



# Supply Chain, Operations and Business Optimization

*Global experience in designing and implementing efficient, cost-effective and demand-driven business models with a dynamic supply chain*

## Transform your business

The traditional business model is under increasing pressure. In a world with growing regulatory burdens, increased competition, market uncertainty and change of consumer behavior, costs and risks to business are harder to manage. Businesses are faced with an increasingly complex legal, financial and reputational risk agenda, while stakeholders seek to hold them to account for human rights and ESG issues throughout the supply chain. As a result, linear supply chains often no longer adequately address stakeholder demands.

Companies need to seize the opportunities that technology creates and reinvent their supply chains. If devised properly, an efficient supply chain structure with effective risk management processes can provide a competitive advantage.

Companies can unlock value through optimization of their global business and supply chain operations by:

- streamlining their legal structure and aligning it with their business strategy;
- integrating sustainability and ESG objectives into their business strategy and implementing them across the supply chain;
- proactively assessing and managing ESG risks across the supply chain, including human rights, corruption, pollution and resource depletion issues;
- harmonizing their tax profile with their operating model;
- increasing control and transparency; and
- improving compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and international best practice standards.

## Unlocking benefits

As a firm that closes more M&A transactions each year than anyone else, we know how critical an efficient and dynamic supply chain is in maximizing the benefits of an acquisition or divestment.

The potential savings through a redesign can be immense, including reductions in statutory accounts, streamlining of operational functions, and reductions in tax and legal compliance costs, as well as reputational benefits.

We support the integration process from the planning to the execution stage, and we help identify the most appropriate business

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model through which to optimize and execute the overall global supply chain.

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper acts for Mid Ulster District Council in successful VAT repayment claim at First Tier Tribunal**

20 October 2020

DLA Piper has acted for Mid Ulster District Council (formerly Magherafelt District Council) in its successful appeal for refunds of wrongly paid VAT on leisure and recreational services, against HM Revenue & Customs, before the First Tier Tribunal. The Council won this decision as the lead nominated case on behalf of councils across Northern Ireland.

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### **DLA Piper advises P3 Logistic Parks on the rental of commercial space to Makita Werkzeug GmbH**

27 August 2020

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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 Gallus Group**

23 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of Gallus Group to Swiss packaging business benpac holding ag. With this transaction Heidelberg is systematically pursuing the company's realignment, which includes focusing on its core business of sheetfed printing. The sale, which still needs to be approved by the relevant bodies and is subject to other condition precedents, is set to take effect before the end of 2020.

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

8 July 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper 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

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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 advises Eiffage and JOHANN BUNTE consortium on Germany's largest ever motorway PPP**

14 April 2020

DLA Piper has successfully advised the consortium A3 Nordbayern with its shareholders Eiffage S.A. and JOHANN BUNTE Bauunternehmung GmbH & Co. KG on the financing of Germany's largest PPP project in the motorway sector.

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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 Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic**

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

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### **DLA Piper advises Hahn Group on sale of Campus Center Lübeck**

18 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hahn Group on the sale of Campus Center Lübeck to real estate investment manager Nuveen Real Estate, which acquired the property for its German core retail platform.

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### **DLA Piper launches Global Digital Services VAT Guide**

29 November 2019

DLA Piper has launched the fourth edition of its Global VAT Guide on Digital Services, covering cross-border supplies of digital content, intangible services and, more generally, the various forms of e-commerce.

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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 continues Irish expansion with appointment of four new partners**

4 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners to its recently opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT), Tax and Real Estate. The new partners will be joined by three legal directors, as part of the firm's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

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### **DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the acquisition of EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg**

2 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate on its acquisition of the office property EDGE Hafencity as part of an off-market forward deal. EDGE Hafencity Hamburg will be a 15-storey building with a total lettable area of approximately 22,500 sqm.

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### **DLA Piper advises KRAHN on acquisition of eMBe Products & Service**

26 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised chemical distributor KRAHN Chemie GmbH on its acquisition of eMBe Products & Service GmbH, one of the leading additive manufacturers for the ceramics and powder metal industry in Europe.

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

21 June 2019

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

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### **DLA Piper named UK transfer pricing firm of the year for the third year running**

17 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has been named UK Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year for the third year running at the International Tax Review (ITR) European Tax Awards 2019, in a ceremony held in London on 16 May. The firm was also, and for the first time this year, named Africa Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year.

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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 Hamburg: Alter Wall is new office location**

13 MAY 2019

Last weekend DLA Piper has moved from Jungfernstieg to its new premises "Alter Wall Hamburg" in the heart of Hamburg. DLA Piper has moved into the top three floors of the building at Alter Wall 4 that offer a total of around 3,200 sqm of office space.

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## **DLA Piper advises BrewDog on acquisition of iconic Berlin brewery**

6 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised BrewDog, a multinational craft brewery and pub chain based in Scotland, on the acquisition of World Bistro & Gardens in Berlin from Stone Brewing, one of the largest craft breweries in the US.

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1 APR 2019

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## **Non-resident real estate investors bullish on Capital Gains Tax changes**

19 MAR 2019

Non-resident real estate investors are holding their nerve on UK investment strategies despite impending capital gains tax (CGT) changes coming into force next month and uncertainty around Brexit. According to a DLA Piper report, more than half (58 percent) of those polled expect the new tax code will have no impact on their investment strategy.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper enhances cross-border tax capability with new partner hire in Dublin**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Maura Dineen as a Tax partner in the firm's newly opened Dublin office. This is the fifth partner hire for DLA Piper in Dublin in a month, following the announcements in January of Conor Houlihan (Finance & Projects), Éanna Mellett (Corporate), Mark Rasdale (Intellectual Property & Technology) and Ciara McLoughlin (Employment).

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#### **DLA Piper strengthens tax offering in Luxembourg with partner hire**

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Jacques Wantz as a partner in its Tax practice, based in Luxembourg. He will be joined by associate Emre Akan.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on acquisition of German game developer Playa Games GmbH**

14 DEC 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Swedish company, Stillfront Group AB, on its acquisition of Hamburg-based Playa Games GmbH.

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#### **DLA Piper advises H.I.G. Capital on the acquisition of BollAnts Spa in Bad Sobernheim**

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper has advised US asset manager H.I.G. Capital on its acquisition of the BollAnts Spa im Park in Bad Sobernheim, in the federal state of Rhineland Palatinate, completed with Hamilton Hotel Investors. The two parties involved have agreed the purchase price will remain undisclosed.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Aareal bank on €447m financing for pan-European hotel portfolio**

23 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised Aareal Bank AG in relation to the arrangement of a five-year €447 million financing for a European hotel portfolio managed by Swedish hotel property company Pandox AB.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Columbia Capital, LLC in its US\$21 million equity investment in Resilience360**

13 NOV 2018

DLA Piper represented Columbia Capital, LLC in its US\$21 million equity investment in Resilience360 GMBH.

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#### **DLA Piper advises KGAL Group on its acquisition of „Berliner Freiheit“ in Bremen**

13 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has advised the KGAL Investment Management GmbH & Co. KG on its acquisition of shopping center and neighbourhood hub "Berliner Freiheit" in Bremen, for an undisclosed price.

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#### **DLA Piper advises DASAN Zhone Solutions on intended acquisition of KEYMILE**

24 OCT 2018

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DLA Piper has advised NASDAQ-listed DASAN Zhone Solutions (DZS), a global leader in fiber access transformation for enterprise and service provider networks, on its intended acquisition of KEYMILE, a leading solution provider and manufacturer of telecommunication systems for broadband access.

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