



Mergers and Acquisitions

Our clients benefit from a leading global M&A practice that has, for the tenth consecutive year, acted on more M&A transactions than any other law firm. Our experience allows us to execute cross border global deals seamlessly while supporting you across all stages of the transaction and offering you cost-effective, pragmatic business solutions.

Global leader in M&A

- For the tenth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume according to the 2019 *Mergermarket* league tables. We were also ranked number one by *Refinitiv* in its 2019 league tables for global mid-market M&A deal volume. With these results, DLA Piper consolidates its position as a leading global legal advisor.
- Our clients benefit from timely, pragmatic and commercial approach to problem solving that adds value to their business and enables transactions to come to a successful conclusion for all parties.

Global reach

- Supported by over 1,000 corporate lawyers globally, we carefully select teams for each specific transaction. This allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions.
- With local lawyers on the ground, we have the ability to flag potential pitfalls in each country, advise on cultural differences and nuances, offer vital auxiliary advice in such areas as employment and competition law and manage even the most demanding due diligence exercise.

Supporting your needs

- All our lawyers are aligned to industry sectors. We understand the internal and external pressures that our clients face throughout a transaction and the industry-specific issues critical to the success of a deal. We guide our clients through every stage of a deal-from due diligence and structuring, to negotiation and preparation of deal documents, to post-transaction transition and post-merger integration.
- M&A activities unavoidably affect other areas of company law, such as employment, pensions, tax, financial services regulation and corporate governance. Our deal teams include practitioners from these and other areas of law to address all aspects of a deal.

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RELATED SERVICES

- Merger Control

CAPABILITES

We help our clients with:

- public and private M&A;
- divisional or asset sales;
- distressed company deals through bankruptcy or other structures;
- cross-border transactions;
- various joint ventures and strategic alliances;
- post-merger integration.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising Accel-KKR on all aspects relating to its NZD\$140 million acquisition of the Seequent Group.
- Advising BASF in the context of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business.
- Advising HCL Technologies on its USD1.8 billion acquisition of a software portfolio from IBM.
- Advising a consortium comprising Link Group, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure on its USD1.6 billion acquisition of digital property conveyancing company PEXA.
- Advising NEC Corporation on the acquisition of KMD A/S from Advent International Corporation and Sampension KP Livsforsikring A/S.
- Advising Reece Limited on its USD1.44 billion acquisition of Morsco Inc., a US distributor of commercial and residential plumbing, waterworks and HVAC supplies.
- Advising Ineos Enterprises on its USD1.1 billion acquisition of Ashland Global Holdings' composites business.
- Advising BTIG as financial advisor to PAO TMK, a Russian manufacturer of steel pipe, on its USD1.2 billion sale of IPSCO Tubulars Inc. to Tenaris S.A.
- Advising CIE Automotive on its USD755 million acquisition of Inteva Roof Systems, a US-based designer and manufacturer of car sunroofs.
- Advising Haymaker Acquisition Corp., a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), on its USD850 million business combination with OneSpaWorld.
- Advising a consortium comprising Qumei Home Furnishing Group and Huatai Zijin Investment on the USD631 million public tender offer on Ekornes, the largest furniture manufacturer in the Nordic Region.
- Advising John Swire & Sons and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Argent Energy, on the acquisition of Biodiesel Amsterdam, Tankstorage Amsterdam and Tank & truck cleaning Amsterdam from the Amsterdam-based Simadan Group.
- Advising The China Navigation Company on its acquisition of Hamburg Süd's bulk shipping business.
- Advising TA Associates on its joint investment in Aptean, a provider of enterprise resource planning software, with Vista Equity Partners.
- Advising Webjet on its USD173 million acquisition of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer.
- Advising Vodafone on its EUR7.2 billion acquisition of Ono, Spain's largest cable operator.
- Advising SolarWinds, a leading provider of powerful and affordable IT management software, on its USD4.6 billion acquisition by Silver Lake Partners and Thoma Bravo, LLC.
- Advising Fosun International and subsidiaries in numerous transactions totalling over USD2 billion.
- Advising Harrison Street Real Estate Capital, LLC on its USD1.9 billion acquisition of Campus Crest Communities, Inc.
- Advising Discovery Communications on its USD1.7 billion acquisition of the SBS broadcasting business in Scandinavia from ProSieben.
- Advising Abengoa on the 100 percent sale of its subsidiary Befesa Medio Ambiente S.A for EUR1.075 billion.
- Advising Arsenal Capital Partners in numerous transactions totalling USD1.5 billion.

