



## Financial Services

DLA Piper advises some of the largest financial services companies and institutions on both their day-to-day operations and wider strategic objectives. Uncertain economies demand legal strategies that address regulatory and enforcement risks and the costs of compliance.

We help our clients contend with legal issues in banking - including restructurings, regulatory demands and the compliance costs that have come with reform.

DLA Piper has the worldwide resources to represent clients in large banking and commercial transactions, as well as to meet their needs in regulatory, public policy and enforcement areas. Our lawyers are located in all major capital markets and in the regulatory centers of Washington, DC and Brussels. We also advise clients on banking legal issues in higher risk and growth markets.

Our clients include asset managers, building societies, capital markets and their participants, investment banks, national regulators, private banks, private equity firms, professional services organizations engaged principally in financial services and retail banks. In addition, we regularly work with retail intermediaries on the legal issues involved in the selling of financial services to consumers.

- SEC investigation: When the former CFO of Countrywide Financial Corporation was involved in a high-profile SEC investigation and lawsuit, our lawyers achieved a rare outcome when the SEC charged fraud, but agreed to a negligence-based settlement
- Acquisition: We are counsel to Banco Santander in its US\$4.1 billion acquisition of Bank Zachodni WBK from Allied Irish Banks
- Refinancing: In the CEE region, advising Deutsche Pfandbriefbank on the €300 million refinancing of a real estate portfolio of office buildings across Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania
- Personal Properties Securities Act (2009) (Cth) (PPSA) initiative: With a banking client we initiated a program of workshops for their clients on the potential impact of the new PPSA regime in Australia. The workshops were targeted by identifying those bank clients likely to be impacted, such as manufacturers. Along with representatives of the bank, we provided practical insights into how their businesses would be affected.
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA): Major global banks will be impacted by the operation of FATCA. Our US practice has been advising both US and ex-US clients and lobbying on behalf of affected parties. Our Australian tax practice and finance partners have worked with the Australian Banking Association to assist in the understanding of the likely impact of FATCA on Australian banks and providing insights as to how some of the more onerous aspects of the regime might be ameliorated.
- Personal Property Securities Act (PPSA): We contributed to and made appearances before the US Senate Committee on the

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PPSA, including making a number of written and oral presentations. During this process, we identified specific issues affecting asset and structured finance providers. We made representations and had discussions with the Attorney General's office regarding how the legislation might be amended to take account of potential unintended consequences. We were also part of an industry working group on the impact of PPSA.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Anti-Money Laundering Bulletin - Spring 2019**

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper's Financial Services Regulatory team welcomes you to the Spring 2019 edition of our Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Bulletin. In this issue we provide updates on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing news, both in the UK and internationally, covering the period from February 2019 to April 2019.

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#### **EU Commission publishes 'controversial' list of high-risk third countries**

23 MAY 2019

On 13 February 2019, the European Commission adopted its draft list identifying high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies in their Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CTF) regimes (Draft List). The Draft List, which demonstrates the Commission's stricter approach in this area, was criticised by the US and Saudi Arabia and was unanimously rejected by the Council of the EU. As a result, the Commission will need to reconsider its position.

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#### **UK's payment systems regulator delays the implementation of confirmation of payee**

23 MAY 2019

On 9 May 2019, the UK's Payment Systems Regulator (PSR) published a Consultation Paper announcing a delay of the implementation deadline of 'Confirmation of Payee' (CoP). You may access the Consultation Paper [here](#). CoP, was due to come into force by 1 April 2019 but will now be pushed back until 31 December 2019.

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#### **Standard Chartered agrees to pay a USD1.1 billion fine for Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions violations**

23 MAY 2019

On 9 April 2019, the London based global financial institution, Standard Chartered (the 'Bank') agreed with the UK and US regulators to pay a combined USD1.1 billion fine for failings in its Anti-Money Laundering (AML) controls and for violations of its obligations under the US sanctions regime. This amount corresponds to separate settlement arrangements of the Bank with the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the US Department of Justice (DOJ), the New York Department of Financial Services (NYDFS), the New York County District Attorney's Office, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

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## **FATF Statement on mitigating risks from virtual assets**

23 MAY 2019

On 22 February 2019, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) published a Public Statement on mitigating money laundering and terrorist financing risks associated with virtual assets (Public Statement). The FATF is in the course of finalising the text of an Interpretative Note to Recommendation 15, which will clarify how Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CTF) rules apply in the cryptoasset space.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

20 MAY 2019

### **BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS**

FinCEN issues interpretive guidance and new advisory on virtual currencies, Fed warns of rise of leveraged lending to risky firms.

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## **Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) May 2019**

15 MAY 2019

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS SERIES**

Intellectual Property and Technology News (Asia Pacific) is our biannual publication designed to report on worldwide development in intellectual property and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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## **European Supervisory Authorities propose the regulation of third party cloud service providers**

13 MAY 2019

On 10 April 2019, the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) published a Joint Advice on the need for legislative improvements relating to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) risk management in the EU financial sector (Joint Advice). The three ESAs are the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA). The Joint Advice includes, among other things, a recommendation addressed to the EU Commission to establish a framework for the oversight and monitoring of 'critical' cloud services providers.

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## **Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 16, 2019**

9 MAY 2019

### **FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES**

As ever, regulatory change, technology and modernization of financial systems play a big role and we have attempted to pick out a few areas that may be of particular interest, including the recent Securitization Regulation, Brexit and the European loan markets, UK mortgage uncertainty, issues with holding digital assets and ISDA agreements.

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## **Mexico: Anti-money laundering rules / self-correction program**

8 MAY 2019

Mexico's new rules aim to encourage non-compliant taxpayers to meet their reporting obligations.

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## **US v. Connolly and the potential pitfalls of cooperation in internal investigations**

8 MAY 2019

A warning shot to government lawyers against delegating core investigative functions to outside counsel for targets or subjects of their investigations.

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## **Collaboration in Financial Services - Regulation and Challenges**

3 MAY 2019

One of the most noticeable recent trends in financial services is the number of collaborations which are taking place between FinTechs and banks. As banks have been transforming to increasingly drive business through digital channels, they have sought to partner with FinTechs to accelerate the pace of change.

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## **Digital asset regulation: SEC suggests possible path from security to non-security**

25 APR 2019

Examining the concept that digital assets can reach a tipping point – an “evolutionary moment” in their development – where they transform from a security to a non-security.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

24 APR 2019

The inaugural issue looks at the SEC’s Digital Guidance Framework and No Action Letter and covers the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

22 APR 2019

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, Fed & FDIC propose reducing living will requirements, Fed seeks to tailor reg framework for foreign banks

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## **Africa Connected: Trends in financial services**

17 APR 2019

### **[AFRICA CONNECTED SERIES](#)**

Trends in the financial services sector is the theme of this edition of Africa Connected, our regular collection of in-depth articles on doing business in Africa. We have Africa-wide articles on fintech, the liberalization of financial services and mobile money access; and jurisdiction specific pieces on Morocco, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, among others.

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## **Unpacking the SEC’s Digital Assets Guidance Framework and No Action Letter**

16 APR 2019

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The Framework describes factors for assessing whether digital assets are “investment contracts” subject to federal securities laws; the No Action letter applies those factors.

