



## 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* 2010-2018)**
- **#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

#### 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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#### The states look at autonomous vehicles

24 July 2019

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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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### **Energy related risks in corporate transactions and restructurings**

16 July 2019

Numerous energy-intensive companies having production facilities in Germany benefit from energy regulatory opportunities to reduce their electricity costs. The economic benefits of using these opportunities can be significant and quickly amount to several million euros a year. This article explores the risks in this context.

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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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### **IPOs in the life sciences sector: a formula for success**

19 June 2019

This note focuses on the key regulatory and practical issues that IPO candidates in the life sciences sector seeking admission to the premium listing segment of the Official List need to know. Many of these considerations will also be relevant to IPO candidates seeking a listing on other listing segments or admission to trading on AIM.

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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

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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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## Deadline to clear mergers ahead of uncertain Brexit

22 FEB 2019

With no certainty over whether the UK will leave the EU with a withdrawal agreement in place, from Monday 25 February businesses planning mergers or acquisitions will need to plan for the alternative outcome - a no-deal Brexit - in their transaction assessments.

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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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## Preparing for the 2019 AGM and Reporting Season

23 JAN 2019

As the 2019 AGM and reporting season gets underway, we give an overview of the key changes affecting listed and AIM companies.

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## UK Corporate Governance Reforms How do they affect premium listed companies?

19 DEC 2018

A number of reforms to the UK corporate governance regime are due to take effect from financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2019. We highlight the key reforms affecting premium listed companies.

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## UK Corporate Governance Reforms How do they affect AIM companies?

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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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## Martial law is introduced in Ukraine starting from 26 November 2018

28 NOV 2018

On 26 November 2018, the Parliament of Ukraine imposed temporary martial law in some regions of Ukraine approving respective Decree of the President of Ukraine. The martial law is introduced in response to escalation of Russian aggression in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Law will come into force only after it is officially published.

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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 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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## UK Budget 2018

29 OCT 2018

On 29 October 2018, the UK Chancellor Philip Hammond delivered the final UK Budget before the Brexit deadline.

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## UK Budget 2018: Corporate

29 OCT 2018

A major change with immediate effect (i.e. disposals occurring on or after 29.10.18) is that new tests will require the claimant on a share disposal to have a 5% minimum interest in both distributable profits of the company and net assets (i.e. assets available for distribution to equity holders on a winding up) (as well as 5% of nominal capital and voting rights) throughout the qualifying period of ownership - this will affect adversely many structures reliant on the old tests.

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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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## 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

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valuable new tool in corporate reorganizations involving this type of entity.

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### **Podcast: Corporate PPAs - why merchant risk is here to stay**

19 SEP 2018

Natasha Luther-Jones, DLA Piper Global Co-Chair of Energy and Natural Resources, speaks to Inspiratia about corporate PPAs, the lure of the Nordic market and why the most interesting deal structures will feature some element of merchant exposure

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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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### **English High Court guidance on the formation of Societas Europaea by merger**

10 AUG 2018

Does the Brexit impasse call for a re-evaluation of the usefulness of the Societas Europaea?

Since the mid-2000s it has been possible to form or convert to a European Company or *Societas Europaea* (SE).

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### **Israel Group News**

26 JUL 2018

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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

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*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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### ***Israel Group News***

20 FEB 2018

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### **Business and Human Rights: interaction of human rights impact assessment and legal advisory work**

5 FEB 2018

Adding a human rights layer to legal and commercial considerations can raise complex challenges for businesses and their advisors. For business lawyers and their clients, addressing these challenges requires more than just technical, legal advice and purely legal solutions.

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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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### **Government investment in technology: how governments use tax regimes to attract R&D activity**

17 JAN 2018

Focusing on the UK, Ireland and Germany, this article considers how tax policy can encourage local tech startups.

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### **Key terms in UK and US M&A deals**

11 JAN 2018

With first-hand experience of international M&A on both sides of the Atlantic, Amar Maan (DLA Piper) shares how to leverage the differences between market practice in the UK and the US.

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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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### **DLA Piper South Africa**

13 DEC 2017

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

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### ***Israel Group News***

7 DEC 2017

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### **UK Treasury Committee's report on Solvency II : Client Briefing Paper**

7 NOV 2017

Less than two years after the coming into force of Solvency II, and with Brexit negotiations underway, the UK's Treasury Select Committee published its report on the impact of Solvency II on the UK Insurance Industry. The report provides a remarkably harsh assessment of many aspects of Solvency II and the manner in which the Solvency II regime has been implemented in the UK.

