



## Public Company and Corporate Governance

Sound corporate governance is an essential pillar of any successful business. Our corporate governance team is a trusted advisor to leading and emerging companies and government entities on corporate governance matters, providing strategic advice and guidance.

We offer comprehensive counsel and representation to public and private companies concerning the regulatory landscape and best practice for corporate governance matters. We assist clients with implementing new governance statutes, rules and regulations; auditing compliance; evaluating disclosure issues; investigating allegations of wrongdoing; and responding to civil, administrative or criminal actions. We also provide board and management continuing education programs.

We have significant experience in advising senior management, boards of directors and special committees of public companies of all sizes on governance matters. Others have experience in areas that directly concern governance issues, such as government controversies (internal investigations and regulatory enforcement proceedings), white collar criminal defence, government affairs, securities litigation and executive compensation.

We also have considerable experience in advising shareholders of listed and unlisted companies on best practice in relation to corporate governance issues. We advise clients on:

- Specifying the distribution of rights and responsibilities for stakeholders, board members, committees and managers
- Specifying the rules and establishing procedures for making decisions among stakeholders, board members, committees, managers and auditors, and
- Implementing structures for corporate governance so that the shareholder objectives can be met.

From an institutional investor perspective, we also recognize and advise investors on the importance of governance as a mechanism for monitoring the actions, policies and decisions of corporations in order to achieve an alignment of interests among stakeholders.

### CAPABILITES

Our corporate governance services cover:

- Board structure and performance monitoring

### KEY CONTACTS

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- Conflicts of interest
- Compliance best practice, auditing and training
- Design and review of corporate governance programs
- Review of corporate governance structures within the compliance framework
- Disclosure of price-sensitive market information
- Directors' and Officers' duties
- Protection of company funds from non-arm's length, related party dealings
- Remuneration and indemnification of Directors
- Reporting obligations
- Risk management and minimisation

For shareholders:

- Obligations of shareholders as owners
- Shareholder rights to engage with management
- Shareholder activism

## EXPERIENCE

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We recently advised a UK bank subsidiary of a non-EU parent company who required advice in the context of a larger overseas restructuring, which gave the FSA ("Financial Services Authority") concerns about the protection of the UK bank's assets. As a result of these concerns, the FSA imposed an own-initiative variation of permission ("OIVOP") on the UK bank which prohibited it from transferring assets to the parent or affiliated group companies without the permission of the FSA.

DLA Piper was particularly suitable for this instruction because of our strong reputation for understanding banking businesses and financial services clients and of how the regulators approach their supervisory powers in the context of stressed situations.

The firm provided advice in relation to:

- the UK bank's obligations to the FSA;
- the UK bank's obligations to the to its overseas parent; and
- the UK bank's board members on their obligations as board directors to:
  - the FSA under UK financial services regulatory law and under the OIVOP;
  - to the UK bank, as directors subject to English company law; and
  - to the parent company, as directors of a subsidiary of the parent.

This involved advising the client on the implications of the OIVOP for the client's freedom of action at board level and of their obligations under FSA senior management requirements and UK company law. In doing so, advice was provided in relation to aspects of the FSA regulatory environment, the UK company law framework and the company law framework of the non EU parent company.

We also participated in meetings between the client and the FSA (at Head of Department level) in the context of the imposition of the OIVOP, which required an enhanced understanding of SYSC (Senior Management Arrangements, Systems and Controls), SUP (Supervision Manual), APER (Code of Practice for Approved Persons) and the FSA Principles for Businesses as well as the FSA's supervisory tools and enforcement options.

In addition, we advised the client with regard to their interactions with their UK clearing bank and the implications of the OIVOP for their clearing and for their day to day transactions. We also assisted the client's board in managing its relationship with its parent in order to explain the implications of the OIVOP for normal parent/subsidiary relationships and governance.

## INSIGHTS

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate Disputes

## Publications

### Credibly incorporating the UN Sustainable Development Goals into bond issues

9 April 2021

On 1 April 2021, the SDG Impact initiative published the final version of its SDG Impact Standards for Bond Issuers, part of a body of work intended to improve use of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across private equity, bond issues and enterprises, including to combat perceptions of “rainbow washing” or “impact washing.”