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### **Proposed amendments to Canada’s anti-money laundering regulations aim to close loop holes**

15 APR 2019

Long-awaited amendments to Canada’s anti-money laundering regulations are set to come into effect this coming fall. A number of deficiencies in the regulations had been previously identified in reports by inter-governmental agency, the Financial Action Task Force, and the US State Department.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines**

12 APR 2019

On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

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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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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

8 APR 2019

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, FDIC warns banks on gaps in contracts, Fed releases details to increase transparency of stress testing regime

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### **FDIC highlights common deficiencies in technology vendor contracts**

5 APR 2019

An indicator that not only the FDIC but other regulators may focus more intently on ambiguity of roles and rights in bank contracts during future examinations.

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

30 APR 2019

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

In this issue, Washington state moves closer to E-SIGN, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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

29 MAR 2019

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

In this issue, the new prepaid rule may affect virtual currency wallet providers, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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## **As new prepaid rule takes effect, virtual currency wallet providers need to take notice**

29 MAR 2019

While much focus has been on how the new rule impacts traditional prepaid card issuers, the Prepaid Rule is sufficiently broad that it could apply to virtual currency wallets.

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## **Supreme Court *Lorenzo* decision extends securities fraud liability to those who disseminate false statements made by others**

28 MAR 2019

The ruling potentially wide-reaching implications for ancillary participants in securities transactions, including investment banks, brokers and law firms.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

25 MAR 2019

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, Volcker Rule 2.0, CFPB to issue new debt collection rule proposal.

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: EU Mechanism for Foreign Investment Screening to Enter into Force in April**

21 MAR 2019

Today, on 21 March 2019, the new Regulation establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (EU).

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## **Exchange International: Financial Services Regulation Newsletter**

21 MAR 2019

### **[EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES](#)**

DLA Piper's Financial Services International Regulatory team welcomes you to the thirty eighth edition of "Exchange – International" – our international newsletter designed to keep you informed of regulatory developments in the financial services sector.

This issue includes updates from the European Union, as well as contributions from the UK, Luxembourg, the US and

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International developments.

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### **FCA fines UBS AG £27.6 million for transaction reporting failure**

20 MAR 2019

On 19 March 2019, the FCA announced that UBS AG (UBS) has been fined £27,599,400 for failings relating to 135.8 million transaction reports between November 2007 and May 2017. A transaction report involves submitting data to the FCA that contains information relating to an individual financial market transaction. The FCA's rules on transaction reporting, previously based in the first Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID), have, from 3 January 2018, been applied by the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive. Each report includes information about the financial instrument traded, the firm undertaking the trade, the buyer and seller, and the date and time of the trade.

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### **Finalised Guidance on Statements of Responsibility and responsibilities maps for FCA firms under SM&CR**

20 MAR 2019

On 8th March the FCA published its Final Guidance on Statements of Responsibilities (SoRs) and responsibilities maps under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR). The Final Guidance builds on the FCA's SM&CR guidance for solo-regulated firms published in July 2018 and followed the FCA's consultation on the subject in October 2018. It aims to give FCA solo-regulated firms practical assistance and information on preparing SoRs and responsibilities maps prior to the roll out of the new rules in December 2019.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Update: EU Adds 8 Russian Officials on Sanctions List in response to Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov Incident**

19 MAR 2019

On 14 March 2019, the Council of the European Union adopted Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2014/145 adding eight Russian officials to the list targeting those "undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine".

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### **Operational resilience and its failures in the financial services sector**

18 MAR 2019

In August 2018 the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) mandated banks start publishing information relating to major operational and security incidents. According to recent BBC findings, the data published so far show that big banks experience typically one outage per month. Between April and December, major UK banks suffered more than ten shutdowns. Barclays, followed by Lloyds, have reported the highest number of incidents.

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### **FCA publishes findings on consumer attitudes and awareness of cryptoassets**

12 MAR 2019

On 7th March 2019, the FCA published two pieces of research it had commissioned on consumers' attitudes and awareness of cryptoassets. "Cryptoassets" generally refer to cryptocurrencies (like Bitcoin) as well as other digital assets secured cryptographically.

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## CFTC issues advisory incentivizing market participants to self-report foreign corrupt practices

12 MAR 2019

The first time that the CFTC is publicly incentivizing market participants.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

11 MAR 2019

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, Fed drops qualitative test for US banks in 2019 stress tests, FSOC to focus on business sector risks.

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## European Banking Authority publishes opinion on deposit protection in the event of a no-deal Brexit

7 MAR 2019

On 1 March 2019, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published an Opinion on deposit protection issues arising from the UK's withdrawal from the EU (Opinion). The Opinion seeks to ensure that depositors in the EU are adequately protected also in a no-deal scenario. Most importantly, it recommends that EU branches of UK credit institutions should be required to join local EU Deposit Guarantee Schemes (DGSs) subject to the requirements of national law.

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## ESMA adopts recognition decision regarding Euroclear in preparation for a no-deal Brexit

7 MAR 2019

On 1 March 2019, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) announced that it will recognise Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (Euroclear) as a third country Central Securities Depository (CSD), in the event of a no-deal Brexit (Recognition Decision). Euroclear, which is the CSD in the UK, also services Irish securities. The Recognition Decision will allow Euroclear to continue offering its services in the EU and will help avoid disruption for the Irish securities market.

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## FCA encourages asset managers to transition to alternative risk-free rates

1 MAR 2019

On 21 February 2019, Megan Butler, the FCA's Executive Director of Supervision: Investment, Wholesale and Specialists delivered a speech on firms' ongoing transition from the use of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to overnight risk-free rates (RFRs).

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

28 FEB 2019

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

In this issue, digitally complying with data breach notification laws, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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## Digitally complying with data breach notification laws: a little planning goes a long way

28 FEB 2019

Can you send an electronic data breach notice?

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

25 FEB 2019

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, Quarles outlines future course for FSB, FSB report sees BigTech as bigger threat to banks than FinTechs.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

11 FEB 2019

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, regional banks exempted, Fed to hold public conference on stress test framework in July.

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### **Global Financial Innovation Network formally launches**

8 FEB 2019

The Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) launched officially in January 2019. The GFIN is an international network of financial services regulators and relevant organisations, designed to support regulatory collaboration and cross-border testing of innovative products and technologies in the financial services sector.

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### **FCA Statement on Cryptocurrency Derivatives**

7 FEB 2019

On 6 April 2018, the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published a statement on its website regarding the regulatory treatment of cryptocurrencies and derivative instruments associated with them.

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### **Finovation: Friend or Foe**

5 FEB 2019

The pace of collaboration between FinTech companies and traditional banks is rapidly increasing, particularly with the introduction of new players with a greater focus on the 'tech'.

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### **Fairness by Design**

31 JAN 2019

The "net impression" created by the consumer's entire online interaction with a site will be reviewed by regulators and the courts when evaluating regulatory compliance.

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## Anti-Money Laundering Bulletin - Winter 2019

30 JAN 2019

In this issue, we provide updates on AML developments in the Financial Services Sector. We offer the latest updates on Brexit, including the anti-money laundering and counterterrorist financing aspects of the Political Declaration on the future UK-EU relationship and we look at the steps that firms need to take in preparation of a 'no-deal' Brexit.

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### Government shutdown ends; CFTC announces resumption of normal operations

29 JAN 2019

FTC will be updating the public and market participants over the coming days about the status of various agency activities.

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### Government shutdown ends; SEC and CFTC may resume normal operations

28 JAN 2019

The SEC divisions and offices strive to transition to normal operations.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

28 JAN 2019

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, Waters, McHenry outline Financial Services Committee priorities, Regulators encourage banks to work with customers hit by government shutdown.

