited and its subsidiaries, on the acquisition of a majority stake in French luxury couture house Jeanne Lanvin SAS. Founded in 1889, Lanvin is France's oldest fashion house in continuous operation.

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

16 FEB 2018

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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.

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### **DLA Piper advises China Merchants Group on US\$2.5 billion investment in China's JD.com logistic arm**

15 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised China Merchants Group (CMG) on its investment in JD Logistics, a subsidiary company of China's largest retailer JD.com.

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### **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.

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