



Private Equity

With one of the world's leading private equity practices, DLA Piper has the market knowledge and exposure to help you achieve your goals throughout the investment life cycle. Our practice is global, with private equity lawyers across the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East.

Because we are a global firm steeped in private equity, our clients benefit from the breadth and depth of our private equity experience and our key sector-based legal experience.

We represent private equity institutions, management teams, debt providers and, very importantly, portfolio companies through all stages of the private equity life cycle.

We understand how important it is to mirror the depth of sector experience displayed in the private equity industry and our teams cultivate a strong sector-driven approach across all practice areas, enabling us to provide legal solutions from lawyers who understand the issues and challenges facing you and your business.

With private equity becoming ever more international (including in emerging markets), our firm is well placed to offer a truly integrated service, with consistency of quality and responsiveness across all jurisdictions in which we operate across the world.

The strength and depth of our private equity practice is acknowledged with consistent top tier rankings in the key legal directories and M&A league tables as well as numerous industry awards. Our 2018 rankings by *Mergermarket* include placing us #1 globally in overall deal volume for the 9th consecutive year. *PitchBook* recognized DLA Piper as the second most active private equity law firm by global, US and Europe deal volume in 2018.

CAPABILITES

We are one of the few firms operating in private equity that can offer clients a genuine ability to execute cross-border deals seamlessly using our own private equity lawyers in all key markets and sectors that we operate.

Our experience is deep and varied and covers all aspects of the private equity lifecycle, including:

- Fundraisings and investments
- MBOs
- MBIs
- BIMBOs

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RELATED SERVICES

- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Global Investment Funds
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Secondary buyouts
- Take privates
- Management equity arrangements and incentives
- PIPEs
- Pre-IPO investments
- Portfolio transactions
- Public to private transactions
- Exits, including trade sales and listings and refinancings

Awards and Recognition

- #1 for European Private Equity - Buyouts (*Mergermarket* 2018)
- #1 for European Private Equity - Exits (*Mergermarket* 2018)
- #1 for European Private Equity - Buyouts & Exits (*Mergermarket* 2016 - 2018)
- #1 for number of Global M&A deals (*Mergermarket* 2008 and 2010 - 2018)
- #1 for number of European M&A deals (*Mergermarket* 2013 - 2018)
- #1 for number of UK M&A deals (*Mergermarket* 2005 - 2018)
- #1 most active law firm in Europe Private Equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 most active law firm in Global Private Equity deals (*PitchBook* 2018)
- #2 most active law firm in US Private Equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 most active law firm in IT, B2B and B2C, and #4 in Healthcare Private Equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- #2 most active law firm in US Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, and #3 in West Coast for Private Equity deals (*Pitchbook* 2018)
- DLA Piper is the only firm to rank as one of the top five most active law firms for private equity, venture capital and M&A deal volume (*PitchBook* 2018)
- Law Firm of the Year - Transactions (*Unquote* Private Equity Awards 2018)
- Law Firm of the Year (Paris Grands Prix Private Equity Magazine Awards 2019)
- International Law Firm of the Year (Russia Venture Capital Awards 2019) for the fourth year in a row

EXPERIENCE

- Advised Ardian on the acquisition of the Solina Group, the European provider of food ingredient solutions, from IK Investment Partners and other minority shareholders.
- Advised Baring Vostok, a top Russian private equity fund, in connection with a USD52 million purchase of a 40 percent stake in Itransition, a leading provider of software development product services.
- Advised the management team of Bonhams on their investment alongside the purchaser - private equity fund, Epiris for GBP132 million.
- Advised Scottish 'punk' brewery, BrewDog, on its GBP213 million sale of a 22.3% stake to US private equity firm TSG Consumer Partners.
- Advised The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of Cap Vert Finance, a company engaged in maintaining, repairing, and operating fleets of servers, IT storage, and networking equipment for corporate clients.
- Advised The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of Expereo Holding B.V., a global provider of (among others) dedicated and broadband internet, ethernet and virtual private networks to international carriers, cloud providers and integrators.
- Advised The Carlyle Group on the sale of Marie International, a French manufacturer of orthopedic prosthetics, to IK Investment Partners.
- Advised The Carlyle Group on the sale of vwd Vereinigte Wirtschaftsdienste to Infront.
- Advised the management team of Circet on its EUR1 billion reinvestment alongside Advent. Circet group is the leading

provider of services relating to telecoms infrastructures for telecoms operators in France.