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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

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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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### **In the latest issue of *Israel Group News***

11 SEP 2017

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

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### **Guide to Going Global: Corporate**

We touch on a wide range of corporate issues for companies expanding internationally, including establishing a corporate presence and choice of entity, liability considerations, tax presence and tax filings, capital requirements, the formation process, director, officer and shareholder requirements, registration processes, office lease processes and possible exit strategies.

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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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### **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**

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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 affected**

21 Mar 2012

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**UK: Foreign private advisers under Dodd-Frank**

6 FEB 2012

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## Events

### Upcoming

**An Overview of Construction Procurement**

10 October 2019

**REAL ESTATE SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

London

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### Previous

**Planning for Regeneration**

11 July 2019

Real Estate Seminar Programme

Manchester

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**Risks on Real Estate Deals - what is now possible to insure?**

19 June 2019

Real Estate Seminar Programme

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London

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### **CVAs and Tenant Insolvency**

21 MAY 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **Connectivity Matters**

9 MAY 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
Manchester

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### **Property Issues on Corporate Transactions - A Guide for Corporate Occupiers**

2 MAY 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **Mixed Use Developments**

27 MAR 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **Preparing a Site for Sale**

21 MAR 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
Sheffield

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### **Turning a Rigid Lease into Flexible Working**

20 MAR 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
Manchester

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### **Joint ventures**

13 FEB 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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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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## **A tax revolution from April 2019: Taxing non-UK resident investors in UK property**

17 JAN 2019  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **Connectivity and Next Gen Buildings**

23 NOV 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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

16 OCT 2018

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## **Preparing a site for disposal – conditional break clauses, environmental liability and splitting a site prior to sale**

3 OCT 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **Planning for regeneration**

19 SEP 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **Turning a rigid lease into flexible working – a look at removing or reducing landlord consents, expanding user clauses, break clauses and co-locating**

5 SEP 2018

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Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **M&A in the Nordics**

4 SEP 2018  
London

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### **A Layman's Guide to Real Estate Tax Structures**

23 MAY 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **The Problem Development Site**

9 MAY 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **KQ Liverpool Business Roadshow: Guide to Raising Equity Funding**

3 MAY 2018  
Liverpool

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### **Neighbourly Matters**

24 APR 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **Improving the energy performance of non-domestic buildings – contrasting approaches within the UK**

28 MAR 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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### **Planning for housing delivery**

7 MAR 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **Constructive Thinking: An Introduction to FIDIC 2017**

27 FEB 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **The Electronic Communications Code and its impact on investment management**

14 FEB 2018  
Real Estate Seminar Programme  
London

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF in connection with partial divestiture of European polyamide business**

14 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the acquisition of Solvay's integrated global polyamide business. A corresponding agreement was signed by both companies in September 2017. Following the approval of the transaction by the European Commission in January 2019, which was granted subject to certain conditions including the divestment of polyamide production sites in Europe to a third party, the parties have now reached an agreement on such divestment to Domo Chemicals.

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### **DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camilyo Online Ltd.**

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camilyo Online Ltd., a provider of online-based white-labeled services for online-service provider and their small and medium businesses-clients. The transaction is the second recent acquisition by Bauer Media Group of a provider of online-based white-labeled services and part of Bauer Media Group's new business growth strategy in its business area in SME marketing and sales services.

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### **DLA Piper advises Homebase on Bathstore acquisition**

23 July 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Helios Investment Partners and EAEF on African agriculture buyout deal**

17 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised Helios Investment Partners (Helios) and the Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF) on their acquisition of a 96.7% stake of Misr Hytech Seed International (Misr Hytech). The investment of EAEF was through its investment manager Lorax Capital Partners (LCP).

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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 Wipro Limited on the acquisition of International TechneGroup Incorporated**

10 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited on its acquisition of International TechneGroup Incorporated (ITI), a global digital engineering and manufacturing solutions company.

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## **DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business**

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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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 Fiskien will join DLA Piper in the coming months.

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

4 June 2019

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

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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

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

2 MAY 2019

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

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Phatisa on Meridian exit**

23 APR 2019

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

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

18 APR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises the Carlyle Group on its sale of VWD**

12 APR 2019

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group on its sale of vwd Vereinigte Wirtschaftsdienste GmbH, a leading European provider of software solutions for investment professionals, to Infront ASA. Infront is a European market leader for real-time market data, trading, news and analytics applications based in Oslo, Norway.

