



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 league tables as well as numerous industry awards. Our 2019 rankings by Mergermarket include placing us #1 globally in overall deal volume for the tenth consecutive year and #1 in Europe for Buyouts & Exits for the third consecutive year. PitchBook recognized DLA Piper as the second most active private equity law firm by global deal volume in 2019.

CAPABILITIES

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
- Secondary buyouts

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

- 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 number of Global M&A deals for the eleventh consecutive year (*Mergermarket* 2010-2020)
- DLA Piper is the #1 most active legal advisor to investors (*PitchBook* 2019)
- #1 for number of European Private Equity - Buyouts (*Mergermarket* 2018-2020)
- #1 for number of European Private Equity - Exits (*Mergermarket* 2018-2020)
- #1 for number of European M&A deals (*Mergermarket* 2013-2020)
- #1 for number of UK M&A deals for the tenth consecutive year (*Mergermarket* 2010-2020)
- #1 most active law firm in Europe Private Equity deals (*PitchBook* 2019)
- #2 most active law firm in Global Private Equity deals (*PitchBook* 2019)
- #2 most active law firm in B2B, B2C, Financial Services, IT and Materials & Resources and #5 in Energy and Healthcare Private Equity deals (*PitchBook* 2019)
- #2 most active law firm in US West Coast and Mid-Atlantic, and #4 in New England for Private Equity deals (*PitchBook* 2019)
- #3 for number of Global Private Equity – Exits (*Mergermarket* 2020)
- #3 for number of Global Private Equity – Buyouts (*Mergermarket* 2020)
- 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* 2019)
- Law Firm of the Year - Transactions (Unquote Private Equity Awards 2018)

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.

ПУБЛИКАЦИИ И МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ

Публикации

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.

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.

Private equity: Guide to key management tax issues in Europe

6 July 2020

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other

matters that raise national security risk.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2020

19 June 2020

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

English and Luxembourg private equity funds: Key features

11 June 2020

Andrew Wylie (Partner and Head of Investment Funds, International) has recently co-written a practice note "English and Luxembourg private equity funds: key features" published on Thomson Reuters Practical Law on 29 May 2020 and reproduced here with permission from the publisher.

COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

Coronavirus, subscription credit lines and private equity funds – oh my!

11 May 2020

Understanding the enhanced risk of using an SCL in an uncertain environment.

COVID-19: Private equity and venture capital fund considerations (Australia)

17 April 2020

This article adds some local Australian considerations to the factors raised by our US colleagues in funds management. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic presents significant challenges for private equity and venture capital fund sponsors and investment managers- from additional risk disclosures being required, questions around fund sponsors' ability to refer to track record generated in different circumstances, through to daily operational issues like the difficulty of generating a reliable fund NAV where markets are disrupted, and the requirement to keep providing management services under difficult circumstances. We discuss some of them here.

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.

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

CARES Act may offer relief for medical practices, but raises questions for private equity-backed practice management companies

3 April 2020

Medical practices and practice management companies are urged to consider options under the CARES Act.

COVID-19's impact on portfolio company financing

3 April 2020

An overview of financing considerations for portfolio companies of PE firms to address market challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis.

CARES Act relief for private equity portfolio companies

1 April 2020

While some small business relief under the CARES Act may be of limited utility to PE portfolio companies, other features of the Act are more broadly applicable to PE sponsors and their portfolio companies.

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'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.

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.

События

Прошедшие мероприятия

IPEM 2020

28-30 January 2020

Paris

НОВОСТИ

DLA Piper Canada represented the underwriters in offering of common shares for Converge Technology Solutions

21 January 2021

On January 15, 2021, Converge Technology Solutions Corp. announced the closing of an offering of common shares for \$86.4 million. DLA Piper Canada acted as Canadian counsel to the underwriters in connection with the offering.

DLA Piper Canada advised Tier1 Financial Solutions on its acquisition of Alessa

19 January 2021

On January 14, 2021, Tier1 Financial Solutions, a leading provider of client relationship management (“CRM”) solutions, announced that it had acquired Alessa, a compliance and financial crime prevention solution software company. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal advisor to Tier1 on this transaction.

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.

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.

Franco Trasolini appointed Managing Partner of Vancouver office

31 December 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2021, Franco Trasolini will become the Office Managing Partner of the Vancouver office.