- Advised the management of Combell Group on the buy-out by Hg Capital from Waterland Private Equity.
- Advised Connecture Inc., a Wisconsin-based provider of information systems used to create health insurance marketplaces, in its USD135 million take-private acquisition by its majority stockholder, Francisco Partners, a global, technology-focused private equity firm.
- Advised the management team of CPA Global (both as sellers and in relation to their new equity terms) on its sale by private equity firm, Cinven, to Leonard Green & Partners for EUR2.4 billion.
- Advised the management of Curaeos in respect of the sale of Curaeos by Bencis Capital Partners and management to EQT and the subsequent roll over by management.
- Advised CVC Capital Partners on the acquisition of Deoleo, the world's largest producer of olive oil.
- Advised CVC Capital Partners on the sale of Quironsalud, Spain's largest private healthcare group, to Fresenius SE, Europe's biggest publicly traded healthcare provider, for EUR5.8 billion.
- Advised CVC Capital Partners on the disposal of R Cable Y Telecomunicaciones Galicia, S.A., the Spain-based company offering telephony, broadband/ internet, and multichannel thematic television solutions, to Euskaltel S.A. for EUR1.2 billion.
- Advised Duke Street LLP on the secondary buy-out of TeamSport Holdings Limited for consideration of GBP42 million.
- Advised Duke Street LLP on the GBP375 million acquisition of Voyage Healthcare Group from HgCapital and others.
- Advised Duke Street LLP and Searchlight Capital Partners on the simultaneous acquisitions of Fork Rent Limited, a UK-based company that provides construction equipment rental services, from the Nicholls family and the acquisition of One Call Hire Limited, the UK-based company that provides construction equipment rental services, from the Fitzpatrick family.
- Advised the management team of Element Materials Technology Group Limited, a portfolio company of 3i, on the disclosure process and the contractual negotiations in relation to its USD1 billion secondary buyout by Bridgepoint.
- Advised Ergon Capital Partners on the acquisition of Looping Group, a leading operator of amusement parks in Europe, from H.I.G Capital.
- Advised the management team of Exterion Media on its acquisition by Britain's largest radio group, Global.
- Advised the management team of FNZ in relation to the sale by investors, H.I.G. Capital, to CDPQ and Generation Investment Management LLP.
- Advised Fosun International on its acquisition of the French listed company, Club Mediterranee through a partnership with AXA Private Equity and the management of the company, for EUR557 million.
- Advised in relation to the acquisition and investment into Grenade Holdings Limited by Lion Capital for GBP72 million.
- Advised Haymaker Acquisition Corp. a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company, in its USD948 million business combination with OneSpaWorld, a global provider of wellness products and services on cruise ships and in destination resorts around the world.
- Advised the management of Helly Hansen on the sale of Helly Hansen Group AS by Teachers' Private Capital, the Canada-based private equity investment arm of Ontario Teachers Pension Plan, to Canadian Tire Corporation.
- Advised H.I.G. Europe, the European arm of global private equity firm H.I.G. Capital, on the acquisition of Adelie Foods.
- Advised on the sale of the Hillarys Blinds group by European Capital and management to trade buyer Hunter Douglas.
- Advised the management team on the acquisition of Holland & Barrett by Letter One Retail for GBP1.8 billion.
- Advised ICV Partners in its sale of SAFE Security to MA Northern California, Nevada and Utah, an affiliate of the MA motor club.
- Advised Inflexion Private Equity Partners on the acquisition and investment into the Times Higher Education business.
- Advised KKR % Co on its EUR320 million investment in Uralita, a leading multinational manufacturer of construction materials, headquartered in Spain.
- Advised Lloyds Development Capital (LDC) on the secondary buyout of Synexus Clinical Research Limited from Lyceum Capital.
- Advised Lloyds Development Capital (LDC) on the disposal of Nexinto Limited, a German-based provider of e-commerce hosting sourcing solutions.
- Advised Lloyds Development Capital (LDC) and individual sellers on the sale of the entire issued share capital of Antler

Limited to Endless.