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### FCA proposes to exclude heads of legal as senior managers under SM&CR

28 JAN 2019

On 23rd January the FCA published a Consultation Paper 19/4 outlining several amendments to the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR) for banking firms, insurers and FSMA-authorized solo-regulated firms. The FCA hopes that the proposals will ensure the effectiveness of the SM&CR and support its objectives of reducing harm to consumers and strengthening market integrity.

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### US and Australian regulators enter into FinTech cooperation agreement

24 JAN 2019

At the heart of the agreement is a desire to enhance mutual understanding about FinTech regulatory issues, identify market developments, promote innovation and encourage use of technology in market oversight.

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### EU Policy & Regulatory Update: First Designations under EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions Regime

24 JAN 2019

On 21 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, listing nine individuals and one entity under the EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions regime.

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## **FCA publishes its refreshed values and conflict of interests policy**

22 JAN 2019

On 3 January 2019, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published a short Reference Guide clarifying its Values and Core Skills (Reference Guide). On 2 January 2019, the FCA also published its Conflict of Interests Policy, which replaces and supersedes its Code of Conduct, with effect from 1 January 2019.

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## **FCA follows US regulators in warning firms over manufactured credit events in its latest Market Watch**

22 JAN 2019

Two and a half years since the Market Abuse Regulation (Regulation 596/2014) (MAR) came into effect, the FCA released the 58th edition of its Market Watch newsletter on 17 December 2018 (Newsletter) commenting on the latest developments on market conduct and transaction reporting.

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## **ESMA and EBA approach to Crypto-Assets**

21 JAN 2019

On 9 January 2019, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) and the European Banking Authority (EBA) published Advice and a Report, respectively, on the regulatory treatment of assets secured cryptographically (crypto-assets).

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## **Government shutdown's impact on SEC expands to administrative proceedings**

16 JAN 2019

SEC halts all administrative proceedings until further notice due to the shutdown.

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## **FCA consultation paper and policy statement on regulatory technical standards under PSD2**

15 JAN 2019

On 19 December 2018, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published Consultation Paper 18/44 which proposed to make Regulatory Technical Standards for Strong Customer Authentication and common and secure open standards of communication, for the purposes of contingency planning in the event of a no-deal Brexit (Consultation Paper).

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

14 JAN 2019

### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In this issue, Fed proposal to relieve banks under \$250 billion of stress test requirements, Fed and FDIC approve four major foreign banks' living wills but cite shortcomings

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Update - EU Adds Three Iranian Persons to EU Terrorist List**

14 JAN 2019

On 8 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/25 amending and updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP.

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### **EEA firms and investment funds can now notify under Temporary Permissions Regime**

10 JAN 2018

The notification window to enter the Temporary Permissions Regime (TPR) opened on 7 January 2019 and will close at the end of 28 March 2019. In the event of a 'no deal' Brexit, the TPR allows inbound passporting EEA firms and investment funds to continue carrying out regulated business in the UK for a limited period of time, while working towards obtaining authorisation or recognition.

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### **SEC, CFTC implement plans for the government shutdown**

9 JAN 2019

Those who have business before the SEC or the CFTC should expect delays for the duration of the government shutdown and plan accordingly.

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### **European Commission "No Deal" Contingency Plan - Financial Services Implications**

20 DEC 2018

On 19 December, the European Commission began implementing its "no deal" Brexit Contingency Action Plan. This came in the context of the continued uncertainty surrounding the ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement agreed between the EU and the UK on 25 November 2018 and last week's call by the European Council (Article 50) to intensify preparedness work against the backdrop of a potential "no deal" Brexit.

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### **Data Protection: What should financial services firms do in the event of a no-deal Brexit?**

20 DEC 2018

On 13 December 2018, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published a Policy Statement clarifying how a 'no-deal' Brexit will affect UK data protection law. On the same day, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) published detailed guidance as well as a six-steps practical guide advising firms on how to prepare for a no-deal scenario.

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### **PRA and BoE consult on the Resolvability Assessment Framework**

19 DEC 2018

The Bank of England and the Prudential Regulation Authority have published two consultation papers to outline their proposed Resolvability Assessment Framework for banks. The regime is designed to ensure that banks are, and are able to demonstrate that they are, resolvable.

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### **Commission refers Luxembourg to the Court of Justice for not completely implementing MLD4**

17 DEC 2018

On 8 November 2018, the European Commission referred Luxembourg to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) for

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failing to fully transpose the fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive (MLD4) into national law. On the same day, the Commission also sent Estonia a reasoned opinion and Denmark a letter of formal notice to assess compliance with MLD4.

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## **Exchange International: Financial Services Regulation Newsletter**

14 DEC 2018

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The issue includes updates from the European Union, as well as contributions from the UK, the US, Belgium and Australia.

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## **EBA Finalises guidelines on the contingency mechanism exemption under PSD2**

13 DEC 2018

Article 98(1) of the Second Payments Services Directive (EU) 2015/2366 (PSD2) requires the European Banking Authority (EBA) to develop Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on Strong Customer Authentication and common and secure communications (SCA).

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## **FSB progress report on decline in correspondent banking**

5 DEC 2018

On 16 November 2018, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) published its data report on correspondent banking as well as a progress report to the G20 Summit on the FSB action plan to assess and address the decline in corresponding banking.

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## **ESMA renews intervention measures on Binary Options and Contracts for Difference**

30 NOV 2018

On 9 November 2018, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) renewed the prohibition of the marketing, distribution and sale of binary options to retail clients for another three-month period, starting from 2 January 2019.

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## **The FCA proposes to impose a price cap on the rent-to-own sector**

29 NOV 2018

The FCA has been tackling issues in the rent-to-own (RTO) sector since it took over regulation of consumer credit in 2014. The FCA has already implemented a number of changes in the sector, including requiring more transparency when firms are disclosing the cash value of goods, the amount of interest to be paid, and total cost to customers. RTO firms were also required to make substantial improvements in the way they assess creditworthiness and deal with customers in financial difficulty.

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## **Central Securities Depositories Regulation**

29 NOV 2018

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Following the financial crisis, the Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR) became a part of the EU regulatory reform agenda. The purpose of the CSDR is to harmonize the settlement process and ensure consistency across the EU in relation to the regulation of Central Securities Depositories (CSDs). It aims to increase confidence in the financial markets and provide a safer and more efficient environment for the settlement of securities.

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### **Financial Stability Board progress report on reforming major interest rate benchmarks**

28 NOV 2018

On 14 November 2018, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) published a progress report on the implementation of its 2014 recommendations to reform major interest rate benchmarks as well as on its more recent work to improve contractual robustness in relation to the risk of discontinuation of major interest-rate benchmarks (Progress Report).

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### **FSB appoints new Chair and Vice Chair**

28 NOV 2018

On 26 November 2018, Plenary of the Financial Stability Board (FSB) unanimously agreed to appoint Randal K. Quarles, Governor and Vice Chairman for Supervision at the US Federal Reserve, as its new Chair and Klaas Knot, President of De Nederlandsche Bank, as Vice Chair.

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### **New withholding tax regime in Poland from 2019**

26 NOV 2018

Under the 2019 corporate income tax (CIT) reform in Poland there is a substantial review of the withholding tax (WHT) regime, in particular the way WHT exemptions or reduced rates can be applied.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU**

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

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### **English and US private equity real estate funds: key features**

22 NOV 2018

An overview of the key features of UK and US private equity real estate funds and the differences between them.

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## Spanish mortgage stamp duty now in the lenders' court

21 NOV 2018

In Spain the granting and creation of a mortgage levies the so-called Tax on the Transfer of Assets and Stamp Duty (Impuesto sobre Transmisiones Patrimoniales y Actos Jurídicos Documentados), on the stamp duty modality (the "Stamp Duty"), at a rate which ranges -depending on the region (Comunidad Autónoma)- from 0.5% to 1.5% over the total amount secured by the mortgage granted.

