



## Corporate

DLA Piper's global corporate lawyers support the world's leading enterprises, emerging startup companies and financial institutions in their development and investment activities.

From mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and venture capital to private and public equity and debt offerings, we assist clients through all stages of their transactions to ensure successful deal outcomes.

As a full-service global business law firm, DLA Piper provides a complete range of business legal services in all of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Our clients benefit from a valuable combination of global insight and local knowledge that allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions. Understanding the industry and the day-to-day issues faced by our clients is critical to our success.

That is why alongside their legal experience, our corporate lawyers have additional industry-specific focus - whether it is Banking, Energy, Healthcare, Hospitality and leisure, Insurance, Life sciences, Manufacturing, Technology or other sectors.

Furthermore, in addition to the corporate lawyers with primary transactional responsibility, our deal teams include sophisticated practitioners with experience in key practice areas, such as Corporate governance, Intellectual property, Technology, Antitrust, Compensation, Tax, Financial services, Regulation, Employment, Pensions, Securities compliance, and Real estate.

### CAPABILITES

We help our clients with:

- Cross-border M&A (public and private), including:
  - inception, planning and due diligence
  - deal execution
  - post-merger integrations
  - joint ventures
  - growth by alternatives to M&A
- Capital Markets (equity and debt)
- Private Equity

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- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Merger Control
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- International Corporate Reorganizations
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- Life Sciences
- Industrials
- Technology
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

- Investment Funds
- Venture Capital
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## EXPERIENCE

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### Awards and rankings

- **#1 Global M&A deal volume for the last twelve years (*Mergermarket 2010-2021*)**
- **#1 European M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2013-2021*)**
- **#3 Americas M&A by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2021*)**
- **#1 Most active law firm in Europe for private equity deals (*PitchBook 2021*)**
- **#3 Most active law firm globally for private equity deals (*PitchBook 2021*)**
- **Top three most active law firm for combined global deal volume in private equity, venture capital and M&A (*PitchBook 2021*)**
- **#3 Global Private Equity - Buyouts combined by deal volume (*Mergermarket 2018-2021*)**
- According to data collected by *PitchBook*, DLA Piper represented more investors than any other law firm in 2021, and has represented the most investors for ten consecutive years
- Recognized as one of America's Best Corporate Law Firms by *Corporate Board Member Magazine*. The study, a comprehensive ranking by US corporate directors and general counsel across the country reflects the opinions of 250 participating directors and general counsel of publicly traded companies when asked to select, "a firm they would most likely turn to for corporate legal matters."

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **An end to snow-washing? Canada considers its money laundering problem**

27 September 2022

Canada may have a reputation as a law-abiding and democratic nation, but it is also notorious as a place where it is easy to engage in money laundering.

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#### **Anticorruption and AML in Mexico: Trends and developments**

27 September 2022

A look at the status of Mexico's fight against corruption and new forms of money laundering.

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#### **Colombia addresses the problem of money laundering in virtual assets and the blockchain**

27 September 2022

The regulators are seeking to incentivize legitimate use of crypto-assets and lower money laundering risks.

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#### **Harnessing the power of data analytics to drive compliance**

19 September 2022

## PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE

The age of data analytics in corporate compliance programs and regulatory enforcement is here.

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### Developments in the ESG Bond Market

8 September 2022

In this article, we look at some of the developments in the ESG bond market, particularly, transition bonds and sustainability re-linked bonds, and the expansion of the Singapore Sustainable Bond Grant Scheme to, among other things, cover certain costs in relation to sustainability-linked bonds issuances.

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### Brazil: Transfer of a going concern – what you need to know

#### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

A transfer of a going concern (TOGC), commonly used in Brazilian asset deals and internal reorganizations such as carveouts, requires thoughtful planning. Learn what important aspects to consider with TOGCs.

By: [Alex Jorge](#) | [Rafaella Chiachio](#)

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### Canada: Choosing to incorporate your subsidiary in British Columbia

#### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Looking to incorporate in Canada? British Columbia is consistently at the forefront of user-friendly, modern Canadian corporate law.

By: [Benjamin Bluman](#)

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### Cayman Islands: Benefitting from its flexibility and tax-neutral status

#### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Migrating to the Cayman Islands offers benefits such as flexibility and tax neutral status. What to keep in mind?