- Advised PAI Partners on the acquisition of Geriatros, a leading Spanish network of social care services for the elderly and people with intellectual disabilities.
- Advised PAI Partners on the sale of Swissport to HNA Group Co., Ltd., a China-based company engaged in the provision of services in the air transportation, real estate, retailing, financial, tourism, logistics and other sectors.
- Advised the management team in relation to the acquisition of Paysafe Plc by CVC and Blackstone for GBP3 billion.
- Advised the management team of Portman Dental on the sale and reinvestment aspects of their acquisition by Core Equity for GBP310 million.
- Advised QHotels in relation to the GBP525 million sale of the 26 hotel group.
- Advised Rabo Investments on the acquisition of 40% participation in V&S Food specialist, by way of share deal.
- Advised STG Partners on the acquisition of Visma Retail and Extenda.
- Advised Sun European Partners, LLP on the acquisitions of Jacques Vert, Bonmarche and American Golf.
- Advised the management of Tangerine Confectionery on its sale by Blackstone to Valeo Foods (backed by CapVest).
- Advised the founders and management sellers on the sale and reinvestment in Third Bridge Group Limited to private equity investor IK Investment Partners.
- Advised the management team of TMF Group, a global provider of compliance and administration services, on its acquisition by CVC Capital Partners from DH Private Equity Partners for a total consideration of EUR1.75 billion.
- Advised the management of Wireless Logic Group on the sale and reinvestment from CVC to Montagu Private Equity.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

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.

Events

Previous

IPEM 2019

22-24 JAN 2019

Paris

NEWS

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).

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.

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.

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 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 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 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 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.

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 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.

DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camiyo Online Ltd.

5 August 2019

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

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 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).

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 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.

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.

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

21 June 2019

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

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.

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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.

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.

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 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.

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 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 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 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).

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 claims top ranking for Russian M&A deal count

13 FEB 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 2018 league tables. The firm has also claimed the top spot on the Mergermarket league table for M&A (based on deal count) in Russia for the first time.

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 advises Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi GmbH. Samsung Electronics joins a group of twelve international companies from a variety of industries. These include Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank und Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Lufthansa and Volkswagen Financial Services.

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 ReladDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

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 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* European Private Equity league table

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has earned the top legal advisor ranking in Europe for overall private equity deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables. With these results, DLA Piper further solidifies its position as a top private equity legal advisor in Europe.

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.

DLA Piper Advises Russia's Sberbank Investments on Acquisition of 10% Stake in Uralkali

21 DEC 2018

DLA Piper has advised Sberbank Investments, an investment unit of Russia's largest bank Sberbank, on the acquisition of a 10.18% stake in fertilizer group Uralkali, the world's largest potash producer by output. The seller was Cyprus-based company Rinsoco Trading.

DLA Piper advises Russia's Transmashholding on the acquisition of a rail manufacturing facility in South Africa

30 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised TMH Africa on the acquisition of a 45,000 sq.m. DCD Rolling Stock manufacturing facility in Boksburg, South Africa from DCD Group.

DLA Piper advises RealtimeBoard on its US\$25 million fundraising from Accel

19 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised RealtimeBoard, a whiteboarding platform that allows teams to collaborate remotely, on its US\$25 million series A financing round led by the venture capital firm Accel.

DLA Piper, Lomonosov Moscow State University, White & Case and PILnet held the eighth annual legal ethics course in Moscow

19 NOV 2018

In November 2018 the Law Department of Lomonosov Moscow State University, jointly with DLA Piper, White & Case and the Global Network for Public Interest Law (PILnet), ran the annual training course on legal ethics for Russian law students from across the country for the eighth consecutive year.

DLA Piper advises Webjet on purchase of Middle East headquartered Destinations of the World

7 November

DLA Piper has advised Australian online travel business Webjet Limited on its US\$ 173 million purchase of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer. Destinations of the World was sold by Abu Dhabi based private equity fund Gulf Capital.

DLA Piper completes global compliance survey of initial coin offerings and securities token offerings

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has completed a global compliance survey of initial coin offerings (ICOs) and securities token offerings (STOs), identifying how governments and agencies in more than 70 jurisdictions define, regulate and tax tokens and associated transactions.

DLA Piper advises Ovoca Bio on its acquisition of Russia's drug development company Ivix

2 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised Dublin-based life sciences investor, Ovoca Bio, on its acquisition of Russian drug development company Ivix.