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## HM Treasury consults on breathing space scheme and statutory debt repayment plan

20 NOV 2018

On 29 October 2018, HM Treasury published a consultation paper on a breathing space scheme and a statutory debt repayment plan, which were both part of the government's 2017 manifesto commitments.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

20 NOV 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, delay in the full implementation of the Stress Capital Buffer (SCB), Quarles face Congressional questioning.

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## FSB welcomes IAIS proposed insurance systemic risk framework

20 NOV 2018

Last week, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) published for consultation its proposed holistic framework for the assessment and mitigation of systemic risk in the insurance sector.

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## EU Commission refers Slovenia and Spain to the Court of Justice for non-implementation of MiFID II

19 NOV 2018

The Second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (MiFID II) was required to come into force across all EU Member States on 3 January 2018. Some Member States however have not yet transposed MiFID II in full into their national law.

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## Financial services implications of Brexit Withdrawal Agreement

16 NOV 2018

On 14 November 2018, the European Commission and the United Kingdom's negotiators reached an agreement on the entirety of the Withdrawal Agreement of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement). They also agreed on an outline of the political declaration on the future EU-UK relationship (Outline Declaration); a more detailed declaration will be published in due course.

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## The Impact of MiFID II on Dark Pools so far

13 NOV 2018

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We are now 11 months after the application of the legislative framework known as the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (MiFID II) across the European Union.

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### **Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group Report on Initial Coin Offerings and crypto-assets**

13 NOV 2018

On 19 October 2018, the Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group (SMSG) published its Own Initiative Report advising the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) on Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs) and crypto-assets (Report). In its Report the SMSG examines whether and, if so, how crypto-assets should be regulated and advises ESMA on the next steps it should take to mitigate the relevant risks, focusing particularly on investor protection issues.

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### **EEA Firms can notify under Temporary Permissions Regime from 7 January**

12 NOV 2018

On 7 November 2018, the PRA published a notice for EEA firms looking to make notifications under the temporary permission, followed by a similar notice issued by the FCA issued two days subsequent.

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### **FCA Policy Statement on SME access to the Financial Ombudsman Service**

8 NOV 2018

On 16 October 2018, the FCA published Policy Statement 18/21 on the access of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) (Policy Statement). The Policy Statement publishes rules that will extend the FOS eligibility scope, allowing larger SMEs, charities and trusts, as well as personal guarantors of loans to a business to access the service.

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### **Fed finalizes new LFI rating system**

7 NOV 2018

In this special edition, key details about the Fed's new rating system for large financial institutions.

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### **FCA report on money laundering and terrorist financing in the e-money sector**

7 NOV 2018

On 3 October 2018, the FCA published a thematic review on money laundering and terrorist financing in the e-money sector (Thematic Review). This review was conducted to better understand how Electronic Money Institutions (EMIs) assess and mitigate money laundering-related risks.

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### **Bank of England and Prudential Regulation Authority approach to Brexit**

6 NOV 2018

On 25 October 2018, the Bank of England (BoE) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), preparing for a "no-deal" Brexit scenario, published a series of consultation papers (Consultation Package) with proposed amendments to the financial services legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA).

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

5 NOV 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, the Fed proposes risk-based changes to supervision of large banks, state bank regulators sue to block fintech charters.

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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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## European Commission Publishes 2019 Work Programme

5 NOV 2018

Currently, 45 legislative proposals are pending for adoption before the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission aims to reach an agreement on these proposals, to the extent possible, before the European Elections in May 2019. The Commission will also address outstanding challenges and present new initiatives to promote the future of Europe. The Work Program includes 15 new initiatives and 10 new evaluations as part of the regulatory fitness and performance (REFIT) programme, in order to review existing legislation and ensure that it remains fit for purpose. The Commission also suggests to withdraw or repeal 17 pending proposals and existing laws.

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## How the Regulators will use the Senior Managers and Certification Regimes across the financial services industry

1 NOV 2018

On 25 October 2018, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) Sam Woods delivered an important speech at the Mansion House City Banquet.

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## Anti-money laundering bulletin - Autumn 2018

31 OCT 2018

In this issue we provide updates on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing news, both in the UK and internationally, covering the period from July 2018 to October 2018.

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## How technical touchpoints can ensnare foreign cryptocurrency companies

29 OCT 2018

Useful guideposts for overseas companies assessing whether they are exposed to US securities laws.

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## Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 15, 2018

26 OCT 2018

### [FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

As the wave of regulatory change from earlier in the year appears to have calmed for the time being, in this issue we look at variety of issues from markets across the globe, including opportunities in the Italian CDO market, insolvency reform in Australia and new mortgage asset lenders and the impact of FinTech on warehouse and future flow arrangements. We also explore the proposed framework for a post-Brexit partnership in financial services.

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## Corporate spoofing victims beware – the SEC is watching

24 OCT 2018

The SEC urges issuers to consider whether their internal accounting controls are sufficient to provide "reasonable assurances" that corporate assets are safeguarded from cyber-threats.

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## European parliament adopts resolution on distributed ledger technologies and blockchains

22 OCT 2018

On 3 October 2018, the European Parliament adopted a non-legislative resolution on distributed ledger technology (DLT) and blockchain. The resolution discusses potential benefits from the application of DLT in various sectors of the economy, including financial services, and sets out the suggested regulatory approach.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

22 OCT 2018

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## Pay.UK announced as the new name for the UK's retail payments authority

22 OCT 2018

On 18 October 2018, the New Payment System Operator (NPSO), the leading retail payments authority in the UK, was renamed and rebranded as Pay.UK.

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## HM Treasury proposal for temporary recognition of EU passporting firms post-Brexit

19 OCT 2018

On 8 October 2018, HM Treasury published a proposal to provide the Bank of England (BoE), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) (together the UK Regulators) with temporary transitional powers in the event that the UK leaves the EU without an implementation period.

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## **FCA publishes consultation paper on illiquid assets and open-ended funds**

18 OCT 2018

On 8 October 2018, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published Consultation Paper CP18/27 (Consultation Paper) on open-ended funds and illiquid assets. The Consultation Paper provides feedback to Discussion Paper DP17/1 and builds on the updated Recommendations on Liquidity Risk Management for Collective Investment Schemes (CISs) of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), published in February 2018.

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## **To monitor or not to monitor? DOJ Criminal Division issues new policy guidance regarding the imposition of corporate monitorships**

17 OCT 2018

Corporations concerned about the costs and burdens associated with the imposition of independent corporate monitors should find solace in the Monitorship Memorandum.

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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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## **Fortress ruling helps temper overzealous SEC enforcement**

16 OCT 2018

The court found that, to support an enforcement action, the SEC is required to go beyond mere suspicion and identify the alleged tipper, and at least some information tying the trader to the tipper, rather than rely on mere suspicion.

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## **FCA guidance on statements of responsibilities and responsibilities maps under the SM&CR**

16 OCT 2018

On 11 October 2018, the FCA published a guidance consultation (GC18/4) on statements of responsibilities (SoR) and responsibilities maps under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR). The purpose of the guidance was to give practical assistance and information to solo-regulated firms, who will be required to prepare these documents from 9 December 2019 when the SM&CR extends to all FCA authorised firms.

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## **ESMA Letter to European Commission on MIFID II and MIFIR third-country regimes**

11 OCT 2018

On 1 October 2018, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) published a letter, dated 26 September 2018, from Steven Maijoor, ESMA Chair, addressed to Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice President of the European Commission.

