



## Societário

Os advogados globais de direito societário da DLA Piper prestam apoio às melhores empresas, startups e instituições financeiras do mundo nas suas atividades de desenvolvimento e investimento.

Desde as fusões e aquisições até ao capital de risco, passando pelas ofertas de dívida e participações cotadas e não cotadas, prestamos assistência aos clientes em todas as fases das suas operações, de modo a assegurar bons resultados.

Enquanto sociedade de advogados global, a DLA Piper presta uma gama completa de serviços jurídico-empresariais em todas as jurisdições onde opera.

Os nossos clientes beneficiam de uma valiosa combinação de experiência global e conhecimentos locais, que nos permite lidar com todos os aspetos de operações empresariais complexas, tanto a nível nacional como transnacional. O conhecimento do setor e dos problemas diários que os nossos clientes enfrentam constitui um fator essencial para o nosso sucesso.

É por esse motivo que, para além da sua experiência jurídica, os nossos advogados de direito societário possuem igualmente conhecimentos específicos sobre cada setor, seja ele o setor bancário, da energia, dos cuidados de saúde, da hotelaria e lazer, dos seguros, das ciências da vida, da Indústria transformadora, da tecnologia, ou outro.

Além disso, para além de advogados de direito societário com responsabilidades primárias sobre as transações, as nossas equipas de negócio incluem profissionais competentes com experiência em áreas de prática essenciais, tais como governação societária, propriedade intelectual, tecnologia, antitrust, remunerações, fiscal, serviços financeiros, regulação, trabalho, pensões, conformidade dos valores mobiliários e imobiliário.

### CAPABILITES

Ajudamos os nossos clientes nas seguintes áreas:

Fusões e aquisições transnacionais (públicas e privadas), incluindo:

- Início, planeamento e verificação prévia (due diligence)
- Execução de negócios
- Integrações pós-fusão

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### SERVIÇOS RELACIONADOS

- Trabalho
- Propriedade Intelectual e Tecnologia
- Merger Control
- Fiscal
- International Corporate Reorganizations

### SETORES RELACIONADOS

- Energia
- Serviços Financeiros
- Seguros

- Joint ventures
- Crescimento através de alternativas às fusões e aquisições
- Mercados de capitais (capital e dívida)
- Participações não cotadas (private equity)
- Fundos de investimento
- Capital de risco
- Governança empresarial

- Ciências da Vida
- Industrials
- Tecnologia

## EXPERIENCE

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### Prémios e classificações

- 1.º lugar a nível global em negócios anunciados por volume 2010-2015 (mergermarket)
- 1.º lugar a nível global em negócios do mercado médio anunciados por volume, Thomson Reuters, 2015
- 4.º lugar entre as sociedades de advogados mais ativas no domínio das participações não cotadas (private equity) nos EUA e globalmente por volume de negócios em participações não cotadas em 2015, Pitchbook
- 3.º lugar entre as sociedades de advogados mais ativas a nível global em aquisições de participações não cotadas (private equity) em 2015 (mergermarket)

## INSIGHTS

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### Publicações

#### **Economic relief for Calgary business owners impacted by COVID-19 (Canada)**

27 MAR 2020

Canadian governments have implemented numerous measures to assist business owners economically affected by COVID-19. This article outlines the measures for business focused relief available to Calgary business owners from the federal, provincial, and municipal governments.

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#### **COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus**

27 March 2020

A summary of recent changes to the notarization, apostille and legalization by embassy processes in the United States.

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#### **ESG: the rise of private ordering and the role of the NCGC committee**

26 March 2020

### PROXY SEASON HOT TOPICS

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

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

25 MAR 2020

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

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1**

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

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### **Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)**

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

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### **Hotels and hospitals may find new partnerships to solve for bed capacity issues and vacancies**

25 March 2020

The impacts of COVID-19 upon the hospitality sector as well as hospital systems and the healthcare industry have been sudden and dramatic.

