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Jonathan Clarke has been advising on corporate/M&A transactions for over 15 years. He advises on all types of corporate transactions - often with a cross-border element to them - including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and corporate reorganisations (including carve-outs and spin offs). He acts for private equity and venture capital investors, corporates, and individuals.

Jonathan has a particular focus on transactions in the Insurance sector including bancassurance/digital distribution and W&I deals; and has a geographical focus on Turkey and the wider CEE region - where he was based for over a decade (including as a Partner of the firm) and worked on some of the highest-profile corporate transactions in the market. He is also active in transactions in the Life Sciences; Media, Sport and Entertainment; Consumer Goods, Food and Retail; and Technology sectors.

Jonathan has undertaken secondments at GE, Verizon and Zurich and is currently a UK-based board member of the British Chamber of Commerce Turkey and a member of the Turkish Oxford University Alumni Association.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Turkish

- Corporate

- Insurance
- Life Sciences
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Technology

English Turkish

- Advising International investment group on a EUR300 million joint venture and bancassurance transaction for a preferred bidder in the auction process ran in 2020 and 2018 for the sale of Eurolife (the third largest insurer in Greece) by Eurobank.
- Advising Munich Re's ERGO Fund on its investment in Babylon Health, as part of a Series C USD550 million round of funding- one of the key UK venture capital transactions of 2019 which is the largest-ever fundraising in Europe or the US for digital health delivery.
- Advising individual sellers on the auction sale of Koroza, Turkey's largest packaging manufacturer for a consideration in excess of

EUR100m as part of an auction sale to Actera the largest private equity firm dedicated to Turkish investments with assets under management exceeding USD3.3 billion. Deal completion 2017.

- Advising Takeda on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of Toplam Kalite one of most important recent pharmaceutical sector deals in Turkey for a consideration of over TRY200 million. Deal completion 2016.
- Advising Anadolu Group on a number of complex and high-profile M&A transactions including the disposal of ABank to the Commercial Bank of Qatar (deal value over USD400, deal completion 2016 and 2013); acquisition of an indirect stake in Migros, one of Turkey's largest supermarket chains (deal value over USD1 billion, deal completion 2014); and the acquisition of SAB Miller's Russian and Ukrainian beer business and resultant joint venture in Anadolu Efes Turkey, Turkey's largest beer producer (deal value USD1,9 billion, deal completion 2011).
- Advising various insurers including Atradius, Generali, Metlife, StarStone and Zurich on multiple corporate, M&A, and Bancassurance transactions.
- Advising various venture capital and private equity funds including Actera, Carlyle, Darby Private Equity, ESAS, and Investcorp on multiple investments.
- Advising various insurers including Acquinex, Euclid, Liberty, Ping An and Themis as underwriter on multiple Warranty & Indemnity insurance transactions.

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- 2018 to date DLA Piper
- 2016 to 2018, partner at a Turkish law firm
- 2011 to 2015, DLA Piper based in Istanbul where he became partner in 2013
- 2002 to 2011, an international law firm based in London and Istanbul

Recognitions

In recent editions of the *Legal 500* and *Chambers and Partners*, Jonathan has been recommended as a leading individual for Corporate/M&A in Turkey. Clients commend him as "thorough, committed, helpful, result-driven and caring" (*Chambers and Partners 2014*).

Education

- College of Law, London CPE and LPC, 1998 to 2000
- Magdalen College, Oxford, MA 1995 to 1998

Memberships

- British Chamber of Commerce Turkey UK Advisory Board