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

28 MAR 2019

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

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

26 MAR 2019

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

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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 on AFS Technologies merger with Exceedra**

14 MAR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises on £255 million takeover of Manx Telecom**

14 MAR 2019

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

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

13 MAR 2019

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

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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 10x Future Technologies on £32m Series B fundraising**

12 MAR 2019

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

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

28 FEB 2019

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

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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 boosts corporate offering in Amsterdam with senior partner hire**

5 FEB 2019

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

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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 partners Sandra Wallace and Richard Obank named in The Lawyer's Hot 100 list**

29 JAN 2019

DLA Piper's Joint Managing Director for the UK and Europe, Sandra Wallace, and veteran Restructuring partner Richard Obank have been included in The Lawyer's Hot 100 list, published today. The prestigious list, published by legal magazine The Lawyer, comprises 'the standout lawyers in the UK – the most daring, innovative and creative lawyers from in-house, private practice and the Bar.'

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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 partner Elia Montorio recognised in the Northern Power Women Power list 2019**

22 JAN 2019

DLA Piper's Manchester-based Corporate partner Elia Montorio has been included in the Northern Power Women Power List 2019, a list which recognises 100 women who have contributed to making a difference in their communities and raising awareness of gender equality across the North of England.

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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 expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire**

9 JAN 2019

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

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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 advises John Swire & Sons and Argent Energy on acquisition of Biodiesel Amsterdam**

14 DEC 2018

DLA Piper has advised John Swire & Sons and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Argent Energy, on the acquisition of Biodiesel Amsterdam (BDA)

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### **DLA Piper and Imperial College Business School collaborate on ground-breaking data science initiatives**

14 NOV 2018

DLA Piper and Imperial College Business School have announced a collaboration to develop, test and apply a number of data science initiatives within the firm. The collaboration began with projects known as Data Sparks, within both the Corporate and Litigation & Regulatory practices, and it is anticipated that similar projects will roll out across the firm.

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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 Amazon Filters on significant investment from the business growth fund**

9 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised the management team of Amazon Filters, a filtration equipment manufacturer, on the sale of a minority interest to the Business Growth Fund (BGF). The business will use BGF's funding to continue its organic growth and further expand its distribution network.

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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 advises STG Partners on the acquisition of Extenda and Visma Retail**

4 OCT 2018

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

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## **DLA Piper advises pharma group Clinigen on two acquisitions to drive global expansion**

28 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has advised Clinigen Group plc, the global pharmaceutical and services company, on the acquisition of CSM, a specialist provider of packaging, labelling, warehousing and distribution services, for an initial consideration of \$150 million. The firm has also advised Clinigen on the acquisition of iQone Healthcare Holding, a Swiss based speciality pharmaceutical business, for an initial consideration of €7.5 million (in each case on a cash free/debt free basis).

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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 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 BTG in acquisition of Novate Medical**

10 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented BTG plc, a global specialist healthcare company, in its acquisition of Novate Medical Ltd.

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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's Natasha Luther-Jones and Peter Ihrfelt acclaimed in The Legal Power List 2018**

14 AUG 2018

DLA Piper global Co-Chair of Energy and Natural Resources, Natasha Luther-Jones, and the firm's Head of the Energy sector in Sweden, Peter Ihrfelt, have been named as two of the 100 most influential lawyers in the global wind energy industry, in *The Legal Power List 2018* published by the intelligence service A Word About Wind.

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



3 AUG 2018

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

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#### **DLA Piper advises Brookstone Partners on the acquisition of AM Wind**

1 AUG 2018

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

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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 Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emmerson Plc**

13 JUL 2018

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

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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 advises on the acquisition of the Austrian Haas Group by the Bühler Group**

27 JUN 2018

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

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#### **DLA Piper strengthens Corporate practice with key partner hire**

22 JUN 2018

DLA Piper today announces that Corporate/M&A and Private Equity lawyer, Gerald Schumann, will be joining the firm as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Munich.

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## **DLA Piper secures victory for Transatel SA in landmark telecoms dispute**

20 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has secured a victory for the French telecommunications service provider, Transatel SA, in a dispute under telecommunications law before the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA). In this landmark procedure, the BNetzA ordered the German mobile network operator, Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG, to submit a draft agreement regarding access to regulated wholesale roaming services to Transatel.

