



## Mergers and Acquisitions

Our clients benefit from a leading global M&A practice that has, for the eleventh 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 eleventh consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume according to the 2020 *Mergermarket* league tables. Over the last decade, we have handled more than 5,000 reported M&A transactions globally, valued at a total of more than US\$1 trillion. These results consolidate DLA Piper's 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

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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

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- 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.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Doing deals in the CEE Webinar: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview**

17 February 2021

If the audience members of DLA Piper's webinar "Doing deals in the CEE: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview" on 10 February are right, then there will be an increase in deal volumes in 2021 across the CEE region.

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#### **Franchisor consolidations after COVID-19**

22 December 2020

Consolidations will continue in an opportunistic way, but will be moderated by a recognition that consolidation can be risky.

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#### **Global M&A in 2020: Impact of COVID-19 Report**

30 November 2020

When we published our annual Global M&A Intelligence report in Spring of this year, Asia was in the midst of dealing with COVID-19, Europe was just starting to really feel the impact and for the US, COVID-19 was widely expected to have an impact but the scale and timing was unclear.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector**

27 October 2020

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## ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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*).

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### **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

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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.

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### **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.

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### **Israel Group News May 2020**

4 May 2020

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions**

23 April 2020

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

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### **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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## **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.

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

19 March 2020

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

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

13 March 2020

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

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## **Israel Group News February 2020**

10 February 2020

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

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

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## **Israel Group News November 2019**

18 November 2019

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

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## Israel Group News August 2019

7 August 2019

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## Global M&A Intelligence Report 2019

19 July 2019

For the ninth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2018. Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 2,000 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

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## Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

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## NEWS

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### DLA Piper advises Russian transformer equipment manufacturer Elektrozavod Group on its RUB30.5b sale to Sistema and Sberbank's joint venture

26 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Elektrozavod Group, a Russian manufacturer of transformer equipment, on the RUB30.5 billion sale of 94.01% stake in JSC Elektrozavod and 100% in LLC Elektrokombinat to a joint venture between Sistema, a Russian diversified holding company, and Sberbank Investments, an investment arm of Russia's largest bank.

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### DLA Piper advises MARCOL on EUR250m self-storage joint venture with Angelo Gordon

25 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die private Investmentgruppe MARCOL bei der Gründung eines neuen Joint Venture mit der alternativen Investmentfirma Angelo Gordon auf dem deutschen Self-Storage-Markt mit dem Start von Space Plus beraten, das von dem europäischen Self-Storage-Veteranen Russell Jordan geleitet wird.

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### DLA Piper advises KRAHN Chemie on acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners

18 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hamburg-based KRAHN Chemie Group, which is part of the globally operating Otto Krahn Group, on the

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acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners. In order to bundle the new activities, KRAHN Nordics AB was founded, in which KRAHN Chemie holds the majority under participation of some of the previous owners of the acquired companies.

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### **DLA Piper advises Otto Group on the sale of Hansecontrol to Qima**

15 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Otto Group in relation to the agreement to sell its Quality Assurance and Product Safety service provider, the Hansecontrol Group headquartered in Hamburg, to Qima, a leading global provider of supply-chain compliance solutions, headquartered in Hong Kong.

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### **DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest**

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of the Print Media Academy in Heidelberg**

2 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG („Heidelberg“) im Rahmen ihrer geplanten Standort- und Strukturoptimierungen beim Verkauf der Print Media Academy (PMA) in Heidelberg an eine luxemburgische Investmentgesellschaft beraten.

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### **DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place**

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa Commercial Property Fund (“ICPF“) to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).

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### **DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure**

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

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### **DLA Piper advises Kölner Pensionskasse and Caritas Pensionskasse on their reorganization**

21 January 2021

DLA Piper hat die Kölner Pensionskasse und die Pensionskasse der Caritas aufsichtsrechtlich gegenüber der Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin), bei der Gestaltung und Umsetzung des Sanierungskonzepts sowie bei dem damit verbundenen formellen Gang in den Status der Liquidation beraten.

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### **DLA Piper advises Zip on investment in Twisto Payments**

19 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P), a leading player in the digital retail finance and payments industry, on its investment in Twisto Payments a.s, a leading payments platform based in the Czech Republic and Poland.