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### SEC interim final amendments signal stricter regulation on Chinese and other emerging market companies

29 March 2021

Under the new requirements, certain companies must establish that they are not owned or controlled by a foreign government entity and must disclose any foreign government influence.

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### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 March 2021

#### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Wyoming moves to clarify legal status of DAOs; court dismisses class action against a cryptocurrency exchange.

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### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 February 2021

#### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Canada's AML regime amendments: is your interactive entertainment service or platform operating a "money service business"?

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### Climate change disclosures – under SEC scrutiny

25 February 2021

This new directive does not come as a surprise.

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### Climate change convergence? The potential for global collaboration following China's momentous announcement

17 December 2020

With the election of Joe Biden, it is widely expected that the US will reengage with the international community in the fight against climate change and in efforts to reduce overall emissions.

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### Climate activism: Status check and opportunities for public companies

14 December 2020

The systemic risk of climate change is being discussed and managed in board rooms around the world.

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## SEC 2021 and beyond: What to expect

7 December 2020

Some likely areas of SEC focus, from both the regulatory and enforcement perspectives, in 2021 and beyond.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 November 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

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

11 November 2020

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

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

9 November 2020

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

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## Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

### [ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)

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

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 October 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 August 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

California appellate court affirms judgment for Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law

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developments.

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### **US moves forward on enhanced securities regulations focusing on Chinese companies**

17 August 2020

Latest developments in US efforts to address the financial risks posed by emerging market companies.

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### **Directors' and officers' duties in Australia**

30 July 2020

Our guide on directors duties in Australia for resident and non-resident directors is designed to provide an overview of the regulatory and legislative obligations of directors.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends June 2020**

18 June 2020

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### **World Economic Forum announces Presidio Principles as a foundation of blockchain ecosystem design**

18 June 2020

WEF's foundational values for a decentralized future.

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### **Boardroom Brexit - 15 June 2020**

15 June 2020

#### **[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)**

Boardroom Brexit - Britain rules out extension (15 June 2020).

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### **Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19**

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

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### **Chinese and other emerging market companies listed in the US face increased scrutiny from Congress and Nasdaq**

27 May 2020

Within a span of two days, the US Senate, House and Nasdaq each took steps to safeguard investors in the US capital markets.

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

20 May 2020

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

California may limit application of securities laws to tokens, French court says bitcoins are fungible assets – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **SEC Chairman announces roundtable on emerging markets and China**

7 May 2020

This continuing focus on investor protection is consistent with other key regulatory initiatives.

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## **Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)**

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

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## **US securities regulators focus on China and emerging markets: Further risk and disclosure considerations are necessary**

4 May 2020

Key takeaways for China-based US-listed companies.

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## **BC company shareholder meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic — temporary rules permit virtual-only meetings and delays in annual meetings**

30 APR 2020

The British Columbia government has recognized that business as usual with regard to shareholder meeting requirements for BC companies would be problematic. By order of the BC Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC has temporarily embraced hosting shareholder meetings by solely virtual means. Similarly, the BC Registrar of Companies will be deferential to requests for delaying annual general meetings of shareholders for BC companies and is providing a simplified process to make such requests.

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## **Post-COVID-19: What to expect in the "next normal"**

30 April 2020

Issues that are front of mind, based on an informal survey of some of the largest companies and most influential global business leaders.

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## **COVID-19: conducting internal investigations in remote work settings**

24 April 2020

For companies conducting internal investigations or responding to an investigation, practical solutions in a time of distancing.

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## **Corporate commitment to compliance helps bank avoid FCPA charges despite alleged \$4.5M bribery scheme**

24 April 2020

The SEC's complaint provides insight into what made the compliance program so effective that the individual's former employer avoided government sanctions.

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

23 April 2020

### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The FSB report on global stablecoin frameworks and related cryptoassets reflects views inside G20 governments – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **Declaration and payment of dividends in a time of economic uncertainty**

23 April 2020

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

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## **US antitrust enforcers on high alert for collusion in labor markets during COVID-19 pandemic**

21 April 2020

### **[ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD](#)**

Antitrust enforcers are closely monitoring employer coordination to disadvantage workers.