By: [Sam Francis](#)

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### Hong Kong: Should you deregister or liquidate that subsidiary?

#### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Learn the nuances between deregistering an entity and liquidating an entity when it's time to eliminate that subsidiary in Hong Kong.

By: [Heng Loong Cheong](#) | [Tommy Lam](#)

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**Italy: What constitutes a transfer of a going concern?**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Recent Italian, EU case law clarifies which transactions qualify as a TOGC. Get the latest.

By: [Christian Iannaccone](#)

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**Japan: Navigating foreign direct investment rules when you are contemplating a corporate reorganization**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

When in Japan, if you are acquiring equity, changing a shareholder as part of a reorganization or taking certain other corporate actions, you need to beware of the new foreign investment rules.

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**Netherlands: How to successfully navigate distributions out of a Dutch BV**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Pitfalls that may be encountered when calculating distributable reserves.

By: [Manon den Boer](#) and [Aad Oomen](#)

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**Switzerland: Employee transfers in an asset deal**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Learn the Swiss law exception to automatic transfers of existing employment relationships in an asset deal.

By: [Dominik Hohler](#)

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**Switzerland: Grappling with the financial assistance rules**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Upstream or cross-stream financial assistance within a group of companies is a controversial topic in Switzerland. Dominik Hohler, Partner at Walder Wyss Ltd., provides a view of the current legal landscape.

By: [Dominik Hohler](#)

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## US: Tips on converting a corporate entity

### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

What to do when one US state won't allow you to readily convert from one entity type to another.

By: [Benjamin Guez](#)

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## Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for August in less than 5 minutes

9 August 2022

5 developments to read for August in less than 5 minutes.

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## Brazil's FIAGRO promotes agribusiness: key points about this new form of investment

4 August 2022

### PANORAMA

By creating the FIAGRO structure, the Brazilian government is aiming to move financing of agricultural production from public subsidies into private hands.

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## Israel Group News July 2022

28 July 2022

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## State of the Australian M&A Market

14 July 2022

The Australian M&A market in 2021 was a wild ride. As Covid-19 restrictions (imposed both domestically and internationally) lifted, returning investor confidence, coupled with low inflation, low interest rates, and many businesses sitting on dry powder, meant that investors returned to transactions previously shelved during 2020, as well as new strategic opportunities, as valuations soared across all asset classes.

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## Committing to measurable ESG initiatives in the Food and Beverage Sector: Doing well by doing good

6 July 2022

### ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

At least 73 percent of the world's largest companies in the food and beverage sector have a sustainable development target, but only a quarter of these are setting time-bound targets and the remaining 27 percent have no sustainability strategy, according to the World Benchmarking Alliance.

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## Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

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### **The meteoric rise of the data centre: Global data centre investment outlook**

14 June 2022

Deal activity in data centre infrastructure has reached unprecedented levels. Our report, The meteoric rise of the data center: Global data center investment outlook, examines the reasons behind this surge in activity and the increasingly significant role ESG has to play when making investments.

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### **Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for June in less than 5 minutes**

8 June 2022

5 developments to read for June in less than 5 minutes.

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### **10 considerations for companies on the path to sustainability**

11 May 2022

For boards of directors and management teams as they discuss measuring, disclosing and reducing the company's climate impact.

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### **Employment law in 5: 5 developments to read for May in less than 5 minutes**

5 May 2022

5 developments to read for May in less than 5 minutes.

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### **Global M&A Intelligence Report 2022**

Updated: 29 June 2022

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### **Israel Group News April 2022**

28 April 2022

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### **Doing Business in Singapore**

22 April 2022

Our Guide to Doing Business in Singapore is designed to help those looking to start their businesses and investments in Singapore, which is the gateway country to Southeast Asia, to navigate the regulatory and legislative framework of establishing a business in Singapore.

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## Proposed EU corporate sustainability due diligence directive: what US companies need to know

31 March 2022

If adopted, the proposed directive could have significant implications not only for EU enterprises but also for US and other non-EU companies conducting business within the EU.

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## Focus on the energy sector

29 March 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

What is the impact of the regime on the energy sector? Sarah Smith is joined by competition partner, Sam Szlezinger, and DLA Piper's energy sector specialist, Andreas Gunst, to analyse which activities are likely to be caught.