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### **DLA Piper advises Russian coal producer Rospadskaya on USD920m acquisition of Yuzhkuzbassugol from EVRAZ**

13 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Rospadskaya, a Russian integrated group of coal mining and enrichment facilities, on the RUB67.7 billion (USD920 million) acquisition of Russian coal producer Yuzhkuzbassugol from EVRAZ, a global steel and mining company.

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### **DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services**

7 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services GmbH to the Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier. Lufthansa Technik AG previously held 51 percent of the joint venture and Bombardier 29 percent. A further 20 percent were held by co-shareholder ExecuJet, which also sold its shares to Bombardier.

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### **DLA Piper tops list for global M&A deal volume for 11th straight year**

7 January 2021

For the 11th consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest-ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

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### **DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of METRO-NOM GmbH and METRO Systems Romania**

4 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting, and business process services company, on the acquisition of METRO AG's IT units – METRO-NOM GmbH in Germany and METRO Systems Romania S.R.L.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of commercial space at Wiesloch/Walldorf site**

28 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of an area of around 130,000m<sup>2</sup> to the VGP Group as part of its planned site and structural optimization measures.

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### **DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell**

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering,

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Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

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### **DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive**

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

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### **DLA Piper wins at Mergermarket's European M&A awards 2020**

11 December 2020

DLA Piper has won European Mid-Market M&A Legal Adviser of the Year and Russia M&A Legal Adviser of the Year at Mergermarket's annual European M&A Awards. The virtual ceremony was held in London on 10 December 2020.

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### **DLA Piper advises Sberbank Investments on mezzanine financing for Russia's Central Ring Road**

8 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Sberbank Investments, an investment arm of Russia's largest bank, on the RUB2 billion secured mezzanine financing for Avtoban, one of the largest road construction companies in Russia, to finance, construct and operate Startup Facilities No 3 and No 4 of the Central Ring Road in the Moscow Region.

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### **DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year**

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

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### **Over three-quarters of investors expect Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) investment to increase over next 24 months**

3 December 2020

- **Nearly one quarter (23%) of investors believe pandemic has led to a higher FTTP project roll-out**
  - **Germany, the UK and Poland are the most attractive locations for future FTTP investment, with low penetration levels, high end-user demand, and government incentives**
  - **84% of respondents expect infrastructure funds to be most active in acquiring FTTP operators over the next 24 months**
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### **DLA Piper sponsors 2020 UK Technology Fast 50**

20 November 2020

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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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Fircroft Group on strategic alignment with NES Global Talent**

18 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised Fircroft Group, the global technical and engineering workforce solutions provider, on its merger with NES Global Talent, a global leader in engineering and technical resource solutions. The integration of these two businesses will create a leading global technical workforce solutions organization.

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### **DLA Piper advises BearingPoint on sale of RegTech Unit to Nordic Capital**

11 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised BearingPoint on the sale of its independent Regulatory Technology (RegTech) unit to leading private equity investor Nordic Capital as part of a share deal. The closing of the transaction with Nordic Capital is subject to customary regulatory approvals. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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### **DLA Piper advises Space Capital on investment in technology start-up bliq**

27 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised US venture capital investor Space Capital on its investments in German technology start-up, bliq. The investment was part of bliq's Series Seed 2 financing round.

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## **DLA Piper named International Law Firm of the Year at Russia Venture Capital Awards for the fifth consecutive time**

21 October 2020

For the fifth year running, DLA Piper has been named International Law Firm of the Year at the Russia Venture Capital Awards. The event is organised by Preqveca, an information and analytical agency devoted to the private equity industry and venture financing in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and other CIS countries.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Russia's music streaming service Zvuk on its sale to Sberbank**

7 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Zvuk, a Russian music streaming service, on its sale to Sberbank, Russia's largest bank. Having joined Sberbank's digital ecosystem, spanning from food delivery to telemedicine, Zvuk is positioned to become a music streaming leader in Russia.

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## **DLA Piper advises on sale of FLABEG to CORDET**

2 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised the insolvency administrator of the automotive supplier FLABEG, lawyer Volker Böhm of Schultze & Braun, on the sale of the group with headquarters in Germany and international sites (France, Hungary, China, Brazil, USA) to international investment company CORDET.