- Advising CyrusOne LLC, a developer of enterprise-class, carrier-neutral data centers, on its USD400 million acquisition of Cervalis Holdings LLC.
- Advising Fortescue Metals Group Limited on the sale of a 31 percent interest in the Iron Bridge and Glacier Valley magnetite deposits (equity value of USD1.15 billion).
- Advising Moss Creek Resources, LLC on its USD803 million acquisition of oil and gas assets from Tall City Exploration LLC and Plymouth Petroleum, LLC.
- Advising W. P. Carey Inc. on its merger with Corporate Property Associates 16 for USD4 billion.
- Advising Etihad Airways on its USD600 million strategic partnership with Indian airline Jet Airways, the first Foreign Direct Investment by an overseas airline.

AKTUELLES

Veröffentlichungen

Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk

9 November 2020

Investors increasingly view climate as an area of business risk, and regulators are viewing it as a supervisory risk as well.

Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

Sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks – not in Australia’s national interest

27 August 2020

On Tuesday 25 August 2020, the Treasurer of Australia announced that the proposed sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks Pty Ltd (Lion Dairy) to China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited (China Mengniu) would not be within Australia’s “national interest”, effectively blocking the transaction. This article discusses the ramifications of the decision and how they could impact on foreign investment in Australia.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2020

19 June 2020

For the tenth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2019 for the third consecutive year (*Mergermarket*).

Does COVID-19 qualify as “material adverse change” from an M&A perspective?

4 June 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has forced parties to consider the contractual provisions of their M&A contracts from a different perspective. In particular, the material adverse change (or “MAC”) clauses which allow a buyer, that has signed an M&A contract, to not have to close if some negative event or circumstance has affected the target business.

Material adverse changes in light of COVID-19

18 May 2020

Parties in M&A deals that have not yet signed can take steps to protect themselves.

Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

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Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

Preparing for takeovers in the light of coronavirus

30 April 2020

While takeover activity has fallen significantly since the crisis began, there will come a point where bid activity will increase quickly. This note covers some of the issues that buyers and target companies should consider when preparing for that time.

COVID-19: Critical due diligence considerations for M&A, financing and strategic corporate transactions in the retail industry

29 April 2020

Parties to retail-related transactions must consider unprecedented issues.

Declaration and payment of dividends in a time of economic uncertainty

23 April 2020

Delaware case law provides guidance for boards facing challenging economic pressure regarding dividends.

Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions

23 April 2020

For franchise companies looking for strategic opportunities, a discussion of transaction structures.

Private equity buyer due diligence and representations and warranties insurance considerations

9 April 2020

Considerations about expansions to standard due diligence and the evolving impact on R&W insurance.

The barbarians are coming ... time for public companies to reinforce the gate

2 April 2020

While it is far too early to understand or evaluate the true impact that the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the M&A market, for so long as market prices remain depressed, public companies are encouraged to remain cognizant of the potential threat of coercive takeover attempts.

Australian Government increases scrutiny on foreign investment as part of response to COVID-19

31 March 2020

OVERVIEW

- Monetary screening threshold reduced to \$0 for all foreign investments under the FATA
 - Timetables for new and existing applications to be extended up to 6 months
 - Priority will be given to applications for investments that support Australian business and jobs so, where applicable, this should be highlighted in applications to FIRB
 - Transactions signed prior to 10:30pm on Sunday, 29 March not impacted by changes
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COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus (United States)

27 March 2020

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

Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: MAC clauses in COVID-19 times

26 March 2020

Material adverse change (MAC) provisions in the context of a M&A transaction give a purchaser the right to terminate if, between signing and completion, an event or development occurs that has, or is expected to have, a materially adverse effect on the target company/business.