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## SEC proposes mandatory climate-related disclosure and governance rules

21 March 2022

The SEC's latest effort to advance the Biden Administration's climate agenda.

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## Aiscension: an AI tool to ensure effective risk management by detecting anti-competitive practice

24 February 2022

Anti-competitive activity has been rife in companies for centuries and there are many who like to take the ostrich approach and bury their head in the sand. However, it is known that this approach to risk management is ineffective should the regulators come looking, and with fines of up to 10% of global turnover, it is a big risk to take.

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## Focus on the public sector

22 February 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

What is the impact on the public sector? Sarah Smith talks to Richard Bonnar, a partner in the Intellectual Property and Technology team, and Martin Strom, a senior associate in the competition team to discuss the impact on the sector, including the "Critical Suppliers to Government" and "Suppliers to the Emergency Services" sectors.

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## Focus on the transport sector

8 February 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In this episode, Sarah Smith is joined by Richard Jenkinson and global chair of DLA Piper's Infrastructure, Construction and Transport sector, Martin Nelson-Jones. They discuss the impact of the regime on the transport sector in relation to ports and harbours, as well as

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airports and air traffic control.

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## OECD makes progress on Pillar 1 – release of draft Sourcing and Nexus Rules of Amount A

7 February 2022

Comments are due February 18, 2022.

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## Focus on the technology sector

25 January 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

What is the impact of the regime on the technology sector? Sarah Smith is joined by competition partner, Alexandra Kamerling, and DLA Piper's tech sector specialist, Kit Burden, to analyse which activities are likely to be caught with a focus on AI and computer hardware.

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## Israel Group News January 2022

24 January 2022

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## Focus on the industrials sector

18 January 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In the third episode of the series we turn our focus to specific sectors. Sarah Smith and Matt Evans are joined by DLA Piper's defence sector specialist, Maria Pereira to discuss the impact of the regime on the industrials sector, specifically in relation to the defence, military and dual-use, advanced materials and satellite and space sectors.

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## A legal overview

4 January 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In episode 2 of our podcast series we discuss the legal context of the regime: how it will operate and the implications for businesses. In particular, the legislation - which comes into force today, 4 January - has wide reaching implications for M&A involving businesses or assets connected with the UK.

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## What's driving the new National Security and Investment Regime

12 December 2021

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

Episode 1 of our new Podcast series discusses what is driving the new National Security and Investment Regime. What is the political

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context for the new regime? Who and what is driving the pressure to strengthen investment screening both in the UK and internationally? Sarah Smith, Partner in DLA Piper's Competition practice is joined by Lord Gavin Barwell, Strategic Advisor and former Chief of Staff to Teresa May and Paul Hardy, Head of UK Government Affairs at DLA Piper to discuss the context of the new regime.

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## **Distributions of dividends (ordinary and interim), share premium and account 115 in Luxembourg**

11 November 2021

Want to know more on distributions of dividends, share premium and account 115 in Luxembourg? Our latest article will help you understand these concepts and the distribution conditions.

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## **Israel Group News October 2021**

25 October 2021

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## **Brazil: ESG and the capital markets**

13 October 2021

The capital markets can play an important role in enhancing companies' ESG actions.

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## **Five issues to watch for at COP26 in Glasgow**

12 October 2021

Hopes had already been high for COP26 even before the pandemic paused it. The pent-up potential has only heightened those expectations.

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## **OECD announces global deal on international tax reform with its Two-Pillar solution**

11 October 2021

In addition, the OECD sets out a detailed implementation timeline aiming to have parts of the plan ratified in 2022 and effective as early as 2023.

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## **Thailand Ministerial Regulation in relation to Fixing Rates of Social Security Fund Contributions**

7 October 2021

On 27 September 2021, the Minister of Labour has just issued the Ministerial Regulation in relation to Fixing Rates of Social Security Fund Contributions B.E. 2564 (2021) which shall be enforced in Thailand as of 1 September 2021 onwards.

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## **The global landscape of data privacy: Important points about new laws in three key jurisdictions**

21 September 2021

## PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE

New data privacy requirements in three important jurisdictions – the European Union, China, and Brazil – with an emphasis on action steps for compliance officers.

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### Contribution in kind to an SARL directly at incorporation

24 September 2021

Contributions in kind to the share capital of private limited liability companies (*sociétés à responsabilité limitée*) (SARL) need to be valued. Contributions in kind can take place at incorporation or during the lifetime of the company when there is a share capital increase.