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## **HM Treasury adopts draft Markets in Financial Instruments (amendment) (EU exit) Regulations 2018**

10 OCT 2018

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On 5 October 2018, HM Treasury published a draft statutory instrument on the Markets in Financial Instruments (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (Draft Statutory Instrument) as well as an explanatory note. The Draft Statutory Instrument seeks to ensure that the second Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) and Markets in Financial Instruments.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

8 OCT 2018

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### **Let's simplify the SEC's recent "disclosure update and simplification" rules**

27 SEP 2018

The amendments are extensive but, despite that, the changes that matter to most companies are fairly simple.

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### **Exchange International - Financial Services Regulation Newsletter**

26 SEP 2018

#### **[EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES](#)**

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The issue includes updates from the European Union, as well as contributions from the UK, the US and Portugal.

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### **ISDA 2018 US Resolution Stay Protocol – key questions and answers**

25 SEP 2018

The effect and operation of the US Protocol and action steps regarding the adherence process and compliance deadlines.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

24 SEP 2018

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### **Podcast: How technology is transforming financial services**

21 SEP 2018

Martin Bartlam, International Group Head of Finance & Projects and FinTech Global Co-Chair at DLA Piper, is joined today by Chet Behl, group general council of the New Payment System Operator and Khalid Talukder from IFX Payments to discuss digital

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transformation in financial services.

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### **Are you a smaller reporting company? Why you should care**

19 SEP 2018

The SEC has amended its definition of the smaller reporting company. Are you eligible to take advantage of these changes?

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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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### **Remote notarization: authentication requirements, by US state**

14 SEP 2018

A high-level summary of remote notarization laws by US state.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

10 SEP 2018

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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 and US private equity funds: key features**

7 SEP 2018

An overview of the key features of UK and US private equity funds and the differences between them.

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### **Top of Mind: Litigation**

6 SEP 2018

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Here is a look at big topics that businesses have been thinking about this quarter, and how DLA Piper has been covering those stories.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

27 AUG 2018

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## **FIRREA, reforming CFIUS process, is signed into law**

13 AUG 2018

FIRREA will now broadly take effect with respect to any covered transaction whose review or investigation is initiated on or after August 13, 2018.

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## **OCC supplements process for fintechs seeking to become Special Purpose National Banks: key takeaways**

7 AUG 2018

An SPNB will be subject to the laws, rules, regulations and federal supervision that apply to all national banks as well as additional requirements, meaning that becoming an SPNB is a very substantial undertaking.

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## **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

30 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 FIRREA presents to the CFIUS review process.

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

23 JUL 2018

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

This regular publication from DLA Piper aims to help companies identify significant news and legal developments impacting digital transactions.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

18 JUL 2018

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## First judicial finding that digital tokens are securities

16 JUL 2018

But the precedential value of this finding remains an open question.

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## Anti-money laundering bulletin - Summer 2018

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Financial Services International Regulatory team welcomes you to the thirty four edition of "Exchange – International" – our international newsletter designed to keep you informed of regulatory developments in the financial services sector.

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## OECD releases new guidance on the application of the transactional profit split method under BEPS Actions 10

3 JUL 2018

The Guidance will likely continue the uncertainty for taxpayers as they develop and maintain their transfer pricing policies.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

2 JUL 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The Fed objected to the capital plan of Deutsche Bank USA, issued conditional non-objections to Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and State Street, and issued no objections to the plans of the other 31 banks it evaluated.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

29 JUN 2018

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

In this issue, is your website ADA compliant? Plus news on federal and state law, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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## FinTech Collaboration Brochure

28 JUN 2018

An overview of the disruption brought about by FinTech and how financial institutions are looking to leverage the increased choice, agility and innovation these alternatives to the traditional financial offerings bring.

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## Supreme Court rules SEC ALJs unconstitutionally appointed

27 JUN 2018

Re-litigation of ALJ decisions pending before the SEC and casting doubt on the appointments of other agency ALJs.

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## Shades of Green in Financing: A Discussion on Green Bonds and Green Loans

25 JUN 2018

In this article Joywin Mathew examines the latest trends in green financing including the latest developments relating to green bonds and green loans and the relevant legal issues.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

18 JUN 2018

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## The rise of the "Crypto Czar," the fall of a "blockchain evangelist," and other crypto developments

12 JUNE 2018

Three legal developments and their implications for the blockchain and cryptocurrency communities.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

4 JUN 2018

### [BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, modifying the Volcker Rule, McWilliams to chair FDIC, Justice to stop "piling on" banks.

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## Exchange International - Financial Services Regulation Newsletter

29 MAY 2018

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

23 MAY 2018

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The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act rolls back parts of Dodd-Frank though leaving its basic structure largely intact.

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## How one New York court is shaping the future of cryptocurrency regulation

17 MAY 2018

Cases with far-reaching implications for the cryptocurrency regulatory landscape.

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## Is collaborative working improving in operational PPPs?

16 MAR 2018

An in-depth look at some of the key questions facing the PPP market, with direct input from those at the coalface of the industry.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

14 MAY 2018

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## US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.

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## SEC proposes rules and interpretations to protect retail investors

2 MAY 2018

A close look at each component of the SEC's retail investor protection proposal.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

30 APR 2018

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### **SEC proposes "regulation best interest" rule package, including new disclosure form and investment adviser conduct interpretation**

24 APR 2018

The rule package is designed to "enhance the quality and transparency of investors' relationships with investment advisers and broker-dealers."

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### **Crypto industry sweep: ICOs and token offerings under increasing scrutiny by US regulators**

18 APR 2018

Recent enforcement developments targeting the cryptocurrency community, and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

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### **Fifth Circuit opinion invalidating fiduciary rule creates circuit split; SEC moves forward on fiduciary rule proposals**

17 APR 2018

Conflicting opinions among the circuits have created a quandary for firms that provide investment-related information to plans. Meanwhile, the SEC is preparing its fiduciary regulation proposal.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

16 APR 2018

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### **Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 14, 2018**

11 APR 2018

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2018 brings a wealth of regulatory change which has been long in the making and is now finding its way into the law of European Member States, including for the time being, the UK. In this issue we look at the impact of a number of important new regulatory frameworks for capital markets transactions in the EU, including how the securitization regulations will effect CLOs and proposed RTS on risk retention and homogeneity. We also reflect on MiFid II, which came into effect on 3 January 2018 presenting a second overhaul of the European financial system.

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### **FinTech in Mauritius – a 'disruptive' innovation**

11 APR 2018

An analysis of the origination, growth and perception of FinTech

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### **LIBOR no more**

11 APR 2018

Developments in the proposed replacement of LIBOR

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### **STS the EBA proposed RTS on risk retention**

11 APR 2018

Largely a continuation of the existing position, but 'sole purpose' is explained

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### **The Securitization Regulation takes effect how does it affect CLOs**

11 APR 2018

This article looks at the Securitization Regulation that came into effect on 17 January 2018 and some of the implications for the CLO market

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### **Banking Disputes Review - April 2018**

4 APR 2018

#### **[BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)**

Welcome to the latest edition of our Banking Disputes Review, a collection of recent articles on cases and legal developments of interest to those working in the Financial Services Sector.

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### **Bank Regulatory News and Trends**

2 APR 2018

#### **[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Who is John Williams? Should bank executives be on the hook for regulatory fines? Should large banks be subject to bankruptcy?