Managing COVID-19 risks in corporate deals

26 March 2020

The COVID-19 global pandemic undoubtedly creates a challenging environment for corporate deals. In this note, we look at the likely impact on M&A transactions and the steps that can be taken to manage the risks arising from the pandemic.

DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale

25 March 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: Force majeure and unforeseen circumstances under Dutch law

25 March 2020

We will explore the implications of COVID-19 on transactions that have signed but not completed. More specifically, we will focus on what the options are under Dutch law to use the concepts of force majeure (overmacht) and unforeseen circumstances (onvoorziene omstandigheden) to withdraw from the transaction.

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

19 March 2020

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

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

13 March 2020

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

Israel Group News February 2020

10 February 2020

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

Israel Group News November 2019

18 November 2019

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

FinTech M&A - Key issues

24 September 2019

FinTech has redefined, and continues to redefine, the way that the Financial Services sector operates and its importance is ever increasing. New entrants to the market are introducing new, disruptive technologies that have forced traditional financial services firms to rethink how they do business.

Amendment to Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act expands restricted business sectors for foreign investment in Japan

22 August 2019

The Japanese Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act requires prior filings with relevant ministries via the Bank of Japan for foreign investments in certain business sectors relating to national security, public order, and public safety, etc.

Israel Group News August 2019

7 August 2019

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Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

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12 FEB 2019

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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

NEWS

DLA Piper sponsors 2020 UK Technology Fast 50

20 November 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, for the fourth year running, As one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes and now in its 23rd year, it ranks the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies, based on revenue growth.

DLA Piper berät BearingPoint beim Verkauf der RegTech Sparte an Nordic Capital

11. November 2020

DLA Piper hat BearingPoint beim Verkauf seiner unabhängigen Regulatory Technology (RegTech) Sparte an den führenden Private-Equity-Investor Nordic Capital im Rahmen eines Share Deals beraten. Der Abschluss der Transaktion mit Nordic Capital unterliegt den üblichen behördlichen Genehmigungen. Die finanziellen Bedingungen der Transaktion wurden nicht bekannt gegeben.

DLA Piper advises PORR on the sale of shares in Stal-Service in Poland

5 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised PORR, one of the leading construction companies in Europe, on the sale of all its shares in Stal-Service to Celsa Huta Ostrowiec, steel plant in Poland of almost 200 years of experience in steel products manufacturing.

DLA Piper advises Poland's Copernicus on its sale to Nemera

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Copernicus, regarded as one of the most valued innovative companies in the Polish health sector, and its founders on its sale to Nemera, a world leader in the design, development and manufacturing of drug delivery devices for the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and generics industries.

DLA Piper advises Prologis on largest-ever sale of logistics real estate assets in the UK

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global leader in logistics real estate Prologis, Inc. on the sale of a portfolio of buildings and land in the UK to real estate funds managed by Blackstone for GBP473 million (USD618 million).

DLA Piper berät GG Group bei Ausgliederung der Aufzugssparte

29. Oktober 2020

Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach hat die GG Group (Gebauer & Griller) bei der Ausgliederung der Aufzugssparte im Rahmen der bereits vor der COVID-19 Krise gestarteten strategischen Konsolidierung der GG Group beraten.

DLA Piper berät Space Capital bei Investition in Technologie Start-up bliq

27. Oktober 2020

DLA Piper hat den US-amerikanischen Venture-Capital-Investor Space Capital bei seiner Beteiligung an dem deutschen Technologie-Start-Up bliq beraten. Die Investition war Teil von bliq's Series Seed 2 Finanzierungsrunde.

DLA Piper lawyers recognised as Rising Stars in Private Equity by Law.com International

20 October 2020

DLA Piper's Private Equity partner Matthieu Lampel (Paris) and senior associate Jesper Lindbom (Stockholm) have been included in Law.com International/UK, Legal Week's 2020 Rising Stars in Private Equity list, a ranking of the best up-and-coming private practice lawyers in the UK and European private equity industry.

Nominees were assessed on the quality of their client base; the scale, significance and complexity of their deals; their client feedback and general market reputation; the standing of their mentor; and any other examples of career success and innovation.