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### **[UPDATED] Coronavirus: Federal and state governments work quickly to enable remote online notarization to meet global crisis**

25 March 2020

As more businesses work remotely due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis, several federal and state governments are moving quickly to enable fully electronic processes to keep businesses operating.

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### **Issues for directors to consider in light of coronavirus COVID-19**

24 March 2020

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, directors are taking steps to ensure that companies can continue to operate. While it is natural to focus on the immediate practical implications of operating in this challenging environment, directors should also ensure they keep in mind their broader duties and disclosure obligations.

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### **SBA to provide disaster assistance loans for small businesses impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) (United States)**

24 March 2020

The Small Business Administration has authorized Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million in assistance to help small businesses and other organizations that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) since January 31, 2020.

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## Energy commodity marketing and trading companies in times of crisis: Risks of heightened scrutiny from the CFTC and FERC (United States)

23 March 2020

Energy commodity marketing and trading companies should take a number of steps to mitigate the risks of regulatory infractions during times of crisis.

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## Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

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## High Court rules BHP entities were associates

23 March 2020

On 11 March 2020, in an unanimous and landmark decision, the High Court of Australia handed down its decision on the technical meaning of “sufficiently influenced” which is used to determine who is an “associate” under Australia’s foreign income attribution rules. The decision has significant impact for large listed groups especially with a dual-listed company (**DLC**) structure and concerns the application of the Australian Controlled Foreign Company (**CFC**) rules.

Whilst the facts and future application of this case may principally be limited to the DLC type structures, the legal analysis of the definition of “associate” impacts on wider applications as this definition is used outside of the CFC provisions including the thin capitalisation rules, the debt/equity tests and the withholding tax rules.

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## Canadian Securities Administrators provide guidance on AGMs during the COVID-19 outbreak

20 MAR 2020

In recognition of the increasing concerns regarding COVID-19, and in an effort to add further clarity, on March 20, 2020, the Canadian Securities Administrators issued a press release, titled “*Canadian Securities Regulators Provide Guidance on Conducting Annual General Meetings During COVID-19 Outbreak*”. The CSA’s press release was prepared to address all business transacted at annual shareholder meetings.

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## 90-day deferral for US federal income tax payments

20 March 2020

Those who decide to defer their federal tax payments will be able to do so on a penalty-free and interest-free basis, with penalties and interest beginning to accrue for payments submitted after July 15, 2020.

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## Coronavirus: business resilience and continuity planning (United States)

19 March 2020

Prudent companies understand that their response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be consistent with their business resilience plans.

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## **COVID-19's (likely) impact on the US M&A market**

19 March 2020

Certain considerations that participants in the M&A market may wish to keep in mind as we progress through these unprecedented times.

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## **COVID-19: The benefits of US chapter 11 relief in a time of economic crisis**

19 March 2020

Highlighting some of the most significant benefits of US chapter 11 for companies facing severe challenges under the current circumstances.

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

19 MAR 2020

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

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## **Coronavirus: Federal government stimulus response – Massive stimulus package may move through US Congress at “warp speed”**

19 March 2020

The economic stimulus package taking shape may be the biggest one ever.

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## **Coronavirus: executive summary - key highlights from Washington (March 19, 2020) (United States)**

19 March 2020

Key highlights for March 19, 2020.

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## **Coronavirus: stock repurchase considerations and guidance for US public companies**

18 March 2020

General guidance and insights to assist boards of directors and senior management of US public companies as they evaluate potential stock repurchases.

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

17 March 2020

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

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## **US employee benefits and the coronavirus**

17 March 2020

Some of the many benefit plan issues that employers are facing.

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### **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Business interruptions and resulting effects in the global economy (Global)**

16 March 2020

While the overall scope and duration of the economic impacts are difficult to forecast, there will undoubtedly be a significant increase in workouts, restructurings, rescue financings, forbearances, and other similar activities over the coming months.

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### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

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### **Defending your supply chain against coronavirus COVID-19 (United States)**

9 March 2020

An action plan that companies can implement to make strategic decisions related to potential supply chain disruptions.