DLA Piper Strengthens Corporate Offering in Moscow with Partner Hire

16 OCT 2018

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Evgeny Glukhov as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Moscow.

DLA Piper advises James Hardie Industries in its €400 million debut euro bond offering

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented James Hardie Industries, a global manufacturer and marketer of fiber cement products, in its €400 million debut euro bond offering.

DLA Piper advises STG Partners on the acquisition of Extenda and Visma Retail

4 OCT 2018

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

DLA Piper grows Real Estate and Corporate team in Rome

24 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has added to its Real Estate and Corporate practice groups with three hires in Rome. Filippo Cecchetti, partner, joins together with Eleonora Laurito, legal director and Giulia Minetti Floccari, lawyer. All three hires come from Chiomenti Studio Legale where Filippo has worked as a partner since 2015.

DLA Piper advises Palisade on acquisition of equity stake in HCL fiber optic cable business

14 September

DLA Piper has advised Palisade Investment Partners Limited (Palisade), on behalf of funds that it manages, on the acquisition of a significant equity stake with board representation in HCL Limited Partnership, HCL LP General Partner Limited and International Connectivity Services Limited.

DLA Piper appoints two directors in South Africa

12 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has strengthened its office in Johannesburg, South Africa with the appointment of two directors. Hendré Human joins the Corporate team from Webber Wentzel in Johannesburg, where he was a partner. Monique Jefferson joins the Employment team from Bowmans in Johannesburg, where she was a senior associate.

DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards

11 SEP 2018

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

DLA Piper advises Sberbank on the Creation of a Digital Platform for the Restaurant Market

6 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has advised Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, on its joint venture (JV) with Rambler Group and several other investors to create Foodplex, a united digital platform for the restaurant market.

DLA Piper advises Russia's e-health startup Doc+ on US\$9 million funding

28 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Doc+, one of the largest Russian digital health startups, on a US\$9 million financing from Vostok New Ventures, a Swedish venture capital firm specializing in growth capital and buyout investments, and their existing investors, private equity fund Baring Vostok and internet company Yandex.

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

23 AUG 2018

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

DLA Piper Advises Sberbank Investments on Partnership with Acron Group for Talitsky Potash Project in Russia

21 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, on the sale of a 19.99 percent stake in Verkhnekamsk Potash Company (VPC), the operator of the Talitsky Potash Project, to Acron Group, with a simultaneous sale of the same stake back to Sberbank Investments, as VPC equity financing investor.

DLA Piper advises Transmashholding on joint venture with Hitachi to produce traction inverters in Russia

20 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised Russia's largest manufacturer of locomotives and rail equipment, Transmashholding, on its joint venture with Japanese industrial conglomerate, Hitachi, to produce traction inverters for passenger trains in Russia.

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

3 AUG 2018

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

DLA Piper advises Brookstone Partners on the acquisition of AM Wind

1 AUG 2018

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

DLA Piper advises Avison Young in investment by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

16 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Avison Young in connection with a CA\$250 million preferred equity investment in the firm by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec.

DLA Piper Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emmerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

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

DLA Piper advised Morrison & Co on AU\$6 billion funds management transfer

6 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Morrison & Co (MCO) on the formal transition of its appointment as manager of Utilities Trust of Australia (UTA), effective 1 July 2018.

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of the Austrian Haas Group by the Bühler Group

27 JUN 2018

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

DLA Piper strengthens Corporate practice with key partner hire

22 JUN 2018

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

DLA Piper secures victory for Transatel SA in landmark telecoms dispute

20 JUN 2018

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

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper boosts London Corporate practice with major partner hire

6 Jun 2018

DLA Piper today announces that Martin Nelson-Jones will be joining the firm as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

Martin will be joining the firm from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he was a partner since 2001 and served as co-head of their global infrastructure and transport sector group. He specialises in M&A and has worked across a range of sectors, including energy and infrastructure. Martin advises both corporates and financial investors.

DLA Piper advises la Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ) on landmark healthcare centre project

29 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised La Société d'Aménagement Zenata (SAZ), the entity in charge of the overall development of the Zenata Eco-City in Morocco, on the signature of a cooperation agreement with the Saudi German Hospital Group to develop a healthcare centre.