DLA Piper advises Inven Capital on investment into Eliq AB

9 October 2020

DLA Piper Prague has successfully represented Inven Capital, in their investment into Swedish company Eliq AB. With its stake in Eliq AB, Inven Capital is expanding its portfolio of companies with an important customer engagement platform in the utility

space.

DLA Piper berät beim Verkauf von FLABEG an CORDET

02. Oktober 2020

DLA Piper hat den Insolvenzverwalter des Automobilzulieferers FLABEG, Rechtsanwalt Volker Böhm von Schultze & Braun, beim Verkauf der Unternehmensgruppe mit Hauptsitz in Deutschland und internationalen Standorten (Frankreich, Ungarn, China, Brasilien, USA) an einen internationalen Investor beraten.

DLA Piper advises Lithuania's Ignitis Group on acquisition of minority stake in Moray West wind farm

28 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Ignitis Group on its acquisition of a minority stake in the Moray West wind farm development project on the east coast of Great Britain.

The acquisition represents a strategic partnership between Ocean Winds and Ignitis Group for the development of offshore wind farm projects.

DLA Piper advises Amnesty International on its spin-out of the Human Rights Consortium Scotland

8 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Amnesty International on the spin-out of the Human Rights Consortium Scotland (HRCS) as a separate, independent human rights organisation.

DLA Piper advises Russian investment fund Trust Union Fund on the acquisition of Kovosvit MAS

8 September 2020

DLA Piper Prague Team has advised Russian investment fund Trust Union Fund on the acquisition of the South Bohemian machine tool manufacturer Kovosvit MAS from Industry Innovation, a.s. owned by the Czech businessman Jaroslav Strnad.

DLA Piper advises Naylor on the acquisition of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter

27 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Naylor Concrete Products on the acquisition of the business and certain assets of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter Fencing.

DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

DLA Piper advises Hitachi Rail Limited on acquisition of railway technology firm Perpetuum

19 August 2020

DLA Piper is advising Hitachi Rail Limited in connection with the acquisition of Perpetuum, a technology firm that is pioneering digital technology to optimise railway operations, offering improved efficiency, safety and quality of service.

DLA Piper advises AS Roma in its sale to The Friedkin Group for €591 million

17 August 2020

DLA Piper represented AS Roma SPV, LLC, the majority shareholder of Italian soccer club AS Roma, in the sale of its controlling interest in the team and certain related assets to The Friedkin Group, Inc., in a transaction valued at €591 million.

DLA Piper berät Syngenta bei der Übernahme der südafrikanischen Sensako-Gruppe

17 August 2020

DLA Piper hat den in der Schweiz ansässigen Syngenta-Konzern bei der Übernahme der Sensako-Gruppe beraten, einem südafrikanischen Saatgutunternehmen, das sich mit der Züchtung und Vermarktung von agronomischen Nutzpflanzen beschäftigt.

DLA Piper makes second senior partner hire into London Corporate this month

11 August 2020

DLA Piper today announces that Jonathan Earle will be joining the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in the London office.

DLA Piper berät Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG beim Verkauf von MIS-Software Anbieter CERM

6. August 2020

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) beim Verkauf von CERM, einem globalen Anbieter von Management-Informationssystem (MIS)-Software für die Druckindustrie, im Rahmen eines Management Buyouts (MBO) beraten.

DLA Piper boosts London Private Equity offering with key partner hire

5 August 2020

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of private equity (PE) lawyer Piero Carbone as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

DLA Piper advises Episode Six on its USD7 million Series A financing

22 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Episode Six, a next-generation financial technology provider, on its recent USD7 million Series A funding. The round was led by HSBC and includes investments from Mastercard and SBI Investment Co., Ltd., which first invested in Episode Six through its FinTech Business Innovation Fund in 2017.

DLA Piper berät Kurant GmbH bei Europaweitem roll-out von bitcoin-automaten

17. Juli 2020

DLA Piper hat den branchenführenden Bitcoin-Automatenbetreiber Kurant GmbH beim europaweiten Roll-out von Bitcoin-Automaten beraten. Der Erwerb von Kryptowährungen ist nun an über 130 Automaten in Österreich, Spanien, Italien, den Niederlanden und Griechenland möglich.