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## **Investment adviser compliance in the COVID-19 pandemic – pay attention to valuation and strategy deviation issues**

17 April 2020

Investment advisers still must comply with their obligations to maintain and implement fair pricing policies and procedures and follow their disclosed investment strategies.

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## **US CPSC advises consumers certain recall remedies may be unavailable due to COVID-19 – four key takeaways**

15 April 2020

Guidance will evolve as the pandemic develops, and CPSC-regulated firms are encouraged to consider these actions.

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## **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.

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## **SEC provides additional filing relief and disclosure guidance in light of COVID-19**

6 April 2020

In addition, the Division of Corporation Finance issued disclosure guidance regarding the impact of the pandemic.

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

2 April 2020

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

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

March/April 2020

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

COVID-19 special edition

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## **Annual shareholder letter considerations and guidance**

1 April 2020

This alert provides an update on practice as of the date of publication as well as general guidance and insights to assist boards of directors and senior management of US public companies as they evaluate their communication strategies.

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## **Coronavirus: Warning from SEC on insider trading highlights importance of disclosure controls during the COVID-19 pandemic**

31 March 2020

A statement on March 23 warned that the SEC would be on heightened alert for signs of insider trading and other misconduct that might harm investors.

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## **ESG: The rise of private ordering and the role of the NCGC committee (United States)**

26 March 2020

### **ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES**

This inaugural ESG handbook, part of our 2020 Proxy Season Hot Topics series, aims to help public companies as they develop and maintain a robust ESG program.

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

25 March 2020

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

The age of viral outbreaks – key contract considerations in a post-COVID-19 world, plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments around blockchain and digital transformation.

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## **Coronavirus: business resilience and continuity planning**

19 March 2020

Prudent companies understand that their response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be consistent with their business resilience plans.

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## **Coronavirus: stock repurchase considerations and guidance for US public companies**

18 March 2020

General guidance and insights to assist boards of directors and senior management of US public companies as they evaluate potential stock repurchases.

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## **Coronavirus: SEC provides guidance for conducting annual meeting (United States)**

17 March 2020

The SEC provides a process for companies to notify shareholders of a change in date, time or location of the annual meeting and guidance on the holding of virtual or hybrid annual meetings and the presentation of shareholder proposals.

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## **Considerations for virtual annual shareholder meetings in light of the coronavirus (United States)**

6 March 2020

With the proxy season upon us, many public companies are grappling with how to responsibly hold annual shareholder meetings in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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## **SEC provides filing extension for companies affected by coronavirus (United States)**

5 March 2020

Companies that file public reports that are unable to meet filing deadlines due to the COVID-19 outbreak will have an additional 45 days to file.

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## **Coronavirus considerations and guidance for US public companies (United States)**

3 March 2020

While the situation remains fluid and the specific impacts on most companies are uncertain, the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak may create risks in all aspects of business.

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## **COP25's key outcome: adoption of the San Jose Principles on carbon market mechanisms – takeaways for business**

12 February 2020

Ambitious countries are not waiting for full consensus on carbon markets.

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## **International tax and withholding considerations for US companies and their directors**

19 MAY 2015

Multinationals commonly elect boards with international representation; it is also common to convene board meetings outside the US. US companies that do either – or both – of these things must be mindful of any resulting US or foreign tax implications

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## **Corporate governance also means protecting your technology and information**

7 MAR 2013

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## **Conflict mineral reporting rules impact many public companies: *new supply chain requirements and new Form SD***

19 Sep 2012

Understanding the new reporting requirements.

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper partners with Datamaran to integrate ESG due diligence**

13 April 2021

DLA Piper has partnered with ESG risk management and data platform, Datamaran, to integrate Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) due diligence into legal due diligence.

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## **DLA Piper advises Intrepid Travel on its partnership with Genairgy SAS**

8 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Intrepid Travel, the world's largest travel B Corp, on its strategic partnership with Genairgy SAS, a French family office. The transaction involved Genairgy acquiring a minority stake in the Intrepid business.