DLA Piper advises Arlington Capital Partners in majority investment in Everest Clinical Research Corporation

21 December 2020

DLA Piper represented Washington, DC-based private equity firm Arlington Capital Partners in its investment in Everest Clinical Research Corporation, a leading contract research organization providing a comprehensive suite of mission-critical clinical research services to the worldwide pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries across Phase I-IV trials.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes associate Matthew Demeo

30 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Matthew Demeo to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Employment and Labour group.

DLA Piper Canada acted for Reunion Foods in Series A financing

30 November 2020

On November 13, 2020, Reunion Foods Inc. closed a \$8 million Series A financing. The financing was led by a new investor, Forage Capital Partners, alongside Export Development Canada and included substantial support from existing investor, Whitecap Venture Partners. DLA Piper Canada was pleased to have acted for Reunion Foods on this transaction.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

13 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized as industry leaders across multiple practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

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.

DLA Piper represented Acreage Holdings in implementation of amended arrangement with Canopy Growth

6 October 2020

On September 23, 2020, Canopy Growth Corporation and Acreage Holdings, Inc. announced the implementation of Acreage's previously-announced amended arrangement under section 288 of the *Business Corporations Act*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP joins Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Doug Ford in congratulating Sumitomo Metal Mining on official ground-breaking for Côté Gold Project

15 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates our valued client, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., together with its joint venture partner, IAMGOLD Corporation, on the occasion of the official ground-breaking ceremony at the Côté Gold Project.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2021

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axium Infrastructure.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP gold sponsor of Spring Activator's 2020 Impact Investor Challenge

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to be a Gold Sponsor and Legal Partner for Spring Activator's Impact Investor Challenge. The Impact Challenge connects local impact investors, key players in the Vancouver startup ecosystem, and emerging mission-driven companies. DLA Piper Canada lawyers will be the sole legal team providing legal advice to the program's investors.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP launches Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a pro bono business law clinic dedicated to providing Black and Indigenous businesses with corporate and commercial legal advice.

DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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

17 August 2020

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

DLA Piper 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.

DLA Piper Canada advised Askott Entertainment in its acquisition by FansUnite Entertainment

12 AUG 2020

FansUnite Entertainment Inc., a sports and entertainment company listed on the Canadian Stock Exchange, has completed its acquisition of Askott Entertainment Inc. Askott is a Vancouver based software development company operating since 2013, which focuses on creating both B2B and B2C betting products in the rapidly growing esports industry.

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).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates Sumitomo Metal Mining on USD1.4 billion construction decision for Côté Gold Project

28 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP congratulates our valued client Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. on its announcement on July 21, 2020 of the USD1.4 billion construction decision to build the Côté Gold Project in Ontario with its joint venture partner, IAMGOLD Corporation.

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.

Sandra Mah recognized in the 2020 Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Awards

23 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Sandra Mah has been recognized in the 2020 Lawyer Monthly Women in Law Awards for her outstanding contribution and expertise in the area of Corporate Tax.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Denis G. Silva to the Vancouver office

13 JUL 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Denis G. Silva has joined the firm as a Partner in the Vancouver office. Denis focuses his practice on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions and has extensive experience advising public and private clients in the mining, technology and financial sectors on a full range of business law matters.

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

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

DLA Piper 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.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Infra 3 Canada in sale to Innisfree

31 MAR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd. in connection with its sale to Innisfree of DIF Infra 3 Canada Ltd's interest in ISL Health (Victoria) General Partnership, effective March 30, 2020.

DLA Piper Canada acting for Charlotte's Web in proposed acquisition of Abacus Health

24 MAR 2020

On March 23, 2020, Charlotte's Web Holdings, Inc. announced that they have entered into a definitive arrangement agreement with Abacus Health Products, Inc. in which Charlotte's Web would acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Abacus. DLA Piper Canada is pleased to be acting for Charlotte's Web on this transaction.

DLA Piper Canada significantly expands Startups, Emerging Companies and Technology practice

16 MAR 2020

With the addition of six new lawyers to our Vancouver office since the beginning of 2020, DLA Piper Canada has significantly expanded upon its capabilities in the Startups, Emerging Companies and Technology practice.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

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

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in Lexpert's "Top 10 Deals of 2019"

26 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in Lexpert magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2019."

