



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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- Employment
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Merger Control
- Tax
- International Corporate Reorganizations
- Corporate Disputes

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services
- Insurance
- Life Sciences
- Industrials
- Technology
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

- Investment Funds
- Venture Capital
- Corporate Governance

EXPERIENCE

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

Publications

Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2022

Updated: 29 June 2022

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in almost 5,000 private M&A transactions on which we have advised since 2015.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 airports and air traffic control.

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.

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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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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

Final guidance on managed fund fees

21 April 2021

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.

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.

Managing Mexican mandatory disclosure rules

8 April 2021

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

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.

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.

Climate change disclosures – under SEC scrutiny

25 February 2021

This new directive does not come as a surprise.

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Israel Group News October 2020

7 October 2020

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Can Australia forget about investment from China?

8 September 2020

This article is based on a series of interviews with clients and colleagues based in mainland China, and explores the attitudes of Chinese businesses to overseas investment generally, and into Australia in particular. There was high degree of consistency in responses from clients on their investment plans, and perceived barriers to investment in Australia. The overall picture painted was one of businesses and investors still interested in overseas investment in certain sectors and in certain markets, but who are currently adopting a “wait and see” approach given travel restrictions and a significant level of uncertainty in global markets.

Sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks – not in Australia’s national interest

27 August 2020

On Tuesday 25 August 2020, the Treasurer of Australia announced that the proposed sale of Lion Dairy and Drinks Pty Ltd (Lion Dairy) to China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited (China Mengniu) would not be within Australia’s “national interest”, effectively blocking the transaction. This article discusses the ramifications of the decision and how they could impact on foreign investment in Australia.

EU Securities Regulator calls for review of delegation arrangements under AIFMD

20 August 2020

In a letter published this week, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has called on the European Commission to consider legislative clarifications under the Alternative Investment Fund Manager Directive (AIFMD) that may have a significant impact on the ability of European alternative investment fund managers (AIFM).

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.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia’s Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

Israel Group News July 2020

8 July 2020

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Private equity: Guide to key management tax issues in Europe

6 July 2020

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

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

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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

19 Sep 2012

Understanding the new reporting requirements.

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

21 Mar 2012

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

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

Webinar

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

14 June 2022

Webinar

European Dinner

10 May 2022

Webinar

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

5 May 2022

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

4 May 2022

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

Webinar

Abraham Accords One Year Anniversary Dinner

5 October 2021

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Cash repatriation: What are your options?

29 September 2021

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The essential legal update for consumer goods businesses

29 September 2021

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Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021

Webinar

IPEM 2021

8-9 September 2021

IPEM 2022

Paris

Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments

30 June 2021

Webinar

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

7 May 2021

Luxembourg

Axis Tel Aviv

17 March 2021

Webinar

Business Opportunities and Investment Trends Between Israel and the Nordics

18 January 2021

Webinar

Axis Corporate Edition: Telecom

8 December 2020

Webinar

Axis Innovation Digital In-Car Experience

18 November 2020

Webinar

Doing Business Globally: Singapore

4 November 2020

Webinar

Doing Business Globally: Spotlight Hong Kong

22 September 2020

Webinar

Doing Business Globally: Italy

7 July 2020
Webinar

NEWS

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.

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. *IFLRs Americas Awards 2022* recognizes the region’s most innovative deals and the lawyers behind them.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advises Morningstar on cross-border GBP 35 million acquisition

24 December 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia, on its proposed acquisition of 100% of Praemium Limited's United Kingdom and International Business (being its operations in UK, Jersey, Hong Kong and Dubai), for GBP 35m (approx. AUD 65.1m).

DLA Piper advises on USD500 million acquisition

9 December 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Stantec Inc. (TSX, NYSE: STN), a global leader in sustainable design and engineering, on the acquisition of the North America and Asia Pacific engineering and consulting groups of Cardno Limited (ASX: CDD) for aggregate cash consideration of USD500 million (approximately AUD 667 million). The transaction has now completed.

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.

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.

DLA Piper assists Waterlogic on New Zealand entry

18 October 2021

DLA Piper advises Intermediate Capital Group on the sale of Everlight Radiology

1 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Intermediate Capital Group (ICG) on the sale, to UK-based private equity firm Livingbridge, of Everlight Radiology, a global teleradiology provider that facilitates 'around the clock' urgent and routine teleradiology reporting services to hospitals and healthcare providers in Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Ireland.

DLA Piper named finalists in the New Zealand Law Awards 2021

25 August 2021

DLA Piper has been named finalist in two categories in the 2021 New Zealand Awards; M&A Deal of the Year for advising Discovery, Inc, on its acquisition of MediaWorks TV Limited and IPT partner, Nick Valentine, named in the Young Private Practice Lawyer of the Year category.

DLA Piper advises Hawaiki on divestment of its submarine cable

30 July 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper have advised Hawaiki on its divestment of 100% of its interest in the Hawaiki Submarine Cable. The divestment was made to BW Digital Pte. Ltd with the current Hawaiki team continuing to manage the business.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advises OSF Digital on acquisition of Adept Group

19 May 2021

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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).