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## **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises VNV Global on c. USD2 million investment in Russia's healthcare platform NaPopravku**

23 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised VNV Global, a Swedish investment company, on its circa USD2 million investment (jointly with other investors) in NaPopravku, a Russian online appointment service for clinics and doctors, to develop a mobile application and expand into the regions.

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### **DLA Piper advises ADG group on the acquisition of a leading cinema operator in Russia**

17 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised ADG group, a pioneering Russian urban developer, on the acquisition of Modern, a leading cinema owner and operator in Russia.

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### **DLA Piper advises Sberbank Investments on mezzanine financing for Russian educational centre**

15 September 2020

DLA Piper advised Sberbank Investments, an investment arm of Russia's largest bank, on secured mezzanine financing of a training and educational centre being created under a concession agreement signed by Russia's Nizhny Novgorod Region and Prosveshcheniye Group, a Russian educational holding.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of MIS software provider CERM**

6 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of CERM, a global provider of Management Information System (MIS) software for the printing industry, in a Management Buyout (MBO).

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## **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.

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## **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.

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**DLA Piper advised NefteTransService on an investment of up to USD300m from international sovereign wealth funds**

8 July 2020

DLA Piper advised NefteTransService, a major Russian railroad rolling stock operator, on an investment of up to USD300 million from the Russian Direct Investment Fund and leading Middle Eastern and Asia Pacific sovereign wealth funds, including Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

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**DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx**

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

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**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.

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**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.

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**DLA Piper advises digital cartography service 2GIS as it joins Sberbank ecosystem**

17 June 2020

DLA Piper advises 2GIS on the sale of a controlling stake to Sberbank, a state-owned Russian banking and financial services company. 2GIS is a leading Russian digital maps and city guides company which provides geoinformation and hyperlocal services to about 50 million users in Russia, CIS, and abroad.

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**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.

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**DLA Piper advises Ping An on investment in Berlin health start-up Plusdental**

29 May 2020

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DLA Piper has advised Hong Kong based Ping An Global Voyager Fund (Global Voyager Fund) on an investment in the Berlin based health start-up Plusdental in a EUR32 million financing round.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises LPKF on successful placement of all shares owned by entities related to Bantleon-Group**

29 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised LPKF Laser & Electronics Aktiengesellschaft, listed on the SDAX of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, on the successful placement of all LPKF shares owned by the Bantleon-Group.

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### **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.

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### **Multijurisdictional DLA Piper team advises on real estate transaction in Luxembourg**

29 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised FFF Real Estate S.à r.l., a subsidiary of FFF Fund I SCSp SICAV-RAIF, multicompartiment regulated Luxembourg fund, managed by a Cyprus based management company in connection with the financing of a residential real estate developer for the purposes of acquisition and further development of the residential project in Luxembourg.

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### **DLA Piper advises Debex on the sale of a minority stake to Dmitry Shushkin**

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised Debex, an online marketplace allowing financial institutions to sell non-performing loans/commercial debt to debt collectors through the auction process, on the sale of a minority stake to Dmitry Shushkin, managing director of ABBYY Russia.

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### **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

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developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

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### **DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on investment in Russia's consumer goods company Synergetic**

23 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised Russia's private equity firm Baring Vostok on the acquisition of a minority stake in Synergetic, a fast-growing Russian manufacturer of environmentally friendly detergents and cosmetics.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Société Générale on joint venture with Mitsubishi UFI lease & finance in Malaysia**

7 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised ALD, an auto lease company operating as a subsidiary of Société Générale, on the formation of a joint venture with Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance Company Limited that will establish multi-brand, full service operational leasing and fleet management business with related mobility products for corporate clients in Malaysia.

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### **DLA Piper claims top ranking for Russian M&A deal count**

1 April 2020

For the third consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking for the Russian M&A deal count, according to Mergers.ru's 2019 league tables.

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

24 March 2020

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

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

20 March 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises ControlExpert shareholders on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X**

17 March 2020

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16 March 2020 - DLA Piper has advised the minority shareholders of ControlExpert on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X. ControlExpert will maintain its business model and operational autonomy. Together with Allianz X, the company will focus on further enhancing digitalization and customer focus to achieve growth in Germany as well as in global markets. The transaction is subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities.