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

25 February 2020

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

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Global 2020*

20 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and nine of its practitioners have been recognized in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Global*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Becky Rock to the Vancouver Office

18 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Becky Rock has joined the firm as an Associate in the Vancouver office.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Michael E. Reid to the Vancouver office

1 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Mike Reid has joined the firm as a Partner in the Vancouver office. Mike practises technology-related business law, with a particular focus on corporate, commercial and information technology matters.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for G&W Distillery in acquisition by Labatt

29 JAN 2020

DLA Piper Canada acted on behalf of the vendors in connection with the acquisition of Goodridge & Williams Distillery by Labatt Breweries of Canada, effective January 27, 2020.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Maneesha Dakha to the Vancouver office

29 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Maneesha Dakha has joined the firm as an Associate in the Vancouver office. Maneesha practises corporate/commercial law and assists clients with general corporate commercial matters, purchase and sale transactions, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters.

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

28 January 2020

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

DLA Piper Canada advised Granite Oil in its transaction with International Petroleum Corporation

24 JAN 2020

On January 20, 2020 Granite Oil Corp. announced that it had entered in an arrangement agreement with International Petroleum Corporation providing for the acquisition by IPC of the issued and outstanding shares of Granite Oil for cash consideration of \$0.95 per Share. DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal advisor to Granite Oil for the transaction.

DLA Piper acting for Pinnacle Renewable Energy in partnership with Westervelt to develop pellet plant in the US Southeast

20 JAN 2020

Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc. has entered into a partnership with The Westervelt Company and Two Rivers Lumber Co., LLC to develop a new industrial wood pellet production facility in Demopolis, Alabama. DLA Piper are acting as counsel to Pinnacle.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Tyson Gratton

13 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Tyson Gratton to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Corporate group. Tyson's practice focuses primarily on assisting emerging and growth stage companies manage corporate governance matters, negotiate contracts and licensing agreements, navigate growth financing, and facilitate routine corporate commercial matters.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Morgan McDonald to the Vancouver office

8 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Morgan T. McDonald has joined the firm as Counsel in the Vancouver office. Morgan's practice is focussed on assisting founders, startup and growth companies in the technology sector, including software, gaming, ecommerce and related technology facing businesses and emerging markets including artificial intelligence, cloud computing and privacy.

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

8 January 2020

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

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Ryan J. Black

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Ryan Black has joined the firm as Partner in the Vancouver office. Ryan practises technology-related corporate law, with a particular focus on internet technologies, ecommerce, video games and esports.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes three new partners

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes three new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2020.

Jarrold Isfeld appointed Office Managing Partner of the Calgary office

1 JAN 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2020, Jarrold Isfeld will become the Office Managing Partner of the Calgary office.

Onex Corporation completes acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

19 DEC 2019

Onex Corporation and WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced on December 11, 2019 that they have completed their previously announced purchase agreement valued at approximately \$5 billion including assumed debt. DLA Piper Canada acted as counsel for Onex Corporation on various aspects of what is the largest private equity purchase of an airline in aviation history, including with respect to aviation law, financing matters and corporate law matters.

DLA Piper Canada advises Beanfield Technologies in its acquisition by Digital Colony

20 NOV 2019

Digital Colony Capital, Inc. acquired Canadian independent bandwidth infrastructure provider Beanfield Technologies for an undisclosed amount. DLA Piper Canada acted as legal advisor to Beanfield.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recommended in the 2020 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

14 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has been recommended across a broad range of practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

Russel Drew named a 2019 Lexpert Rising Star

8 NOV 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Russel Drew from the firm's Toronto office has been named a 2019 Lexpert Rising Star.

DLA Piper advises Seequent Limited on its acquisition of GEOSLOPE

4 NOV 2019

DLA Piper has advised Accel-KKR and its portfolio company, Seequent Limited, in connection with its acquisition of GEOSLOPE International Ltd., a Canadian-based company that creates integrated, geotechnical analysis software.

DLA Piper's cross-border team advises Althea on capital raising and acquisition of Peak Processing Solutions

18 October 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX listed medicinal cannabis company, Althea Group Holdings Ltd (ASX: AGH), on its acquisition of Canadian extraction and contract manufacturing company Peak Processing Solutions, together with Althea's associated AUD30 million capital raising.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Partner Alex C. Roberts

10 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Alex Roberts has joined the firm as Partner in the Toronto office.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Associate Counsel Alan Monk

1 OCT 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Alan Monk has rejoined the firm as Associate Counsel in the Vancouver office. Alan has a broad-based corporate/commercial practice with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities law.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2020

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Lee K. Axford

16 SEP 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to welcome Lee Axford to the firm's Edmonton office as an associate in the Corporate group.

DLA Piper adviseert The Carlyle Group bij investering in HSO Group

6 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp.