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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 bolsters Manchester Corporate team with new partner hire**

12 JUN 2018

DLA Piper is appointing private equity specialist, Andy Phillips, as a corporate Partner to its Manchester office. Andy is an established member of the North West corporate finance community and an experienced private equity lawyer. He acts for private equity institutions and management teams on MBOs, MBIs, exits and portfolio acquisitions.

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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 and Simmons & Simmons co-author a new book on hedge funds**

4 JUN 2018

Andrew Wylie, partner and Head of Investment Funds at DLA Piper, and Dale Gabbert, a partner at international law firm Simmons & Simmons, have co-authored the second edition of a book entitled 'The Law of Hedge Funds: A Global Perspective'.

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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 advises on the sale of Wigan Athletic Football Club**

22 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Whelan family in relation to the acquisition of Wigan Athletic Football Club by International Entertainment Corporation. The transaction is subject to approval from the English Football League and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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### **DLA Piper advises StackPath on its acquisition of Server Density**

17 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised StackPath, a leading secure edge services platform provider headquartered in Dallas, TX, on its cross-border acquisition of Server Density.

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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 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 advises LabTech on £200M High Holborn acquisition**

26 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised LabTech Investments Inc on the acquisition of 90 High Holborn, a landmark office building in central London. LabTech is a technology and property co-working company whose strategy is to create modern collaborative co-working spaces using cutting edge technology.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the sale of Conviviality's retail and wholesale divisions saving almost 4,000 jobs**

26 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised the drinks group Conviviality in connection with the sale of its retail business, which includes the Bargain Booze and Wine Rack brands, to the grocery wholesaler Bestway.

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### **DLA Piper advises Migdal on the acquisition of German light industrial portfolio for €56m**

13 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Israeli insurance company and pension manager, Migdal, on its acquisition of three light industrial properties in Germany from ThreadGreen Industrial for €55.7 million. Migdal completed the acquisition in association with Cording Real Estate Group, a German, UK and Benelux real estate investment and asset management firm.

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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 FMO on JCM Power investment**

26 MAR 2018

A cross-jurisdictional DLA Piper team from London and Toronto has assisted FMO (the Dutch development bank investing in growth and frontier markets) on its cornerstone investment into JCM Power.

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## **DLA Piper advises on the sale of cyber security provider Nettitude to Lloyd's Register Group**

21 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of Nettitude, a market-leading provider of cyber security services, on its sale to Lloyd's Register Group ("LR"), one of the world's leading providers of professional services for the engineering and technology sectors.

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## **DLA Piper advises UK blockchain startup on \$1.5 million financing**

9 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Luther Systems, the London-based enterprise blockchain technology company, on the raising of \$1.5 million in seed financing from a group of global investors ahead of its official launch.

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## **DLA Piper advises Accel-KKR on its investment in Kimble Applications**

8 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Accel-KKR, a leading Silicon Valley technology focused investment firm, on its investment in Kimble Applications, the global leader in professional services automation (PSA). The deal was completed on 6 March 2018.

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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 advises Rosatom on joint venture with Lagerwey to boost Russian wind industry**

21 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised NovaWind, a Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation's unit responsible for new energy programmes in Russia, on its joint venture with Dutch turbine developer Lagerwey, to supply 388 turbines to Russian wind farms by 2022.

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

20 FEB 2018

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

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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 Zeus Capital Limited as nominated advisor and broker on OnTheMarket plc IPO

12 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Zeus Capital Limited as nominated advisor and broker to OnTheMarket plc, operator of the residential property portal of the same name, on its listing on AIM and associated placing of shares, which began trading on Friday 9 February. The placing raised £30 million, resulting in a market capitalisation of approximately £100 million for OnTheMarket plc.

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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 Harrison Street on Crosslane joint venture

5 FEB 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised leading real estate investment firm Harrison Real Estate Capital LLC, on its joint venture with Crosslane Property Group UK, a real estate company specialising in purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) across the UK and Continental Europe.

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## DLA Piper advises Dechra Pharmaceuticals on acquisition of AST Farma and Le Vet

29 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC on the acquisition of AST Farma and Le Vet in the Netherlands for a total consideration of €340 million and an associated £100m placing to raise funds for the transaction.