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### House tax proposal: significant statutory changes include raising corporate rate, overhauling international taxation system

21 September 2021

While the Senate is likely to cut back on some of the proposals, tax increases for business and individuals are expected to be enacted by Thanksgiving.

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### Thailand announces 3 months extension of social security contributions reduction

13 September 2021

Referring to the announcement of the Social Security Office in relation to the reduction of mandatory social security contributions effective from 1 June 2021 – 31 August 2021, on 8 September 2021, the Social Security Office has extended the reduction of mandatory social security contributions for another 3 months from 1 September – 30 November 2021.

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### Israel Group News August 2021

16 August 2021

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### Continuous disclosure reform - not a free pass

12 August 2021

The temporary changes to the continuous disclosure and misleading and deceptive conduct laws which were introduced at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic have now been made permanent.

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### Further assistance from the Social Security Office as Thailand heads to further lockdown

22 July 2021

Previously, the Social Security Office (SSO) announced the reduction of social security contributions for a period of three (3) months from 1 June 2021 – 31 August 2021 due to the third wave of COVID-19 cases in Thailand.

On 13 July 2021, the Cabinet approved additional relief measures to assist workers and entrepreneurs who are affected by the COVID-19

pandemic in 10 red-zone provinces, including Bangkok. On 20 July 2021, following the tightening of lockdown restrictions in Thailand, the Cabinet approved the expansion of relief measures from 10 red-zone provinces to 13 red-zone provinces (now including Chachoengsao, Chonburi and Ayutthaya).

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### **Cross-border distribution of Alternative Investment Funds – What you need to know about the new regulatory framework**

15 July 2021

A number of key provisions of the new legislative framework on cross border distribution of investment funds across the European Union will become applicable as of 2 August 2021.

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### **Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021**

23 June 2021

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### **Reduction of Social Security contributions following third wave of COVID-19 in Thailand**

25 May 2021

Following the resurgence of COVID-19 cases in March 2021, the Social Security Office announced the reduction of mandatory social security contributions to be made to the Social Security Fund (SSF) to help ease the financial burden of employers and employees.

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### **Thailand postponed the implementation of the data protection act until 1 June 2022**

10 May 2021

The Personal Data Protection Act B.E. 2562 (2019) (PDPA) came into effect since 28 May 2019 with most provisions scheduled to take full effect on 27 May 2020. Previously, the enforcement of the PDPA for 22 types of businesses has been postponed to 31 May 2021.

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### **Israel Group News May 2021**

1 May 2021

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### **DLA Piper advises Strike Energy on AUD80 million capital raising**

27 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is advising Strike Energy Limited (ASX: STX) on its successful AUD80 million capital raising, comprised of a placement and share purchase plan.

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### **Episode 16: New data classifications and data localisation for financial institutions in China**

21 April 2021

## NAVIGATING CHINA: THE DIGITAL JOURNEY

Important new guidelines outlining how personal and other types of financial information should be handled by financial institutions throughout the data lifecycle have just come into force in China, including a new data localisation obligation.

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### Cross-border distribution: Ready for the next step?

16 April 2021

AIFM and UCITS Directives largely built their success on the introduction of the marketing passport and the creation of a common regime for investment funds distribution whereby a product could be distributed across the EU market on the basis of one single authorisation.

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### Managing Mexican mandatory disclosure rules

8 April 2021

A review of new obligations for taxpayers and advisors under Mexico's mandatory disclosure rules.

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### New antidumping and countervailing duty petition: Organic soybean meal from India – consequences for exporters and US importers

5 April 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers should have a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

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### So you want to go digital...

April 2021

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

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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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### The missing link in whistleblower programs – the escalation protocols

28 January 2021

A fixed set of escalation protocols helps ensure that a whistleblower program functions efficiently.

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### The Insurance Bill 2020: Update on Hong Kong's new Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS) regime

21 January 2021

## INSURANCE HORIZONS

The Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2020 (IO Bill) passed on 17 July 2020 provides for a new regime under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41) enabling the issuance of insurance-linked securities (ILS) by special purpose insurers (SPI). Subsequently on 4 September 2020, the Insurance Authority (IA) published a consultation paper on the draft Insurance (Special Purpose Business) Rules (Consultation Paper), which has proposed some draft rules for the ILS scheme, such as the scope of eligible investors, the minimum investment size and relevant offences and penalties (Draft Rules).