DLA Piper advises Zip on investment in Twisto Payments

19 January 2021

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

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

7 January 2021

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

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.

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

27 October 2020

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

DLA Piper 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.

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.

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

17 August 2020

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

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

17 August 2020

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

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

6 August 2020

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

DLA Piper 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.

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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

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

In New Zealand

DLA Piper New Zealand delivers quality, commercial and practical advice to leading national and international companies in New Zealand. We offer the full range of corporate and commercial legal services.

Our team is highly experienced, a veteran of corporate activities such as mergers and acquisitions (M&A), initial public offerings (IPO), joint ventures, compliance, venture capital, due diligences, and capital raising. We have a reputation for sound advice in complex and challenging business matters.

DLA Piper has one of the largest corporate advisory teams in the world covering legal and business guidance in all aspects of commercial activities. Through this, DLA Piper serves some of the world's leading organisations in New Zealand, across multiple jurisdictions.

DLA Piper advice is in-depth and pro-active. We have an understanding of specific issues in a wide range of sectors and industries. We work as a partner in your business, to understand your company and provide the best advice to meet your commercial goals.

EXPERIENCE

Foodstuffs North Island Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised on the largest corporate merger in New Zealand in 2013, of Foodstuffs (Wellington) Co-operative Society Limited and Foodstuffs (Auckland) Limited to create Foodstuffs North Island Limited, making them one of the three largest business entities in New Zealand. The merger involved consultation with the Financial Markets Authority, Commerce Commission, Takeovers Panel and Reserve Bank and also involved restructuring a funding package in the vicinity of NZ\$992 million.

Ingersoll-Rand plc

DLA Piper New Zealand advised the Ingersoll-Rand group in an internal re-organisation which culminated in the transfer of the IR Group's commercial and residential security businesses to Allegion (a newly listed entity). This referral from Baker & McKenzie (US) was a cross-border transaction involving multiple jurisdictions (ie wherever there is an Ingersoll-Rand subsidiary) with a scope of US\$2 billion.

Shareholders of Media Transfer Services Limited and BankLink Pty Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised on the sale of all of the shares in Media Transfer Services Limited and Australian entity BankLink Pty Limited to MYOB Finance NZ Limited, a Bain Capital entity. This transaction required a group restructure to carve-out the UK Business, which has been retained by one of the sellers, and involved multi-jurisdictional negotiations between parties in New Zealand, Australia and Hong-Kong.

Shareholders of Bell Tea & Coffee Company Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised on the sale of all of the shares in Bell Tea & Coffee Company Limited to BTCC Finance Limited. This

required the renegotiation of an important exclusive distribution agreement, ongoing trading terms between the target and the sellers, the sale and lease back of a number of properties, and the complications of a partial management buyout.

The National Trading Company of New Zealand Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised The National Trading Company Limited on the purchase all of the shares in in RPH (2006) Limited and RPH No.4 Limited. DLA Piper advised Foodstuffs North Island Limited as it made accelerated rental payments to the rental receivable entities.

Tata Steel

DLA Piper New Zealand advised Tata Steel on the sale of 100% of shares of Tata Steel International (Australasia) Limited to Steel & Tube Holdings Limited. Part of the business is dependent on intellectual property owned (and retained) by Seller group, requiring negotiation and documentation of formal licence arrangements going forward. The deal was structured as an insured deal (ie warranty and indemnity insurance was obtained).

Insight Global Farmland Fund Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised Insight Global Farmland Fund Limited (IGFFL) on the purchase of a Southland 'going-concern' dairy farm business from Fermoy Farms Limited. The transaction included the transfer of property, plant and equipment, contracts and livestock, and also involved complex water rights issues.

TOWER Limited

DLA Piper New Zealand advised TOWER Limited on sale of 100% of the investments business TOWER Asset Management Limited, TOWER Investments Limited and TOWER Managed Funds Limited to Fisher Funds Management Limited, and the sale of all TOWER Health & Life Limited life insurance business and the non-participating life insurance assets of TOWER Life (N.Z.) Limited to Fidelity Life Assurance Company Limited. The transaction values were \$79 million for the Investments deal and \$189 million for the Life transaction.

DLA Piper New Zealand also acted on TOWER's return of capital (\$120 million) to shareholders in 2013 by way of a scheme of arrangement requiring High Court approval. This was followed in January 2014, with a pro rata off-market buy back, to return an additional \$52 million to shareholders.

DSM Nutritional Products AG

DLA Piper New Zealand, liaising with management and legal counsel based in Singapore and Switzerland, advised on the 100% share acquisition of Unitech Industries Limited (Unitech) by global entity DSM Nutritional Products AG (DSM).

Steadfast Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

DLA Piper New Zealand advised on the 30.08% share acquisition of Rothbury Group Limited (RGL) by Steadfast Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd (Steadfast), in two separate stages. Stage one consisted of an initial purchase of a 17.90% interest in RGL, paid in cash. Stage two involved purchase of the remaining 12.18% interest in RGL, paid for by issued capital in Steadfast, through an IPO.

We have prepared a Guide To Doing Business In New Zealand to help those venturing into the market navigate their way through local legislation to identify and maximise the many opportunities that are available.