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### **The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 6**

22 MAR 2018

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19 MAR 2018

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In this issue: the US Senate votes to roll back many post-crisis rules, but it's far from a done deal; meanwhile, the House passes a series of stand-alone deregulatory measures.

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### **The end is near - IRS to close the 2014 Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program in 2018**

16 MAR 2018

Meanwhile, the agency's new International Tax Enforcement Group is anticipated to be fully operational this year.

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### **Private equity and hedge funds in Puerto Rico – a welcoming environment in the Caribbean**

14 MAR 2018

Qualifying funds, as well as their investors, may receive special tax treatment in Puerto Rico.

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### **The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 5**

8 MAR 2018

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### **Major developments in class action litigation: 2017 in review and what to watch in 2018**

8 MAR 2018

This review and forecast looks at recent major developments in class action litigation and key issues to watch.

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5 MAR 2018

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20 FEB 2018

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 3

8 FEB 2018

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## Top 5 Internet of Things predictions for 2018

7 FEB 2018

What will change in 2018? What should companies do to exploit it? What new legal issues will arise and how shall they be navigated? Below are the personal top 5 predictions on the legal issues that will affect the Internet of Things (IoT) in 2018.

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## Bank Regulatory News and Trends

5 FEB 2018

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25 JAN 2018

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23 JAN 2018

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## TechLaw Podcast: ICOs, blockchain and the investment revolution

12 JAN 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

A look at how ICOs and blockchains are transforming the investment landscape - covering tokens, the ERC20 standard and the regulatory environment. With Ethereum Lead Developer Fabian Vogsteller and DLA Piper partner Martin Bartlam

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 7, No. 1

11 JAN 2018

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## TechLaw Podcast: Crowdfunding with Seedrs and Deloitte

8 JAN 2018

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular alternative source of capital for enterprises at all stages of growth. As this phenomenon continues to gain momentum, organisations looking to utilize it for finance need to be aware of the challenges and key regulations. This podcast explores the current crowdfunding arena, the key challenges to overcome, and the future evolution of the crowdfunding sphere.

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 22

7 DEC 2017

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## International FinTech brochure

22 NOV 2017

DLA Piper is one of the leading global law firms advising clients on all aspects of the FinTech Sector on everything from new FinTech platforms to disruptive FinTech models and the protection of technology driven products. We also advise established players on harnessing and leveraging technological innovation.

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## TechLaw Podcast: The Future of Fintech (Part 2)

18 NOV 2017

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

The second of this two-part set explores the challenges and risks of digital transformation in the financial sector. How are financial institutions re-designing their business models to retain customers in a digital world?

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## TechLaw Podcast: The Future of FinTech (Part 1)

17 NOV 2017

### [TECHLAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

The first in a two-part set explores the key issues surrounding diversity and policy in the financial services sector. Part one focuses on access to a diverse workforce during a fast-paced market and the changing regulatory landscape from a policy perspective.

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## Exchange International - Financial Services Regulation Newsletter

15 NOV 2017

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## Preparing for a payment card data breach: what should businesses do?

15 NOV 2017

In this article, DLA Piper's lawyers consider that there were an estimated 164 million payment cards in use in the UK in 2016 and how, with almost £4 billion being spent using contactless cards alone in April 2017 and new breach notice requirements coming into force soon, those involved (including card brands and merchants) need to consider how to respond to breaches, and potential alternatives to storing card data in the future. Payment card data is a major target of hackers.

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## The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 21

9 NOV 2017

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## **President expected to nominate Jerome Powell to succeed Janet Yellen as Federal Reserve chair**

1 NOV 2017

Powell's expected confirmation provides certainty that the Fed will be supportive of meaningful reform within the existing regulatory structure – but will not seek, and would likely not be supportive of, dramatic alterations.

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## **Congress overturns CFPB's Arbitration Rule**

1 NOV 2017

One of the year's more significant victories for Congressional Republicans in their efforts to roll back financial regulations and diminish the CFPB's authority.

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## **SEC provides relief to US firms attempting to comply with EU MiFID II's research "unbundling" provisions**

31 OCT 2017

Balancing the requirements of US regulations with new requirements being imposed by the European Union.

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## **The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 20**

26 OCT 2017

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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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## **Are banks ready for the Internet of Things revolution?**

16 OCT 2017

In the second of our two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider how the Internet of Things will lead to new legal issues.

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## **FINRA revises and restructures registration and exam requirements**

12 OCT 2017

Under the new regime, all new representative-level personnel will be required to pass a general knowledge exam known as the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) exam, and one or more revised versions of the representative-level qualification exams.

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## **Are banks ready for the Internet of Things revolution?**

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13 OCT 2017

In the first of a two part series, DLA Piper's lawyers consider whether banks are ready for the Internet of Things revolution and how related developments are set to alter business models in the financial services sector.

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12 OCT 2017

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### **The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 18**

28 SEP 2017

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### **Changes to the Italian securitization law let Italian SPVs grant loans to debtors**

27 SEP 2017

A summary of the amendments to the Italian securitization law which may help the sale of impaired receivables

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### **European securitization market debate surrounds Article 17**

27 SEP 2017

An opinion piece on the EU's proposed Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation (Article 17) which would ban selfcertified residential mortgages being part of existing STS and non-STs RMBS portfolios

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### **ICOs are more than a token gesture**

27 SEP 2017

An assessment of some of the key considerations for issuers of and investors in ICOs

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### **Structurers consider the prospect of variation margin rules for ABS swaps**

27 SEP 2017

An analysis of the European Commission's proposal to introduce EMIR variation margin into ABS swaps

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### **Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 13, 2017**

27 SEP 2017

#### **FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES**

This issue of Finance and Markets Global Insight reflects the ongoing evolution of global financial markets as financiers and businesses continue to grapple with the two key themes of innovation and regulation. There's discussion on the implantation of

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the revised regulatory framework for derivatives and securitization, as structurers deal with variation margin implantation, and debate around Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation concerning the exclusion of self-certified mortgages. We see how the Nordics are implanting PSD 2 and look at European Central Bank guidance to banks on dealing with non-performing loans. We also weigh up the booming initial coin offerings market, and consider the European Commission's consultation on the impact of FinTech and its role in driving a more competitive and innovative European financial sector. This issue also reports on a new set of framework principles for social bonds to encourage interest in environmental, social and ethically sound investments, the European Union's plan for retail financial services and the FX Global Code. It also brings a US perspective on the risks inherent in trade and commodity finance.

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## **A blockchain overview**

19 SEP 2017

In its simplest form, blockchain is a decentralized, distributed ledger on which transactions are anonymously recorded. The transaction ledger is maintained simultaneously across a network of unrelated computers or servers called "nodes", like a spreadsheet that is duplicated thousands of times across a network of computers. The ledger contains a continuous and complete record (the "chain") of all transactions performed which are grouped into blocks: a block is only added to the chain if the nodes, which are members in the blockchain network with high levels of computing power, reach consensus on the next 'valid' block to be added to the chain.

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## **The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 17**

15 SEP 2017

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## **The FX global code - indirect regulatory effect**

29 AUG 2017

### **[BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)**

In recent years, misconduct revelations in relation to foreign exchange trading have dogged the FX market. Billions in fines have been levied by the Financial Conduct Authority and other global regulators against market players, significantly damaging trust in the FX market.

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## **The Financial Report, Vol. 6, No. 16**

24 AUG 2017

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## **Exchange - August 2017**

17 AUG 2017

### **[EXCHANGE - INTERNATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION NEWSLETTER SERIES](#)**

DLA Piper's Financial Services International Regulatory team welcomes you to the thirty second edition of "Exchange –

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International” – our international newsletter designed to keep you informed of regulatory developments in the financial services sector.