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## **Israel Group News January 2021**

19 January 2021

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## **Understanding the OECD's guidance on the transfer pricing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic**

5 January 2021

A practical look at the new OECD guidance.

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## **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for funding and procurement**

31 December 2020

### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

The TCA provides last-minute clarity for UK companies and organisations that participate in EU funded projects, or receive funding and investment through EU programmes, such as Horizon Europe.

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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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## **REACH 2.0 – New EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability**

10 December 2020

Chemicals are omnipresent in our everyday life and play a fundamental role as building blocks in technologies, materials and products. However, chemicals with hazardous components can also cause damage to human and animal health and the environment.

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## **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.

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### **PFI and PPP in the UK – is it time to talk about handback?**

30 November 2020

The most recent standard form contracts and guidance in the UK for PPPs and similar forms of contract recognize the importance of prescribing detailed handback requirements and making provision for lead-in processes to be followed when a project approaches the end of its term.

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### **Projects Global Insight Issue 4, 2020**

30 November 2020

#### **PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT**

In what is undoubtedly one of the most testing periods for the infrastructure and construction industry, key stakeholders continue to focus on delivering resilient, adaptable and fit-for-purpose assets and services in extremely challenging conditions.

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### **The SPAC boom: using special purpose acquisition companies as an alternative means of listing in the us**

23 November 2020

This client update provides an overview of SPACs, the key phases in the lifespan of SPACs and the key participants in a typical SPAC listing. It also discusses the pros and cons of using a SPAC structure as well as how SPACs may potentially be of interest to Indian companies looking to list overseas and tap the public markets for funds.

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

2 November 2020

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

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### **US: Four significant developments in arbitration case law**

26 October 2020

US-style discovery; compelling arbitration on the basis of equitable estoppel; class-wide arbitration when the arbitration agreement is ambiguous; ongoing use of the US DDCC for ICSID award enforcement.

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### **SEC expands scope of “accredited investors” and “qualified institutional buyers”**

14 October 2020

On 26 August 2020, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) loosened the definitions of “accredited investor” and “qualified institutional buyer” in the SEC’s rules. The amendments will become effective 60 days after the publication in the Federal Register.

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### **English and Luxembourg venture capital funds: Key features**

12 September 2020

Andrew Wylie (Partner and Head of Investment Funds, International) has recently co-written a practice note "*English and Luxembourg venture capital funds: key features*" published on Thomson Reuters Practical Law on 6 October 2020 and reproduced here with permission from the publisher.

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7 October 2020

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### **Using representations and warranties insurance in global M&A deals: 8 questions and answers**

16 FEB 2016

R&W insurance can offer both buyers and sellers the additional confidence often needed to close the deal. Such insurance may be especially useful in global M&A transactions, particularly in Latin America.

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### **Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies**

9 DEC 2015

#### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES**

The UK’s Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

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### **Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points**

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

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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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## **Mixed feelings: China censures bitcoin while Hong Kong embraces it**

4 JUL 2014

Last December, bitcoin prices plummeted by nearly half, after Chinese authorities banned all financial institutions and payment processor companies in China from engaging in bitcoin-related business, denominating prices in bitcoins, and providing bitcoin trading, settlement, clearing or other linked financial products and services.

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## **A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart**

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

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## **Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure**

11 JUL 2013

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## **Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know**

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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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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## **Federal agencies, Congress accelerate defense against cyber attacks – every private company will be affected**

21 Mar 2012

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### **IPEM 2022**

20-22 September 2022

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## Liquidation, acquisition and restructuring of China operations (Session 7)

June 22, 2022 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET  
Webinar

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## The meteoric rise of the data centre: Key drivers behind global demand

14 June 2022  
Webinar

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## European Dinner

10 May 2022  
Webinar

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## Webinar: Germany's new government: The outlook for investment and M&A in 2022

5 May 2022  
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## Abraham Accords One Year Anniversary Dinner

5 October 2021  
Webinar

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## Cash repatriation: What are your options?

