



## 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.

### CAPABILITES

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 2010-2018*)**
- **#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

#### China further opens up its Financial Services sector

26 August 2019

On 20 July 2019, the Office of Financial Stability and Development Committee (Office) under the State Council published the Relevant Measures for Further Opening Up the Financial Sector (11 Measures).

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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

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

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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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### **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**

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**

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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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## **China Passes Foreign Investment Law**

11 APR 2019

On March 15, 2019, President Xi Jinping signed into law China's Foreign Investment Law (the "Law") that was passed by China's National People's Congress on the same day. The Law is to take effect from January 1, 2020.

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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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## 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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## **LAWcast from the Nordics: The US-China trade war – views from China, the US and the Nordics**

13 SEP 2018

### **[LAWCAST FROM THE NORDICS](#)**

The second edition of LAWcast from the Nordics – a podcast published by DLA Piper – focuses on the trade war between the US and China. DLA Piper representatives from Shanghai, Oslo, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Washington, DC discuss the subject from different perspectives and angles.

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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

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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### **LAWcast from the Nordics: Meet the DLA Piper Nordic team - M&A Trends in the region - China's growing focus on the Nordics**

5 MAY 2018

#### **[LAWCAST FROM THE NORDICS](#)**

The first episode of our Nordic podcast features M&A trends and the Nordic corporate market and takes a look at China as a market with huge growth opportunities for Nordic companies

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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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### **The Belt and Road Initiative in 2018**

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## 展望2018年“一带一路”项目

2 FEB 2018

China's Belt and Road Initiative (also known as the "One Belt One Road" initiative) was first introduced by President Xi Jinping in September and October 2013. As the initiative has developed over the last 4 years, we have published an annual series of articles summarizing the initiative and reviewing the status and successes achieved in its implementation.

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## 2018 outlook for drugs and medical devices in China: regulatory reform fueled by innovation

18 JAN 2018

The year 2017 ended with a central government directive to reform the regulatory approval system for drugs and medical devices and a subsequent flood of CFDA changes and proposed changes to the system, and we should see further regulatory reform in 2018 as the Chinese government continues to encourage domestic innovation in this sector.

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## Restructuring Global Insight - Secured creditors, new pre-insolvency restructuring regime, and more

21 DEC 2017

### [RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

Welcome to the 22nd edition of DLA Piper's Restructuring Global Insight and the final one of 2017.

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## The role of mediation in business and human rights disputes

20 DEC 2017

The United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights brings together business, governments, civil society and the legal profession to develop thinking and share best practice in this emerging area of law and practice. At the 6th Annual Forum, DLA Piper lawyers Sarah Ellington and Jess Hogan were joined by representatives from Anti-Slavery International, Doughty Street Chambers, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Sancroft International to present a live mediation role play. The role play was intended to explore the potential for mediation to resolve business and human rights disputes, particularly in cross-border cases.

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## United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights - lessons for business lawyers and their clients

20 DEC 2017

This year, the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights brought together businesses, governments and civil society to develop thinking and share best practice in this emerging area of law and practice. For businesses, a number of key themes continue to develop pushing respect for human rights and responsible business conduct further up the corporate agenda.

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## *Israel Group News*

7 DEC 2017

### [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

Helping to create opportunities for Israeli companies by leveraging our global relationships.

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## Attempt to implement pre-pack procedures in Belgium fails



18 OCT 2017

On 2 April 2017, a draft bill broadly addressing bankruptcy reform was submitted by the Belgian Government to the House of Representatives. While the bill was adopted in mid-July 2017 and will apply to insolvency proceedings opened on or after 1 May 2018, the attempt to include pre-pack procedures in the reform has failed.

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### **Assigning liquidator rights to sue: what has been created?**

18 OCT 2017

Following a suite of recent reforms to Australian insolvency laws, liquidators are now able to assign rights to sue, conferred on them personally by the Corporations Act.

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### **The intersection of Federal Civil Enforcement: claims and healthcare restructurings**

18 OCT 2017

It is well known that the healthcare industry as a whole has undergone significant changes, challenges and uncertainties in recent years... Taken together, these challenges have caused a number of healthcare companies to financially struggle and have resulted in a number of restructurings.

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### **Restructuring Global Insight - Healthcare, consumer credit, and more**

18 OCT 2017

#### **[RESTRUCTURING E-NEWSLETTER - GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)**

In this edition, we start by looking at two highly regulated sectors: healthcare and consumer credit.

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### **Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common**

29 SEP 2017

What do you need to be considering to protect your company in this environment?

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### **Global M&A Intelligence Report 2017**

20 SEP 2017

The 2017 Global report is an analysis of over 1,000 private M&A deals over the last 3 years and offers a unique insight into current trends in M&A. The launch events provide an opportunity for key clients and contacts to network with other M&A professionals and discuss those findings.