DLA Piper advises Resource Partners on the sale of Golpasz

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Resource Partners, one of the leading private equity investors in the CEE region, on the sale of the majority stake in Golpasz to De Heus, an international animal feed manufacturer.

DLA Piper berät GM Cruise beim Erwerb von Astyx

8. Juli 2020

DLA Piper hat die GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) im Zusammenhang mit dem Erwerb der Astyx GmbH (Astyx) von der Zukunft Ventures GmbH, einer Tochtergesellschaft der ZF Friedrichshafen AG, sowie den Gründern der Astyx beraten.

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

DLA Piper advises Dechra Pharmaceuticals on GBP133.4m share placing

5 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised FTSE 250 veterinary pharmaceuticals business Dechra Pharmaceuticals (Dechra) on the placing of 5,1 million new ordinary shares raising GBP133.4 million.

DLA Piper berät Ping An bei Investment in Berliner Health Start-up Plusdental

29 Mai 2020

DLA Piper hat den in Hongkong ansässigen Ping An Global Voyager Fund ("*Global Voyager Fund*") bei einem Investment in das Berliner Health Start-up Plusdental im Rahmen einer EUR 32 Mio. Finanzierungsrunde beraten.

DLA Piper advises Hyve Group on market first GBP126.6m rights issue to tackle COVID-19 response

29 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised FTSE 250 global events business Hyve Group plc on its GBP126.6 million rights issue, the first of such fundraisings since the UK went into lockdown, to strengthen the Group's balance sheet and set the business on firm foundations for the future.

DLA Piper berät LPKF bei erfolgreicher Platzierung sämtlicher von der Bantleon-Gruppe gehaltenen Aktien

29 May 2020

DLA Piper hat die im SDAX der Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse notierte LPKF Laser & Electronics Aktiengesellschaft bei der erfolgreichen Platzierung sämtlicher von der Bantleon-Gruppe gehaltenen LPKF-Aktien beraten.

Oberhammer, bpv Hügel und DLA Piper bei erster virtueller Hauptversammlung

4 Mai 2020

Die Kanzleien Oberhammer Rechtsanwälte, bpv Hügel und DLA Piper haben mit Ewald Oberhammer, Christoph Nauer und Christian Temmel bei der ersten virtuellen Hauptversammlung einer börsennotierten Gesellschaft im deutschsprachigen Raum, gemeinsam mit Wilhelm Rasinger vom Interessensverband der Anleger (IVA), als unabhängige Stimmrechtsvertreter agiert.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

Internationales DLA Piper Team berät bei Immobilien-Transaktion in Luxemburg

29 April 2020

DLA Piper hat die FFF Real Estate S.à r.l., eine Tochtergesellschaft des FFF Fund I SCSp SICAV-RAIF, einem in Luxemburg ansässigen regulierten Multikompartiment-Fond, beim Erwerb und der Weiterentwicklung eines Wohnprojekts in Luxemburg beraten.

DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on acquisition of subsidy-free wind farm in Scotland

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised long-standing client Greencoat UK Wind on the acquisition of the South Kyle wind farm in Scotland from developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

DLA Piper advises Vodacom and Safaricom on acquisition of M-PESA from Vodafone

14 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised Vodacom and Safaricom on the acquisition of the M-PESA brand, product development and support services from Vodafone through a newly-created joint venture.

DLA Piper berät BASF beim Vollzug des Erwerbs des Polyamidgeschäfts von Solvay und Gründung eines Joint Ventures mit Domo Chemicals

24 March 2020

DLA Piper hat den DAX-Konzern BASF beim Erwerb des Polyamid-Geschäftes von Solvay beraten. Die Transaktion wurde am 31. Januar 2020 vollzogen, nachdem entsprechende Vereinbarungen von beiden Unternehmen bereits im September 2017 und im August 2019 unterzeichnet worden waren. Der von BASF gezahlte Kaufpreis ohne Berücksichtigung von Barmitteln und Fremdkapital beträgt 1,3 Milliarden Euro.