29 September 2021  
Webinar

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## The essential legal update for consumer goods businesses

29 September 2021  
Webinar

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## **Embracing Digital Evolution**

15 September 2021  
Webinar

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## **IPEM 2021**

8-9 September 2021  
IPEM 2022  
Paris

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## **Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments**

30 June 2021  
Webinar

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## **Carried interest – everything you always wanted to know and didn't ask**

7 May 2021  
Luxembourg

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## **Axis Tel Aviv**

17 March 2021  
Webinar

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## **Business Opportunities and Investment Trends Between Israel and the Nordics**

18 January 2021  
Webinar

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## **Axis Corporate Edition: Telecom**

8 December 2020  
Webinar

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## **Axis Innovation Digital In-Car Experience**

18 November 2020  
Webinar

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## Doing Business Globally: Singapore

4 November 2020  
Webinar

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## NEWS

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### DLA Piper advises MKS Instruments in the closing of its US\$4.4 billion acquisition of Atotech

29 September 2022

DLA Piper has advised MKS Instruments, Inc. (NASDAQ: MKSI) (MKS), a global provider of technologies that enable advanced processes and improve productivity, in the closing of its acquisition of Atotech Limited (a Jersey company traded on NYSE: ATC) (Atotech), a leading process chemicals technology company and a market leader in advanced electroplating solutions, backed by buyout firm Carlyle Group Inc.

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### DLA Piper advises Xeltis on strategic cooperation with Grand Pharma

22 September 2022

DLA Piper has advised Xeltis AG (Xeltis), a medical device company based in the Netherlands, on its strategic cooperation agreement pertaining to a technology license with Grand Pharmaceutical Group Limited and its subsidiaries (Grand Pharma).

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### DLA Piper advises Lotus Bakeries on land acquisition in Thailand as part of major Asia expansion plans

24 August 2022

DLA Piper has advised Lotus Bakeries, the Belgian headquartered snack manufacturer, on its acquisition of land for the construction of a new Lotus@Biscoff® production site within the industrial estates in Chonburi Province in Thailand.

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### DLA Piper advises NASDAQ listed Aspen Technology, Inc. on AU\$900m acquisition

29 July 2022

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised NASDAQ-listed software provider Aspen Technology, Inc. (AspenTech) on its proposed acquisition of the Australian-headquartered mining software business Micromine Group, from private equity firm Potentia Capital and others for approximately AU\$900 million in cash. The share sale and purchase agreement signed on 27 July 2022.

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### DLA Piper advises Aesthetic Medical International on RMB170 million equity financing arrangements

25 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised Aesthetic Medical International Holding Group Limited (Nasdaq: AIH), a leading provider of aesthetic medical services in China, on equity financing arrangements.

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### DLA Piper represents Eneva S.A. in its acquisition of Porto de Sergipe Power Plant

8 June 2022

Campos Mello Advogados, in cooperation with DLA Piper, represented Brazilian power company Eneva S.A. in its acquisition of Porto de Sergipe Power Plant – one of the largest gas-fired thermoelectric plants in operation in Latin America – from New Fortress Energy Inc. (NASDAQ: NFE) and its joint venture partner Ebrasil Energia Ltda.

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### ***International Financial Law Review* recognizes DLA Piper for advising on award-winning deals in the Americas**

24 May 2022

DLA Piper has been recognized by the *International Financial Law Review (IFLR)* for being part of the advisory team for the “Deals of the Year” in the “Debt and Equity-linked” and “High Yield” categories. *IFLR's Americas Awards 2022* recognizes the region's most innovative deals and the lawyers behind them.

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### **DLA Piper advises Edenor, the largest electricity distribution company in Argentina, on its successful debt exchange offer**

24 May 2022

DLA Piper has advised Empresa Distribuidora y Comercializadora Norte S.A. (Edenor), the largest electricity distribution company in Argentina, on the successful exchange offer for Edenor's 9.75% senior notes due 2022.