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

6 March 2020

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

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

5 March 2020

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

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### **Coronavirus considerations and guidance for US public companies**

3 March 2020

While the situation remains fluid and the specific impacts on most companies are uncertain, the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak may create risks in all aspects of business.

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### **CFIUS's new role in real estate transactions**

20 February 2020

An outline of CFIUS's new authority to review foreign investment in US real estate and its impact on real estate investors who have not previously dealt with CFIUS risk.

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### **When is an outbreak an act of God? Mitigating commercial and operational risks during the COVID-19 crisis (Global)**

13 February 2020

A close look at a standard but often overlooked "act of God" or force majeure clause in contracts may provide some insight into options for mitigating commercial and operational risks during the ongoing health crisis.

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### **COP25's key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business**

12 February 2020

Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

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### **Israel Group News February 2020**

10 February 2020

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

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

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### **Coronavirus: key employment legal issues for US employers (United States)**

10 February 2020

Considerations and action steps for prudent employers.

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### **Belgian legislative proposal implementing the Shareholders' Rights Directive II – new rules and impact**

27 January 2020

On 4 October 2019, a Belgian legislative proposal implementing the Shareholders' Rights Directive II (SRDII), was submitted to the Chamber of Representatives. This EU directive aims to encourage long term shareholder engagement in companies and amends the previous Shareholders' Rights Directive (SRD) which came into force in June 2007.

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

16 January 2020

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

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

20 December 2019

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

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

3 December 2019

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

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## **Israel Group News November 2019**

18 November 2019

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

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## **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

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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

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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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### **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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## 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

### [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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## 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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### **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 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

## [ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

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

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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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### **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**

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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**Eventos**

**Anteriores**

**Federal Stimulus Update: Details on the Rescue Plan and Opportunities for Small Business to Keep Employees Employed and Paid**

26 March 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 EST  
Webinar

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**IPEM 2020**

28-30 January 2020  
Paris

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**IPEM 2019**

22-24 JAN 2019  
Paris

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

17 JAN 2019  
Webinar

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

16 OCT 2018

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**NOTÍCIAS**

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**DLA Piper advises BASF in connection with completion of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business and formation of a joint venture with Domo Chemicals**

24 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business. The transaction was completed on 31 January 2020, after corresponding agreements had been signed by both companies in September 2017 and August 2019. The purchase price paid by BASF on a cash and debt-free basis amounts to EUR 1.3 billion.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on package of measures to increase profitability**

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability which has been announced by the company. The aim is to reduce structural costs at short notice and to sustainably improve the company's profitability. This will significantly improve Heidelberg's financial stability.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars**

10 March 2020

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

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

25 February 2020

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

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

28 January 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Schröder on acquisition**

28 January 2020

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

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

17 January 2020

DLA Piper's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital team has advised leading car manufacturer Hyundai/KIA Motors on its

EUR100 million, Series A investment in Arrival SARL, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.

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

8 January 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper gets approval from German Federal Cartel Office for EWE and Telekom Deutschland joint venture**

7 January 2020

In merger control proceedings, DLA Piper has achieved approval from the German Federal Cartel Office for the establishment of a joint venture between Telekom Deutschland GmbH and the energy and telecommunications company EWE AG. The joint venture, Glasfaser NordWest, is to supply up to 1.5 million households and company sites in parts of Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia and Bremen with fibre to the home (FTTH).

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

9 December 2019

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

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

25 October 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises on the sale of Sens-Tech**

25 October 2019

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

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

16 October 2019

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

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

10 October 2019

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

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

13 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group**

6 September 2019

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

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

5 September 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Tirona on the acquisition of a stake in CashCape**

5 September 2019

DLA Piper has advised Tirona Ltd. on the acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the fintech app CashCape.

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## **DLA Piper advises Hain Celestial on sale of Tilda rice**

29 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAIN) on its sale of Tilda, the premium Basmati and speciality rice business, to Ebro Foods S.A. for US\$42 million. Hain Celestial is a leading organic and natural products company with operations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

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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 Camiyo Online Ltd.**

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camiyo 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 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

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**

30 APR 2019

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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**

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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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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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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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