DLA Piper berät Heidelberger Druckmaschinen bei Maßnahmenpaket zur Profitabilitätssteigerung

20 March 2020

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG im Rahmen des von der Gesellschaft angekündigten umfassenden Maßnahmenpakets zur Profitabilitätssteigerung beraten. Ziel des Maßnahmenpakets ist es, kurzfristig die Strukturkosten zu reduzieren und die Profitabilität des Unternehmens nachhaltig zu verbessern.

DLA Piper berät ControlExpert-Gesellschafter beim Verkauf einer Mehrheitsbeteiligung an Allianz X

17 March 2020

DLA Piper hat die Minderheitsgesellschafter von ControlExpert beim Verkauf einer Mehrheitsbeteiligung an Allianz X beraten. ControlExpert wird sein Geschäftsmodell und seine operationelle Eigenständigkeit beibehalten.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

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

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

25 February 2020

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

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

28 January 2020

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

DLA Piper advises Schröder on acquisition

28 January 2020

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

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

17 January 2020

DLA Piper's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital team has advised leading car manufacturer Hyundai/KIA Motors on its EUR100 million, Series A investment in Arrival SARL, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.

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

8 January 2020

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

DLA Piper erreicht Freigabe des Bundeskartellamts für die Gründung eines Joint Ventures zwischen EWE und Deutsche Telekom

7 January 2020

DLA Piper hat in einem Fusionskontrollverfahren für das Energie- und Telekommunikationsunternehmen EWE AG die Freigabe des Bundeskartellamts zur Gründung eines Joint Ventures mit der Telekom Deutschland GmbH erreicht.

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

9 December 2019

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

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

25 October 2019

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

DLA Piper advises on the sale of Sens-Tech

25 October 2019

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

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

16 October 2019

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

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

10 October 2019

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

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

13 September 2019

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

DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group

6 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

DLA Piper berät Tirona bei Beteiligung an CashCape

5 September 2019

DLA Piper hat Tirona Ltd. im Zusammenhang mit dem Erwerb einer 25%igen Beteiligung an der Fintech-App CashCape beraten.

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

5 September 2019

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

DLA Piper advises Hain Celestial on sale of Tilda rice

29 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAIN) on its sale of Tilda, the premium Basmati and speciality rice business, to Ebro Foods S.A. for US\$342 million. Hain Celestial is a leading organic and natural products company with operations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

DLA Piper berät BASF bei teilweiser Veräußerung von europäischem Polyamidgeschäft

14 August 2019

DLA Piper hat den DAX-Konzern BASF beim Erwerb des integrierten globalen Polyamid-Geschäftes von Solvay beraten. Eine entsprechende Vereinbarung wurde von beiden Unternehmen im September 2017 unterzeichnet.

DLA Piper berät Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb von Camilyo Online Ltd

5. August 2019

DLA Piper hat erneut die Bauer Media Group beim Erwerb eines Anbieters onlinebasierter white-label Dienstleistungen für Online-Service Provider und deren Mittelstandskunden, die israelische Camilyo Online Ltd., beraten.

DLA Piper advises Homebase on Bathstore acquisition

23 July 2019

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

DLA Piper berät Helios Investment Partners und EAEF beim Erwerb von Misr Hytech

17. Juli 2019

DLA Piper hat Helios Investment Partners (Helios) und den Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund (EAEF) beim Erwerb eines 96,7% -Anteils an Misr Hytech Seed International (Misr Hytech) beraten. Die Investition des EAEF erfolgte über den Investmentmanager Lorax Capital Partners (LCP).

DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.

DLA Piper berät Wipro beim Erwerb der International TechneGroup Incorporated

10. Juli 2019

DLA Piper hat Wipro Limited beim Erwerb der International TechneGroup Incorporated (ITI), einem weltweit tätigen Unternehmen für digitale Technik- und Fertigungslösungen, beraten.

DLA Piper berät Rolls-Royce beim Erwerb des eAircraft Geschäfts von Siemens

21 June 2019

DLA Piper hat Rolls-Royce plc beim Erwerb der Elektro- und Hybridantriebssparte für die Luft- und Raumfahrt, eAircraft, von Siemens beraten. Die Akquisition ist Teil der Elektrifizierungsstrategie von Rolls-Royce und wird dazu beitragen, dass das Unternehmen zukünftig eine maßgebliche Rolle in der „dritten Epoche“ der Luftfahrt spielen wird.