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### **Imminent changes to tax partnership audit rules: action steps**

16 AUG 2017

These new rules, effective January 1, 2018, are likely to cause an increase in the number of tax partnership audits.

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### **The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 15**

10 AUG 2017

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### **Initial Coin Offerings – something new under the regulatory sun?**

7 AUG 2017

An Initial Coin Offering (**ICO**) is a process by which an organisation raises funds, using block chain technology, through the offer and sale of cryptographically secured digital tokens. Purchasers may use fiat currency (such as NZ or US dollars) or virtual currencies (such as BitCoin or Ether) to buy these digital tokens. Once they are issued, the tokens can usually be traded in secondary markets using virtual currency exchanges.

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### **Colorado adopts new cybersecurity rules applicable to broker-dealers and investment advisors: key features**

31 JUL 2017

There is ample flexibility under the rules allowing brokers-dealers and investment advisors to tailor their compliance based upon their business.

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### **The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 14**

27 JUL 2017

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## Cybersecurity: past is prologue

29 MAR 2016

During 2016, we will likely see another increase in cyberattacks, and we will see cybersecurity being taken more seriously by its potential victims.

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## Paths to social risk reform for the Hong Kong financial markets

25 JUL 2017

Why the Hong Kong investment community should prioritize social risk reform and what we can do today.

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## DLA Piper's NYDFS Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Accelerator: helping you prepare

24 JUL 2017

The financial services and insurance sectors are facing the need to comply with the New York Department of Financial Services cybersecurity regulation, the most specific cybersecurity regulation in the country to apply to companies that are not critical infrastructure operators. The first deadline for carrying out the regulation's required "foundational risk assessment" is August 28, 2017.

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## Supreme Court Corner - Q1 2015

24 MAR 2015

Recent decisions and cases to watch

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## The Financial Report, Volume 3, Number 22

11 DEC 2014

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## CFPB announces final Arbitration Agreements Rule: what it prohibits, what it requires, and what's next

19 JUL 2017

The result of the CFPB rule may be a wholesale abandonment of arbitration provisions by banks and financial services companies.

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## New guidance for lawyers advising clients on human rights risks

19 JUL 2017

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On 17 July 2017, the International Bar Association Legal Policy and Research Unit (LPRU) released a *Handbook for Lawyers on Business and Human Rights* to provide guidance for business lawyers and their corporate clients on how to address human rights risks in corporate and commercial transactions.

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### Claims management companies face stronger regulation

17 JUL 2017

#### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

Tighter regulation of Claims Management Companies is edging closer as the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill makes its way through parliament.

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### The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 13

13 JUL 2017

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### The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 12

22 JUN 2017

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### New Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims in force from 1 October 2017. Are you ready?

22 JUN 2017

#### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

After a lengthy consultation period, the Pre-Action Protocol for Debt Claims has now been finalised and will come into force on 1 October 2017. This protocol will apply to lenders who are seeking payment of a debt from an individual/ sole trader, as a debtor or guarantor. Now is the time to update your systems and procedures to accommodate the new protocol requirements.

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### European Acquisition Finance Debt Report 2017

15 JUN 2017

Welcome to DLA Piper's European Acquisition Finance Debt report 2017. This report, now in its eighth year, presents detailed results of our survey of 300 participants active in the European acquisition finance debt market. It also includes extracts from interviews with senior dealmakers.

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### Treasury's framework to relax and "improve" the Volcker Rule: key recommended changes

13 JUN 2017

Many of the recommendations can be accomplished by regulation and without legislative action.

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## Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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## The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 11

8 JUN 2017

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## DOL bulletin: Fiduciary Rule will take effect June 9

6 JUNE 2017

The Fiduciary Rule will take effect on June 9, 2017, but with enforcement of certain portions delayed until January 1, 2018.

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## Lowick Rose LLP (in liquidation) v Swynson Ltd - claimant unable to recover damages from negligent professional where losses suffered by related third party

5 JUN 2017

### [BANKING DISPUTES QUARTERLY](#)

Lenders contemplating claims against negligent professionals should think carefully about the impact the refinancing of loans might have on potential recoveries. This recent Supreme Court decision, which prevented both a lender and its ultimate owner from recovering over £15 million in damages from an accountancy firm which had admitted liability in negligence, serves as a cautionary tale.

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## Illinois Senate passes "privilege tax"

31 MAY 2017

A 20 percent tax on fees earned by partnerships and S corporations engaged in the business of conducting "investment management services."

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## The Financial Report, Volume 6, Number 10

25 MAY 2017

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## **Blockchain: UK regulator asks for input as it addresses emerging business models**

13 APR 2017

Financial Conduct Authority discussion paper seeks views by July 17 on the potential for future development of distributed ledger technology in the markets it regulates

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## **Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax**

31 MAR 2017

Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

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## **NYDFS announces final cybersecurity rules for financial services sector: key takeaways**

22 FEB 2017

The Final Rule's reach is very broad and presents operational challenges. It may prompt other states to enact their own rules.

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## **UAE Central Bank regulations targeting digital currencies**

23 JAN 2017

Paul Allen, Middle East Head of Intellectual Property and Technology, was live on breakfast radio this morning with Dubai Eye discussing the UAE Central Bank's new security requirements for digital payments and virtual currencies.

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## **Central Bank of UAE issues new security requirements for digital payments and prohibits virtual currencies**

16 JAN 2017

Digital payment service providers in the UAE must now comply with a range of new rules including those relating to licensing, data protection and outsourcing

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## **The OCC confirms special purpose national bank charters for fintech companies**

5 DEC 2016

Three primary factors motivated the OCC's decision to move forward and make special purpose national charters available to fintech companies.

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## **Brexit and MiFID II implementation in the UK – impacts on foreign markets**

14 SEP 2016

Brexit prompts legal uncertainty regarding the implementation of pending EU financial regulations.

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## European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies

13 SEP 2016

The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered “obligated entities.”

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## Can blockchain live up to the hype?

28 JUL 2016

Is blockchain the revolutionary technology that will rewrite the rules for the finance industry, identifying authenticity and verifying payment flows that arise at a business-to-business level or between business and consumers and peer-to-peer? The consequences of the blockchain evolution would significantly open the field for technology platforms and reduce operational costs.

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## EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU’s broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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## US and EU reach an important agreement on CCP global equivalence: how will it affect you?

10 MAY 2016

This historic agreement allows market participants to use clearing infrastructures in both the US and Europe and assures a level playing field for US and EU CCPs.

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## CFTC announces its largest whistleblower award to date – key takeaways

2 MAY 2016

CFTC sends a clear message to commodities futures traders that it means to aggressively court tipsters who have information about possible violations of the CEA.

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## The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions

26 APR 2016

Blockchain-based smart contracts have enormous potential to streamline financial transactions and reduce counterparty risks.

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## What to watch for in 2016 in financial regulation: important changes to AML rules for investment advisers coming this year

10 FEB 2016

### [FINANCIAL REGULATORY ALERT SERIES](#)

FINCEN’s proposed rule scopes certain investment advisers into the definition of “financial institution” and subjects them to certain requirements under the anti-money laundering program and Bank Secrecy Act.

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## How well do you know your compliance program? 6 simple tools

13 JAN 2016

Companies are under increasing pressure to demonstrate to both the Audit Committee and, if necessary, regulators, that their compliance program is operational and effective. But how do you really measure that?