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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

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 welcomes David Smith to Leeds Tax practice**

8 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has strengthened its corporate tax practice with the appointment of David Smith, who joins the firm as partner and will be based in the Leeds office.

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### **DLA Piper advises purchasers of Barnsley FC**

21 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised international investor consortium BFC Investment on its acquisition of Championship football club Barnsley FC, from Oakwell Holdings Limited.

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### **DLA Piper client awarded Large Company Turnaround of the Year at IFT Awards**

27 NOV 2017

DLA Piper client Willerby Group, the UK's leading manufacturer of static holiday homes based in Hull, has been named as the winner in the Large Company Turnaround of the Year category at the Institute for Turnaround Awards in London.

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### **DLA Piper advises TotalErg S.p.A. on sale of 100% of its shares in three concurrent transactions**

22 NOV 2017

DLA Piper has assisted ERG S.p.A. and Total Marketing Services S.A. in the sale of 100% of the shares of TotalErg S.p.A., the 51:49 joint venture created in 2010 between ERG and Total, active in the distribution of petroleum products in Italy.

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### **DLA Piper advises ABRY Partners in Rackspace's acquisition of Datapipe**

20 NOV 2017

DLA Piper represented ABRY Partners, a private equity firm that focuses on media, communications, business and information services companies, in its sale of Datapipe, one of the world's leading providers of managed services across public and private clouds, managed hosting and colocation, to Rackspace and its controlling shareholder, alternative investment manager Apollo

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### **DLA Piper advises Verivox on its takeover of Outbank**

17 NOV 2017

DLA Piper has advised the comparison portal website Verivox on the takeover of the business operations of Outbank from insolvency proceedings. Outbank offers its customers a multi-banking app and was originally founded as a start-up. Belonging to ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE, Verivox is thus expanding and optimizing its portfolio of tariff and price comparisons. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

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### **DLA Piper advise Kerzner International on its joint venture with Dolphin Capital Partners for the development and management of a luxury tourism project in Greece**

14 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has advised leading international developer and operator of ultra-luxury resorts and residences, Kerzner International Holdings Limited ("Kerzner") on its joint venture with private equity firm, Dolphin Capital Partners and Dolphin Capital Investors for the development and management of the One&Only Kéa Island, Greece, a luxury tourism project on the Cycladic island of Kea.

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

9 NOV 2017

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

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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 QHotels Group on UK's largest hotel deal of 2017**

3 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised hotel owner and operator QHotels Group on its acquisition via joint purchase agreement by China's Cindat Capital Management and UK investment firm Aprirose. The two purchasers will each acquire a 50 percent stake in the company.

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## **DLA Piper advises Sun European Partners on LBO acquisition of C&K group**

28 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has advised an affiliate of Sun European Partners on the leveraged buyout acquisition of the C&K Group from the American private equity fund Littlejohn&Co. Partly funded through a USD130 million multicurrency unitranche bond issuance arranged and subscribed by Tikehau Capital, the business was acquired for an undisclosed value.

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## **DLA Piper advises JD Sports Fashion on joint venture in South Korea**

27 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has advised JD Sports Fashion Plc (JD), a sports, fashion and outdoor brands retailer, on a joint venture (JV) with Shoemaker Inc (SMK), a South Korean retailer of footwear, in relation to J&S Partners Inc, a company owned by SMK, which currently trades as the multibranded Hot-T fascia (Hot-T).

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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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## **DLA Piper advises on the sale of shares in IOW Group**



13 SEP 2017

DLA Piper in Poland advised the shareholders on the sale of shares in IOW Group to Axel Johnson International AB. The completion of the transaction was subject to merger control clearance, which was issued by the President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection on 26 July 2017.

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### **DLA Piper advises StarCompliance in a strategic capital investment by Luminare Capital Partners**

22 AUG 2017

DLA Piper represented StarCompliance, LLC, a provider of enterprise compliance and regulatory software solutions in the financial services industry, in the recent capital investment by Luminare Capital Partners, a San Francisco-based private equity firm.

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### **DLA Piper advises Axalta Coating Systems on acquisition of Plascoat Systems Limited**

22 AUG 2017

DLA Piper has assisted Axalta Coating Systems, a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, on its acquisition of Plascoat Systems Limited, a leading supplier of thermoplastic powder coatings, from its parent company, International Process Technologies Limited, for an undisclosed sum.

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