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## **DLA Piper advises Wipro on the acquisition of Ampion**

6 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited (NYSE: WIT, BSE: 507685, NSE: WIPRO) on its acquisition of Ampion, an Australia-based provider of cyber security, DevOps and quality engineering services, for a purchase price in excess of USD100 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Kunlun Energy on substantial transactions**

18 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Kunlun Energy Company Ltd (Kunlun Energy) on the substantial disposal of its 60% equity interest in the PetroChina Beijing Gas Pipeline Co., Ltd. and a 75% equity interest in PetroChina Dalian LNG Co., Ltd. to the China Oil & Gas Pipeline Network Corporation for a total base consideration of RMB40,89 billion.

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## **DLA Piper advises MTB Direct on investment by Odyssey Private Equity**

3 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised online retailer MTB Direct on its recent investment by private equity group Odyssey Private Equity.

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## **DLA Piper boosts Corporate practice with lateral partner hire in Australia**

3 March 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper announces that M&A and ECM Corporate specialist James Nicholls joins the firm's Perth office, effective 3 March 2021.

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## **DLA Piper expands Asia capital markets capability with partner hire in Hong Kong**

1 March 2021

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Arthur Tso as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in Hong Kong.

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## **DLA Piper advises Verton Technologies on Investment by The Crosby Group**

23 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Verton Technologies Australia on its recent investment by The Crosby Group, a global leader in lifting, rigging, and load securement hardware backed by global investment firm KKR.

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## **DLA Piper advises Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company on its AUD225 million convertible notes offering**

18 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (ASX: SOL) on its AUD225 million convertible notes offering.

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### **DLA Piper advises Mamba Exploration Limited on its IPO and ASX listing**

8 February 2021

Advising Mamba Exploration Limited (ASX:M24) on its AUD7 million IPO and ASX listing.

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### **DLA Piper advises BAIOO on Tencent strategic investment**

2 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised BAIOO and its substantial shareholder, on an investment made by Tencent, through its wholly-owned subsidiary THL H Limited, in BAIOO.

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

29 January 2021

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

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

21 January 2021

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

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

19 January 2021

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

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

7 January 2021

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Sole Sponsor, Sole Global Coordinator and Underwriters on Newlink Technology's Hong Kong IPO**

6 January 2021

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### **DLA Piper advises Nickel Mines on AUD364 million equity raise**

4 December 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised nickel pig iron (NPI) producer Nickel Mines Limited (ASX: NIC) on its AUD364 million, fully underwritten accelerated pro-rata non-renounceable entitlement offer.

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

18 November 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Carthona Capital on MYOB's investment in Roubler**

12 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised leading Australian venture capital firm Carthona Capital, a current and continuing shareholder in Roubler, in respect of MYOB's acquisition of a majority stake in Roubler.

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

27 October 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Laureate Education on USD140 million sale of INTI to HOPE Education Group**

12 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Laureate Education, which owns and operates a global network of degree-granting higher education institutions, on the USD140 million sale of INTI Education Holdings and its subsidiaries, a group of higher education institutions in Malaysia, to HOPE Education Group Co Ltd.

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### **DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on proposed acquisition of DWS Limited**

6 October 2020

DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies Limited (HCL Technologies) on its proposed AUD162 million acquisition of 100% of the shares in DWS Limited (DWS) by scheme of arrangement.

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## **DLA Piper advising Saracen Mineral Holdings on \$16 billion merger with Northern Star Resources**

6 October 2020

DLA Piper is advising Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) on its AUD16 billion merger with Northern Star Resources Limited (ASX: NST).

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## **DLA Piper advises Nearmap on AUD92 million equity raising**

23 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised ASX 200 technology company Nearmap Ltd (ASX: NEA) on its underwritten AUD72.1 million institutional placement and its non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan that aims to raise a further AUD20 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Hangzhou Qiantang New Area Construction and Investment Group on its debut USD300m international bond issue**

26 August 2020

DLA Piper has successfully advised Hangzhou Qiantang New Area Construction and Investment Group Co., Ltd. (Hangzhou Qiantang New Area Construction and Investment Group", a Chinese state-owned enterprise (SOE), on the issue of a USD300 million 3.20 percent senior unsecured corporate bond due 2023.