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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***

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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 affected**

21 Mar 2012

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## Events

### Previous

#### **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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#### **Transparency International UK's Global Anti-Bribery Guidance portal launch**

30 NOV 2017  
Singapore

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#### **DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region**

10 NOV 2017  
DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region  
Hong Kong

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#### **DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region**

8 NOV 2017  
DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region

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Shanghai

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## **DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region**

7 NOV 2017

DLA Piper Alignment Visit to China: Business Opportunities in the Nordic Region

Beijing

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## **NEWS**

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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 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 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

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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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### **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 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 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

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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 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 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 transactions.

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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 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 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

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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 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

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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## **DLA Piper advises Beijing Sanyuan Foods and Fosun on the €625 million acquisition of French margarine maker St Hubert**

23 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Beijing Sanyuan Foods and Chinese conglomerate Fosun on the €625 million (US\$733 million) acquisition of French margarine maker St Hubert, a leading manufacturer of healthy spreads in France and Italy.

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## **DLA Piper advises China Maple Leaf on HK\$1 billion share placing**

12 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised China Maple Leaf Educational Systems, a Chinese international school operator, on the over HK\$1 billion placing of shares..

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## **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.

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

9 JAN 2018

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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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Laureate Education on the US\$162 million sale of its institution in Malaysia to Affinity Equity Partners**

8 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Laureate Education (NASDAQ:LAUR), the world's largest global network of higher education institutions, on the sale of its global network institution in Malaysia -INTI University and Colleges (INTI)- to Affinity Equity Partners ("Affinity"), one of the largest independent private equity firms in the Asia Pacific region, for a total transaction value of US\$180 million. The net transaction value to Laureate under the Agreement will be US\$162 million.

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### **DLA Piper advises TH Real Estate on acquisitions of Florentia Village in China**

22 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised a newly established fund named Enhanced Real Estate Series APAC II - China Outlets SCSp known as COMF, managed by TH Real Estate, on the fund's acquisition of a pipeline of designer outlet malls under the "Florentia Village" brand in China, closing on two malls in Wuqing and Shanghai to start. The fund has equity commitments of US\$750 million, with a total capacity of US\$1 billion with gearing, and is backed by Allianz, Gaw Capital Partners, TIAA General Account, a Frankfurt-based German asset management company and others.

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### **DLA Piper advises Sinoma on merger with CNBM**

14 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised China National Materials Company Limited (Stock Code: 1893.HK) on its merger with China National Building Material Company Limited (Stock Code: 03323.HK), an unprecedented merger by way of share-exchange in the history of pure H-share listed companies.

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### **DLA Piper advises Seeing Machines Limited on £35 million capital raising**

8 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised technology company Seeing Machines Limited (AIM: SEE) on its £35 million (approximately AU\$62 million) capital raising through a conditional placing and subscription of ordinary shares.

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### **DLA Piper advises CMH Growth Fund on Ymatou investment**

4 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised CMH Growth Fund as the lead investor in the Series C financing of Ymatou, a leading e-commerce platform in China.

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### **DLA Piper advising FirstRand on £1.1 billion takeover of Aldermore Group PLC**

7 NOV 2017

DLA Piper is acting for FirstRand, South Africa's largest financial services institution, who have put forward a £1.1 billion recommended offer for approval by the shareholders of Aldermore Group PLC, ("Aldermore") a British specialist lender and savings bank

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### **DLA Piper advises LDC on disposal of Nexinto**

26 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised LDC on the disposal of Nexinto Limited, a German-based provider of e-commerce hosting sourcing solutions. Nexinto was acquired by The PlusServer Group, a market leading managed cloud services provider in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, owned by BC Partners.

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### **DLA Piper advises China Eastern Airlines on investment in Air France-KLM**

13 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised China Eastern Airlines (CEA), one of the largest Chinese airlines operating domestic, regional and international routes, on its strategic investment in Euronext Paris listed Air France-KLM (AFK). Through this transaction, CEA and SkyTeam alliance member Delta Air Lines (Delta) have each acquired a 10 percent stake in AFK's share capital within the framework of reserved capital increases. The transaction closed on 3 October 2017.

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### **DLA Piper advises Huarong Investment Stock Corporation Limited on HK\$437 million investment**

29 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has advised Huarong Investment Stock Corporation Limited (Stock Code 2277) on its HK\$437 million investment in Hong Kong Stock Exchange listed company Freeman Fintech Corporation Limited (Stock Code 279) in the form of convertible bonds. The secured convertible bonds have a four percent interest rate payable semi-annually to subscribers.

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### **DLA Piper acts for Ping An Global Voyager Fund in investment in 10x Future Technologies**

26 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has represented Ping An Global Voyager Fund, a fund sponsored by China Ping An Insurance Group, in its investment in European fintech company 10x Future Technologies. This is the fund's first investment since its inception in May 2017, and marks a major strategic partnership between Ping An and 10x Future Technologies, which will be looking to market its leading offerings in Asia.

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### **DLA Piper advises AviaAM Financial Leasing China on US\$500 million aircraft financing**

22 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has advised AviaAM Financial Leasing China (AviaAM) on the acquisition, financing, leasing and delivery of eight Airbus A320 family aircraft for circa US\$500 million.

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## 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.

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