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

4 June 2019

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

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.

DLA Piper appoints new Head of Corporate for the Middle East, strengthening M&A capability

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has appointed Will Seivewright as a partner and Head of Corporate for the Middle East. Will joins the firm's Dubai office from Baker McKenzie. His practice focuses on M&A (both public and private), joint ventures, corporate restructurings, private equity and venture capital transactions in the UAE, broader Middle East and internationally.

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

2 MAY 2019

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

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

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Tracey Renshaw as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

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

18 APR 2019

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

DLA Piper berät The Carlyle Group beim Verkauf von vwd

12 APR 2019

DLA Piper hat das globale Private Equity-Unternehmen The Carlyle Group beim Verkauf der vwd Vereinigte Wirtschaftsdienste GmbH, eines europaweit führender Anbieters von Softwarelösungen in der Investment Industrie, an Infront ASA beraten. Infront, mit Sitz in Oslo, ist einer der Marktführer in Europa für Lösungen für Real-Time Marktdaten, Trading sowie News und Analytics.

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.

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

28 MAR 2019

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

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

26 MAR 2019

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

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").

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.

DLA Piper advises on AFS Technologies merger with Exceedra

14 MAR 2019

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

DLA Piper advises on £255 million takeover of Manx Telecom

14 MAR 2019

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

DLA Piper advises Merlin Entertainments on the A\$174 million sale of Australian ski resorts

13 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised Merlin Entertainments, a global leader in location based entertainment, on the A\$174 million sale of its Australian ski resorts, Hotham and Falls Creek, to US ski resort operator Vail Resorts, Inc.

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

13 MAR 2019

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

DLA Piper advises 10x Future Technologies on £32m Series B fundraising

12 MAR 2019

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

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).

DLA Piper launches Global Merger Control Handbook

6 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has launched the Global Merger Control Handbook, a comprehensive three-volume manual to help in-house counsel and other individuals involved in mergers and corporate reorganizations navigate the merger clearance process.

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

28 FEB 2019

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

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

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

DLA Piper recognized as a leading private equity, venture capital and M&A firm in *PitchBook's* league tables

19 FEB 2019

For the second consecutive year, DLA Piper was the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume in *PitchBook's* 2018 global league tables report.

DLA Piper boosts corporate offering in Amsterdam with senior partner hire

5 FEB 2019

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

DLA Piper berät Samsung Electronics bei Beteiligung an Identitätsplattform Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper hat Samsung Electronics bei ihrem Investment in die Verimi GmbH beraten. Samsung Electronics tritt einem Gesellschafterkreis von zwölf internationalen Unternehmen aus den unterschiedlichsten Branchen bei. Dazu gehören Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank and Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Giesecke+Devrient, Here Technologies, Lufthansa und Volkswagen Financial Services.

DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$85 million sale of Reliability Services business to RelaDyne

28 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of its Reliability Services business to an affiliate of RelaDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

DLA Piper berät China Navigation Company beim Erwerb des Bulk Shipping-Geschäfts von Hamburg Süd

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper hat The China Navigation Company (CNCo), eine Tochtergesellschaft der Swire-Gruppe, bei der Vereinbarung mit Hamburg Süd beraten, ihr Bulk Shipping Geschäft zu übernehmen, zu dem Rudolf A. Oetker (RAO), Furness Withy Chartering und die Bulk-Aktivitäten in Alianca Navegação (Aliabulk) gehören.

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.

DLA Piper berät den US-amerikanischen Technologiekonzern Avnet beim Erwerb der Softweb Gruppe

16 JAN 2019

DLA Piper hat den globalen Anbieter von Technologielösungen, Avnet, Inc. bei der Übernahme der privat gehaltenen Softweb Solutions, Inc. und Priya Softweb Solutions Pvt. Ltd. beraten, einem Softwareentwicklungs- und Technologieberatungsunternehmen mit Schwerpunkt Künstliche Intelligenz und IoT-Softwarelösungen mit Standorten in den USA und Indien.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

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

DLA Piper tops *Mergermarket*, *Thomson Reuters* league tables

9 JAN 2019

For the ninth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.