17 JUL 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of its acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp. in a three party transaction also involving Fulcrum Automation Technologies Ltd.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Mark von Marksfeld

15 JUL 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that Mark von Marksfeld has joined the firm as a partner in the Vancouver office. Mark practises primarily in the areas of banking and secured lending, commercial real estate, and mergers and acquisitions.

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 (Canada) LLP represented Acreage Holdings in USD\$3.4 billion arrangement with Canopy Growth

27 JUN 2019

Acreage Holdings, Inc., a leading U.S. multi-state cannabis operator, and Canopy Growth Corporation announced the implementation of an arrangement, pursuant to which Canopy Growth received the option to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of Acreage Holdings. DLA Piper Canada represented Acreage Holdings in this transformative transaction within the global cannabis industry.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented Difference Capital Financial Inc. in \$110 Million acquisition of Mogo Finance Technology Inc.

26 JUNE 2019

Difference Capital Financial Inc. has completed its previously announced acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Mogo Finance Technology Inc. DLA Piper Canada represented the special committee of Difference Capital's board of directors, as lead deal counsel.

DLA Piper advises Tubi on IPO and ASX listing

21 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Tubi Limited (ASX: 2BE) on its AUD48.5 million initial public offering (IPO) and listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Josh Freedman

3 JUN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Josh Freedman to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Corporate Group.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Onex Corporation in \$5 billion acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

16 MAY 2019

On May 13, 2019, Onex Corporation announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement in which it will acquire all outstanding shares of WestJet Airlines Ltd. in an all-cash transaction valued at CDN \$5 billion.

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 (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Bretton Woods Law Canada to join DLA Piper (Canada) LLP's Montréal office

1 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the Montréal office of Bretton Woods Law Canada. Effective May 1, 2019, Bretton Woods Canada's team of four lawyers and an articling student will join DLA Piper Canada's Montréal office.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in three-party transaction with Universal mCloud Corp. and Fulcrum Automation Technologies

26 APR 2019

Universal mCloud Corp., Fulcrum Automation Technologies and Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. have announced the signing of letters of intent for a transaction under which Autopro and Fulcrum will be acquired by mCloud for consideration of cash and shares. DLA Piper Canada is acting on behalf of Autopro in this three-party transaction.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Difference Capital Financial Inc. in combination with Mogo Finance Technology Inc.

26 APR 2019

On April 15, 2019 Difference Capital Financial Inc. announced that it entered into an arrangement agreement pursuant to which it would acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Mogo Finance Technology Inc. DLA Piper Canada is representing the special committee of Difference Capital's board of directors, as lead counsel in this transaction.

DLA Piper represents Cowen and Canaccord Genuity as lead underwriters of Greenlane Holdings IPO

23 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Cowen and Company, LLC and Canaccord Genuity LLC as the lead underwriters in the recently completed upsized US\$102 million initial public offering of Greenlane Holdings (NASDAQ: GNLN).

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Natalie Prange

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Natalie Prange to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Group.

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 (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Stephen Wintermute

25 MAR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Stephen Wintermute to the firm's Vancouver office as an associate in the Securities & Capital Markets Group.

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 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 Laureate on US\$28 million asset sale

6 MAR 2019

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

DLA Piper 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.

***Chambers Global* 2019 recommends DLA Piper (Canada) LLP**

19 FEB 2019

Nine DLA Piper (Canada) LLP practitioners have received rankings in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global*, which conducts thousands of independent peer and client interviews every year to identify top legal talents from around the world.

DLA Piper advises Sequent Limited on its acquisition of Canadian software company Geosoft

19 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Accel-KKR and its portfolio company, Sequent Limited ("Sequent"), in connection with Sequent's acquisition of Geosoft, a Canadian-based software company.

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 (Canada) LLP featured in *Lexpert's* "Top 10 Deals of 2018"

18 FEB 2019

We are pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in *Lexpert* magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2018" and congratulate our clients on these standout transactions that have been deemed among the most impactful in the country last year.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for CDW Canada Corp. in its acquisition of Scalar Decisions Inc.

14 FEB 2019

DLA Piper Canada represented CDW Canada Corp. in its acquisition of Scalar Decisions Inc., a leading technology solutions provider in Canada.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Patrick Burgess

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Patrick Burgess has joined our Calgary office as a senior energy counsel. Pat brings to the firm over 34 years of experience in all aspects of energy law, including domestic and international oil and gas, property acquisitions and dispositions, property exchanges and diverse joint venture transactions.

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 RelaDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.