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

17 August 2020

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

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

17 August 2020

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

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

6 August 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Pengana Capital Group on AUD93 million equity raise for Pengana Private Equity Trust**

27 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised funds management group Pengana Capital Group (PCG) on its 1 for 3 pro-rata non-renounceable entitlement offer (Rights Issue) and additional placement (Placement) of units in Pengana Private Equity Trust (ASX: PE1) – a listed investment trust managed by PCG – raising in excess of AUD93 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Webjet on EUR100 million convertible notes offering**

24 July 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Webjet Limited (ASX: WEB) on its EUR100 million (approximately AUD163 million) convertible notes offering which settled on 10 July 2020.

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

22 July 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Scientia Technologies on equity financing**

15 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Scientia Technologies Limited (Scientia), a technology solutions and services provider to governments, private enterprise clients and individuals, on its equity financing totaling USD 600 million.

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## **DLA Piper advises Ora Banda Mining on equity raising**

7 July 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised gold exploration and development company Ora Banda Mining Limited (ASX: OBM) on its transformational AUD55 million equity raising.

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## **DLA Piper advises Resource Partners on the sale of Golpasz**

7 July 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink**

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the

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warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

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### **DLA Piper advises mCloud Technologies on acquisition of visualisation tech leader kanepi**

29 June 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised mCloud Technologies Corp. (TSX-V: MCLD), a Vancouver, BC Canada based leading global provider of asset management solutions combining IoT, cloud computing, AI and analytics, on its proposed acquisition of software technology company kanepi Group Pty Ltd.

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### **DLA Piper advises Kalium Lakes on equity raise**

25 June 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Kalium Lakes Limited (ASX: KLL) on its recapitalisation and AUD61 million placement and fully underwritten accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer.

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### **DLA Piper advises Singtel Innov8 on its investment in Chinese data service provider DataHunter**

28 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Singtel Innov8 the venture capital arm of Singtel Group focusing on investments in technology solutions, on its successful investment, through a B-Series fundraising, in Beijing-based data service provider DataHunter.

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### **DLA Piper advises Indonesia's Bank Mandiri on USD500 million bond offering**

20 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Indonesia's state-owned bank, Bank Mandiri, on its successful USD\$500 million bond offering. The five-year 4.75% senior unsecured notes were issued off the bank's medium-term note programme and were priced at 99.255 to yield 4.92% or Treasuries plus 455bp.

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### **DLA Piper advises Nickel Mines on AUD231 million equity raise**

19 May 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising nickel pig iron (NPI) producer Nickel Mines Limited (ASX: NIC) on its proposed AUD231 million, fully underwritten 1 for 3.6 accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer.

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### **DLA Piper advises Pacific Energy on acquisition of Hybrid Systems**

12 May 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited on its acquisition of solar and battery microgrid specialist Hybrid Systems Australia.

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## **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020**

30 April 2020

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

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

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## **DLA Piper Corporate partner James Stewart appointed to Takeovers Panel**

24 April 2020

DLA Piper Corporate partner James Stewart has been appointed to the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel for a three-year term.

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## **DLA Piper advises HMI Capital on its investment in oOh!media**

3 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised oOh!media's largest shareholder, US investment management firm HMI Capital, LLC (HMI Capital) on its support for oOh!media's AUD167 million fully underwritten entitlement offer and institutional placement.

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## **DLA Piper continues to boost ASEAN capability with double partner hire in Bangkok**

3 April 2020

DLA Piper today announces it is strengthening its Southeast Asia team with the addition of partners Samata Masagee and Waranon Vanichprapa in Bangkok, Thailand. These are the firm's fourth and fifth partner hires in the region in recent months, following the appointments of Philip Lee, Vincent Seah and David Kuo in Singapore.