DLA Piper to launch new office in Dublin with leading partner hire

15 MAY 2018

DLA Piper today announces that it will be opening an office in Dublin, Ireland, alongside the hire of partner David Carthy. The new office will focus on the Financial Services, Technology and Life Sciences sectors initially.

DLA Piper Russia Celebrates Tier 1 Ranking Once Again for Its Transport Practice

3 MAY 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to announce that it has once again been ranked as the No. 1 transportation firm in Russia by Chambers Europe and Legal 500 EMEA in 2018, for the fourth and fifth consecutive years respectively.

DLA Piper advises Waterlogic on Billi Group acquisition

30 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Waterlogic on its 100% acquisition of Melbourne-headquartered Billi, a leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of boiling, chilled and sparkling filtered drinking water under-the-sink units operating in Australia, the UK and international markets.

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

13 APR 2018

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

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper Africa advises Adenia Partners on acquisition of controlling stake in Kanu Equipment Limited

23 MAR 2018

Kanu has been driving an expansion strategy across Sub-Saharan Africa in recent years and the business now operates in 13 countries, servicing the agriculture, construction and mining industries.

DLA Piper advises Fosun to become majority shareholder of Lanvin

23 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Shanghai-based conglomerate Fosun International Limited and its subsidiaries, on the acquisition of a majority stake in French luxury couture house Jeanne Lanvin SAS. Founded in 1889, Lanvin is France's oldest fashion house in continuous operation.

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

21 FEB 2018

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

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

20 FEB 2018

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

DLA Piper recognized as a global and national leader in M&A, private equity and venture capital by *PitchBook*

16 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is one of the most active law firms for M&A, private equity and venture capital deal volume and was the **only** firm to

rank in the top five of each category in *PitchBook's* 2017 global league tables report.

DLA Piper advises Cabinet Group on Funcom joint venture

9 FEB 2018

DLA Piper represented Cabinet Group LLC on tax and Norwegian law matters in its joint venture with Funcom N.V., a Norwegian developer, to establish Heroic Signatures.

Julien Hansen appointed Honorary Consul of Antigua and Barbuda to the Russian Federation

19 JAN 2018

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda has appointed Julien Hansen, Corporate partner and Head of the English law practice in DLA Piper's Moscow office, as the Honorary Consul of Antigua and Barbuda to the Russian Federation.

DLA Piper advises Immunomedics on royalty funding and stock purchase agreements with Royalty Pharma which raised an aggregate of US\$250 million

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper represented Immunomedics, Inc., in the sale of tiered, sales-based royalty rights on global net sales of sacituzumab govitecan (IMMU-132) to Royalty Pharma for US\$175 million. Royalty Pharma has also purchased US\$75 million in common stock of Immunomedics, at US\$17.15 per share.

DLA Piper tops Mergermarket's global league table for eighth consecutive year

9 JAN 2018

For the eighth consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume in 2017, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables.

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

22 NOV 2017

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

DLA Piper advises Verivox on its takeover of Outbank

17 NOV 2017

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

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

14 Nov 2017

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

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

9 NOV 2017

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

DLA Piper advising FirstRand on £1.1 billion takeover of Aldermore Group PLC

7 NOV 2017

DLA Piper is acting for FirstRand, South Africa's largest financial services institution, who have put forward a £1.1 billion recommended offer for approval by the shareholders of Aldermore Group PLC, ("Aldermore") a British specialist lender and savings bank

DLA Piper Advises ADG group on a Joint Venture with CJ CGV to Become the Leading Cinema Operator in Moscow

30 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised ADG group, a pioneering Russian urban developer, on the establishment of a joint venture with South Korea's CJ CGV, the fifth largest multiplex theatre company in the world. ADG Group holds a 30% stake in the JV with a registered capital of US\$30 million, while CJ CGV holds all the remaining shares.

DLA Piper advises LDC on disposal of Nexinto

26 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised LDC on the disposal of Nexinto Limited, a German-based provider of e-commerce hosting sourcing solutions. Nexinto was acquired by The PlusServer Group, a market leading managed cloud services provider in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, owned by BC Partners.

DLA Piper acts as official legal partner for the Russian production of The Audience

23 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is proud to have acted as the official legal partner of a project that brings to the stage a Russian production of Peter Morgan's celebrated play *The Audience*.