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

10 March 2020

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

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

25 February 2020

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

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

28 January 2020

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

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

28 January 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Baring Vostok on USD10 million investment in European cloud platform Voximplant**

17 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Russia's private equity firm Baring Vostok on the USD10 million Series B financing round for Voximplant, a cloudcommunications platform for the European market, to support its international expansion.

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

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 SARRL, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.

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

8 January 2020

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

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

7 January 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Elbrus Capital Fund II on USD10 million acquisition of minority stake in YCLIENTS**

16 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Elbrus Capital Fund II, a leading private equity fund focused on Russia and the CIS, on the USD10 million acquisition of a minority stake in YCLIENTS, a major cloud-based business management software company focusing on the service sector in the region.

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## **DLA Piper advises Evraz on the EUR40m sale of major Italian steel production site to Marcegaglia Group**

9 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Evraz, a global steel and mining company listed on the London Stock Exchange and a constituent of the FTSE 100 index, on the EUR40 million sale of Evraz Palini e Bertoli, a plate rolling mill located in Italy, to Marcegaglia Group, an Italy-based global operator in the steel processing sector.

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

9 December 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper named Tech M&A Law Firm of the Year at Russia M&A Awards 2019**

4 December 2019

DLA Piper has been named Tech M&A Law Firm of the Year at the Russia M&A Awards 2019 organised by Preqveca and Mergers.ru.

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

25 October 2019

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

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

25 October 2019

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

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

16 October 2019

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

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

10 October 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Debex on USD1.25m seed financing round**

7 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Debex, an online marketplace allowing financial institutions to sell non-performing loans/commercial debt to debt collectors through the auction process, on the USD1 million seed fundraising.

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### **DLA Piper advises Busfor on its acquisition by Paris-based carpooling platform BlaBlaCar**

1 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Busfor, Russia and Ukraine's leading online bus ticketing platform, on its acquisition by BlaBlaCar, the long-distance carpooling platform that has recently expanded its offer to include buses.

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

13 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

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

5 September 2019

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

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

5 September 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises 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.

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

14 August 2019

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

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

5 August 2019

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

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

23 July 2019

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

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

17 July 2019

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

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

12 July 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of International TechneGroup Incorporated**

10 July 2019

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

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## **DLA Piper strengthens corporate and finance offering in Russia**

9 July 2019

DLA Piper announces that Ivan Sezin has joined the firm as a legal director in its Corporate and Finance & Projects practice groups based in Moscow.

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

21 June 2019

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

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consultation.

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

4 June 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice**

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

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

13 MAY 2019

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

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

2 MAY 2019

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

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

30 APR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper announces Pavel Bakoulev Scholarship Awards winners 2019**

26 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 Pavel Bakoulev Scholarship Award. This annual scholarship is awarded to law students by DLA Piper's Moscow office in collaboration with Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia's leading law school. This year the scholarship was awarded to four Lomonosov Moscow State University students.

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### **DLA Piper Named International Law Firm of the Year at Russia Venture Capital Awards 2019**

24 APR 2019

For the fourth year running, DLA Piper has been named International Law Firm of the Year at the Russia Venture Capital Awards 2019. The awards are organised by Preqveca, an information and analytical agency devoted to the private equity industry and venture financing in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and other CIS countries.

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

18 APR 2019

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

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

12 APR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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

28 MAR 2019

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

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

26 MAR 2019

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

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## **Advising Zetta Jet on foreign insolvency judgment in Singapore**

19 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted as international counsel to Zetta Jet Pte. Ltd. (a Singapore-incorporated company) (“Zetta Jet”) and others, as applicants, in a seminal judgment on the recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings under the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (as adopted in Singapore in 2017) (the “Singapore Model Law”).

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## **DLA Piper advises China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. on investment in GDS Holdings Limited**

18 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Co. Ltd. (Ping An Overseas) in entering into a definitive agreement to make an equity investment in the NASDAQ listed GDS Holdings Limited (GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Ping An Overseas paid a subscription price of US\$150 million for convertible preferred shares in GDS.

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## **DLA Piper advises on AFS Technologies merger with Exceedra**

14 MAR 2019

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

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

14 MAR 2019

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

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

13 MAR 2019

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

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

13 MAR 2019

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

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

12 MAR 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale**

6 MAR 2019

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

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### **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.

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