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## **DLA Piper advises Webjet on AUD346 million equity raising**

2 April 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Webjet Limited (ASX: WEB) on its AUD346 million equity raising.

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

10 March 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper advises Little Green Pharma on IPO**

25 February 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Australian medicinal cannabis producer Little Green Pharma Limited (ASX: LGP) on its Initial Public Offering (IPO) and ASX listing.

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

25 February 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper tops corporate finance deal rankings**

4 February 2020

DLA Piper has topped the 2019 league table for law firms in the annual *Business News* review of corporate finance deals in Western Australia.

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

28 January 2020

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

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

28 January 2020

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

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## **DLA Piper hires top M&A and private equity partner in Singapore**

22 January 2020

DLA Piper is strengthening its Corporate offering in Asia with the appointment of David Kuo as partner in its Corporate practice, based in Singapore.

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

17 January 2020

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

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of-the-art electric vehicles.

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

8 January 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Irvin and Johnson International on sale**

29 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Irvin and Johnson International on the sale of its 40 per cent stake in a joint venture with leading food manufacturer Simplot Australia to Simplot Australia.

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### **DLA Piper advising Saracen on acquisition and equity raising**

21 November 2019

DLA Piper is advising ASX-listed gold miner Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) on its acquisition of Barrick Gold Corporation's 50% interest in the KCGM Joint Venture for AUD1.1 billion, and its AUD796 million equity raising.

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### **DLA Piper advises Washington H. Soul Pattinson on acquisition**

7 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised diversified investment house Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (WHSP) (ASX: SOL) on its acquisition of equity interests in various unit trusts managed by private investment company Argyle Capital Partners.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Insilico Medicine on successful Series B funding**

17 October 2019

DLA Piper advised Insilico Medicine, a pioneer in next-generation artificial intelligence technology for drug discovery, on a successful US\$37 million Series B funding round to commercialize the validated generative chemistry and target identification technology.

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

6 September 2019

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

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

6 September 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises 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.

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### **DLA Piper advising Pacific Energy on scheme of arrangement with QIC**

1 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising power generation specialist Pacific Energy Limited (ASX: PEA) on its scheme of arrangement with QIC Private Capital, which will see QIC acquire 100% of Pacific Energy, valued at AUD422 million.

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

12 July 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper advises IMF Bentham on new USD500 million fund**

4 July 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised IMF Bentham (ASX:IMF) on the launch of a new USD500 million fund (Fund 5) to invest in litigation cases across Australia, Asia, Canada and Europe.

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## **DLA Piper advises Ora Banda Mining on recapitalisation**

28 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised gold exploration company Ora Banda Mining Limited (ASX: OBM) on its successful recapitalisation and AUD30 million capital raising.

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## **DLA Piper advises MOD Resources on scheme of arrangement with Sandfire Resources**

28 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising MOD Resources Limited (ASX/LSE: MOD), on its scheme of arrangement with Sandfire Resources NL (ASX: SFR), which will see Sandfire acquire 100% of the issued share capital of MOD, valued at AUD167 million.

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## **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).

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## **DLA Piper bolsters Corporate practice with team of five new partners**

14 June 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has significantly bolstered the strength of its Corporate practice in Australia with a team of five market leading M&A partners from Norton Rose Fulbright. Partners Shane Bilardi, James Stewart, Jyoti Singh, Chris Mitchell and Andrew Fiskens will join DLA Piper in the coming months.

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## **DLA Piper advises Downer on acquisition of 50% of Repurpose It**

17 MAY 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Downer (ASX: DOW) on its acquisition of 50 percent of Repurpose It, a waste to resource business located in Victoria.

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## **DLA Piper advises Ping An OneConnect on Virtual Banking License**

16 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised Ping An OneConnect VB (OneConnect) on its successful application for a virtual banking license granted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA).

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## **DLA Piper advises Life360 on AUD820 million IPO**

14 MAY 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised US tech company Life360 on its AUD820 million IPO and ASX listing – the largest IPO on the ASX this year and one of the largest tech debuts on the ASX ever in Australia.

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

14 MAY 2019

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

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

13 MAY 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper 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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