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## Hands-off digital currencies! Canada's Senate calls for a light regulatory approach

16 NOV 2015

Formerly considered a gimmick for geeks and gamers, digital currencies, such as Bitcoin, have since grown into a worldwide phenomenon that now garner significant public attention. Among the interested parties are both regulators and governments, including, recently, the Senate of Canada (Canada's Upper House of Parliament).

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

4 JUL 2014

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

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## Can you take a security interest in Bitcoin?

7 MAY 2014

Bitcoin is constantly in the news. Whether you believe it is the currency of the future or just a fad, a great investment or just an easy and cheap way to effect transactions, what is not yet clear is whether bitcoin will be a financing tool and if so, whether a security interest can be taken in bitcoin.

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## Six federal agencies revise proposed rule on risk retention, removing controversial provisions

29 AUG 2013

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## SEC lifts general solicitation ban, proposes changes to Reg D, approves "bad actor" rules

19 JUL 2013

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## Preparing for EMIR and Dodd-Frank: Our capabilities

8 MAY 2013

The European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) has been in force since 16 August 2012, however, in the first few weeks of 2013, the detailed technical rules implementing the regulation were finalised and came into force on 15 March 2013.

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## **How are the US & EU reforming the rating agencies?**

14 Aug 2012

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## **CFTC approves commodity options final rule, establishing trade option exemption**

30 Apr 2012

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## **CFTC issues the first of the two rules that will shape the post-Dodd-Frank world**

19 Apr 2012

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission met and issued the first of the two “pillar” rules that will shape the landscape of the CFTC’s regulation of swaps under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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## **FSOC approves final rule on systematically important nonbank financial firms**

5 Apr 2012

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## **Are you ready for FATCA? IRS notice provides transitional rules, but deadlines remain tight**

26 Jul 2011

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## **Federal Reserve issues proposed rule on debit interchange fees and network restrictions**

17 Dec 2010

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## **Federal banking agencies adopt final rules implementing the SAFE Act**

2 Aug 2010

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## **Dodd-Frank Act: regulators to take center stage in wake of sweeping financial services legislation**

21 Jul 2010

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## **Senator Dodd introduces revised financial services reform bill**

18 Mar 2010

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#### ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting

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[ACC-SFBA CORPORATE SECURITIES COMMITTEE MEETING](#)  
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#### Israel Dealmakers Dinner: Enterprise Blockchain

6 SEP 2018

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10 MAY 2018  
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## **The evolution of active investment management**

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## **Initial Coin Offerings: The Next Killer App on the Blockchain?**

7 SEP 2017

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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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### **Jasmine Zacharias joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in Miami**

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jasmine Zacharias has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in the Miami office.

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### **John D. Reiss joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in New York**

2 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that John D. Reiss has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in New York.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition**

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announced that 158 of the firm's lawyers and 64 of its practices were ranked in *Chambers USA's* 2019 guide.

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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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## **Travis Leach joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice in Phoenix**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Travis Leach has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Phoenix, bringing new talent to the well-established group.

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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 Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale**

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Baltimore-based and Nasdaq listed Laureate Education (NASDAQ:LAUR), the world's largest global network of higher education institutions, on the sale of Laureate's interest in Stamford International University (Stamford) to China YuHua Education Investment Limited (YuHua) (6169:HK).

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## **DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital

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### **Stefanie Wayco joins DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Atlanta**

31 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Stefanie Wayco has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Atlanta.

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### **DLA Piper advises MOXY Bank in successful FDIC application**

29 JAN 2019

DLA Piper advised MOXY Bank in its successful application for deposit insurance to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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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 lawyers ranked in *Chambers FinTech***

14 DEC 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm was ranked in the USA Legal 2019 edition of *Chambers FinTech*.

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### **DLA Piper advises ASB Real Estate Investments in the US\$194.5 million sale of 400 Madison Avenue**

30 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented ASB Real Estate Investments (ASB) in the recent sale of 400 Madison Avenue, a 180,000-square-foot office building near New York City's Grand Central Station, for US\$194.5 million to Daishin Securities.

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### **DLA Piper Mexico advises Invia Capital in its acquisition of Contenidos Financieros**

15 OCT 2018

DLA Piper Mexico represented Invia Capital in its acquisition of Contenidos Financieros, S.A. de C.V. (Infosel).

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### **Campos Mello Advogados advises Starboard in investment in Maquina de Vendas**

18 JUL 2018

Campos Mello Advogados advised Starboard Restructuring Partners in the context of the debt restructuring of Maquina de

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Vendas Group, one of the largest retail groups in Brazil.

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### **DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards**

11 SEP 2018

DLA Piper Africa is proud to announce that its Zimbabwean member firm, Manokore Attorneys, took home the 'African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice' award at The African Legal Awards, which took place on Friday 7 September 2018 at The Wanderers Club, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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### **DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on the acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian software developer Itransition**

23 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Baring Vostok, a private equity fund investing in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, on its acquisition of a minority stake in Itransition, a leading Belarusian software solutions developer and full-spectrum IT services provider.

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### **DLA Piper advises Grupo Financiero Interacciones in merger with Grupo Financiero Banorte**

1 AUG 2018

DLA Piper represented Grupo Financiero Interacciones, S.A. de C.V. and its subsidiaries in a merger with Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V.

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### **DLA Piper advises Cowen and Company in US\$35 million confidentially marketed public offering**

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper advised Cowen and Company, LLC as the sole underwriter in the US\$35 million confidentially marketed public offering of common stock of Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.

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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 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 announces partnership promotions for 2018**

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## **DLA Piper advises Lux Capital Management on recent round of Series B financing**

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper represented Lux Capital in its investment in Mythic's recent US\$40 million Series B financing.

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## **CIT Bank's Project Financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio recognized by *IJGlobal* as the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year**

26 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that CIT Bank's project financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio has been named the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year by *IJGlobal*.

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## **Businesses still not fully aware of Data Protection issues**

31 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has released its second Data Privacy Snapshot report, finding that once again, company global privacy programs have gaps in meeting increasingly demanding global privacy principles. Significantly, it appears that many companies are falling short of data protection obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will start to apply from 25 May 2018.

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## **DLA Piper named one of the top five most innovative law firms in North America by the *Financial Times***

12 DEC 2017

DLA Piper is pleased to announce it was named one of the top five innovative law firms in North America by the Financial Times in its Innovative Lawyers 2017 report.

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## **DLA Piper launches Finance Rules of the World**

2 Nov 2017

DLA Piper's global Finance & Projects practice has today launched Finance Rules of the World, a knowledge site for clients, which summarizes key legal questions and answers to be considered when initially looking at financing or investing in particular jurisdictions.

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## **DLA Piper named one of the most innovative law firms in Europe by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe Report 2017**

6 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is one of the top five most innovative law firms in Europe according to the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe report 2017.

Now in its twelfth year, the FT Innovative Lawyers Report assesses lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses. It is one of the top legal rankings in Europe and the accompanying awards are widely regarded as the best researched in the market.

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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 Coliseum Capital on takeover bid for PAS Group**

15 AUG 2017

DLA Piper has advised US-based investment manager Coliseum Capital Management, LLC on its successful on-market takeover bid for The PAS Group Limited (PAS) (ASX: PGR).

The DLA Piper team was led by Head of Corporate James Philips, with senior associate Elliott Cheung and solicitor Jeffrey Chen.

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## **DLA Piper recognized for strong client relationships in *BTI Industry Power Rankings***

18 JUL 2017

DLA Piper has been recognized for the strength of its client relationships across a broad spectrum of industries in BTI Consulting Group's 2017 *BTI Industry Power Rankings*.

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