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### **DLA Piper advises Philip Morris International Inc. on USD16 billion recommended cash offer for Swedish Match**

12 May 2022

DLA Piper, as International Counsel, is advising Philip Morris Holland Holdings B.V., an Affiliate of Philip Morris International Inc. (PMI), on its USD16 billion recommended public offer to the shareholders of Swedish Match AB (Swedish Match), a public limited company with shares listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

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### **DLA Piper advises John Menzies on its recommended cash offer**

30 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised aviation services business John Menzies plc (Menzies) in respect of the recommended cash offer by Gil International Holdings V Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of Agility Public Warehousing Company K.S.C.P. (Agility), a provider of supply chain services, innovation and investment for Menzies.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ares on AUD 428 million sale of AMP PrivateMarketsCo Infrastructure Debt Investment Management Platform**

2/10/2022

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised NYSE-listed Ares (NYSE:ARES) on its subsidiary's AUD 428 million acquisition of AMP's PrivateMarketsCo Infrastructure Debt Platform, one of the largest infrastructure debt investment management platforms globally.

"AMP's PrivateMarketsCo Infrastructure Debt Platform is highly complementary with Ares' leading private credit franchise," said Martin Jamieson, Head of Investment Management & Funds, Australia, DLA Piper.

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### **DLA Piper receives two 'Deals of the Year 2021' awards from India Business Law Journal**

31 January 2022

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that two DLA Piper-led deals have received recognition in the "Deals of the Year 2021" list by India Business Law Journal. The list celebrates highly complex and market-defining transactions and the lawyers behind them.

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### **DLA Piper tops list for global M&A for 12th straight year**

21 January 2022

For the 12th consecutive year, DLA Piper was the highest-ranked legal advisor in the world for M&A deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* league tables. The firm was involved in 1,104 transactions worldwide in 2021, valued at approximately US\$242 billion.

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### **DLA Piper continues to strengthen Asia capital markets offering with new partner hire in Hong Kong**

29 Monday 2021

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of George Wu as a capital markets partner in its Corporate practice, based in Hong Kong.

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### **DLA Piper named to *Global Investigation Review's* GIR 30 list of leading investigations practices**

11 November 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been named to *Global Investigations Review's* annual list of the 30 top investigations practices worldwide, reflecting its reputation as one of the top global law firms with broad experience in complex investigations.

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### **DLA Piper advise Graphite Capital on acquisition of personalised children's book publisher Wonderbly**

29 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Graphite Capital, a leading UK mid-market private equity specialist, on its acquisition of Wonderbly, the world's leading publishing platform for personalised children's books.

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### **DLA Piper advises insightsoftware on its acquisition of Australia-Based Bi and CPM platform Calumo**

23 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised insightsoftware, a global provider of financial reporting and performance management solutions for the Office of the CFO on the acquisition of Australia-based business intelligence and corporate performance management (CPM) platform CALUMO.

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### **DLA Piper advise CoinShares on acquisition of Global Blockchain Equity Index**

22 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised CoinShares International Limited, Europe's largest digital asset investment firm, on its acquisition of the ETF index business, Global Blockchain Equity Index, from Elwood Technologies.

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## **DLA Piper advises Zip on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering**

17 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Zip Co Limited (ASX: Z1P) on its AUD400 million convertible notes offering.

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## **DLA Piper advises POSCO on USD240 million acquisition**

20 May 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised POSCO on its USD240 million acquisition of a 30% equity interest in the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation in Western Australia.

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## **DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on USD500m senior notes issue in highest ever rated credit from India**

7 May 2021

DLA Piper has successfully advised IT services giant, HCL Technologies, and its American subsidiary, HCL America Inc., on the issue of a USD500 million offering of 1.375% senior unsecured notes due in 2026. This transaction has the highest rated credit from India ever.

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## **DLA Piper advises Avation Plc on complex five year bond extension**

6 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Avation PLC (LSE: AVAP) (Avation), the London-listed commercial passenger aircraft leasing company, on its discussions with noteholders, their lawyers and financial advisers to achieve a successful maturity extension on its USD350 million 6.5% senior notes by more than five years from May 2021 to October 2026.

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## **DLA Piper promotes Investment Funds lawyer in Luxembourg to global partnership**

28 April 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Luxembourg-based Investment Funds lawyer Caroline Pimpaud has been promoted to partner, as part of the firm's annual promotion round, effective 1 May 2021.

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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 Rosatom subsidiary on acquisition of 49% stake in South Korean battery manufacturer Enertech International**

18 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised RENERA, a Russian energy storage business owned by Rosatom's TVEL Fuel Company, on the acquisition of a 49% stake in Enertech International, a South Korean manufacturer of electrodes, lithium-ion storage cells and energy storage systems.

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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 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 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 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

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

6 January 2021

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

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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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