



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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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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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28 July 2022

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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.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico

6 July 2022

[PANORAMA](#)

In this handbook, we highlight some of the tax incentives available under the PR-IC for certain targeted activities that may apply for and obtain a tax decree to enjoy these incentives.

Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

Judiciously reviewed mark II – reforms to judicial review enacted

15 June 2022

The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (the JRCA 2022) received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. In this article, we outline the final

shape of the reforms and what the changes mean for public bodies and those (e.g. corporates) that interact with public bodies.

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.

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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.

Being prepared for potential restrictions on tech claims

4 April 2022

[NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY DISPUTES: GET IT RIGHT!](#)

Businesses are sometimes unaware of the standard restrictions that might apply to a claim they wish to bring under a technology contract. In this third article in our series about issues which might impact on technology disputes, we consider some of the more common restrictions.

DLA Piper's Practical Guide for Claims Managers in 2022 - Part 3: Reservation of Rights

31 March 2022

[PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CLAIMS MANAGERS IN 2022](#)

In our third monthly edition of our Practical Guides for Claims Managers, we outline when and how insurers might use a reservation of rights, and otherwise communicate in a manner which is clear to insureds and does not inadvertently prejudice insurers' position.

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.

Episode 3: Being prepared for potential restrictions on tech claims

28 March 2022

[NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY DISPUTES: GET IT RIGHT!](#)

Businesses are often unaware of the restrictions that might apply to recovering losses under a tech contract. Here, Simon Kenyon (Co-Head UK & International Technology Disputes) and Joe Cater (Senior Associate in our Tech Disputes Group) discuss how to best prepare for those restrictions, should a tech contract go awry.

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.

Corporate in Ireland

15 February 2022

DLA Piper is the leading global law firm in Ireland and is the number one M&A firm in the world, having advised on more transactions than anyone else in each of the last eleven years.

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.

Preparing for the 2022 AGM and reporting season

4 February 2022

As the 2022 AGM and reporting season gets underway, we give an overview of the key changes affecting listed and AIM companies.

FCA climate reporting requirements in the UK

3 February 2022

COP26 has created global momentum to tackle the climate crisis and the business world is acutely aware that it must prepare to meet the challenges and realise the opportunities presented by climate change.

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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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.

Law Commission publishes advice to the UK Government on smart legal contracts

3 December 2021

On 25 November 2021, the Law Commission published its advice to the UK Government on smart legal contracts, in which contributions from DLA Piper legal advisors are cited.

Driving change: The decarbonisation of European transport

17 November 2021

Transport is the bedrock of modern economies. It is also a major source of carbon dioxide emissions. The purpose of this study is to examine decarbonisation strategies in three key transportation subsectors: aviation, rail and shipping.

Opportunities in England's eight new freeports

15 November 2021

The UK Spring Budget in 2021 illustrated the reality of the UK's economic situation as a result of the restrictions implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chancellor used the opportunity to outline the Government's plan to build the 'future economy' through an investment-led recovery plan, which included eight new freeports in England.

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.

Luxembourg Business Register: Upcoming requirements for individuals – get ready!

4 November 2021

According to a notice issued by the Luxembourg Business Register, with effect as of the end of March 2022, individuals and entities registered with the Luxembourg Register of Trade and Companies will have to provide a Luxembourg national identification number for individuals registered on file, such as managers, directors, shareholders, partners, liquidators, authorised representatives or auditors.

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.

The Consumer Goods Essential Legal Update 2021

13 October 2021

THE DLA PIPER CONSUMER GOODS, FOOD AND RETAIL SECTOR TRAINING SERIES

We have collated a panel of consumer goods, food and retail specialists from across the DLA Piper business to discuss what the key legal issues are in the sector now and for the next 18 months.

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.

The Company Law Digitalisation Act

23 August 2021

On 15 July 2021, the Act of 12 July 2021 with regard to the use of digital tools and processes in the context of company law (Company Law Digitalisation Act) was published in the Belgian State Gazette introducing changes to the new Belgian Companies and Associations Code (BCAC).

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16 August 2021

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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).

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.

Russia will introduce inter vivos (living) and post-mortem (testamentary) personal foundations for property management

8 July 2021

On 1 July 2021, the President of the Russian Federation signed draft law No. 1172284-7 "On Amendments to Part One and Part Three of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation," which will permit the establishment of personal foundations for managing property and businesses in Russia. The law will enter into force on 1 March 2022.

Significant changes to notification obligations to the German transparency register on ultimate beneficial owners

2 July 2021

To create the data requirements for the connection of the European transparency registers on ultimate beneficial owners, the German legislator has introduced fundamental changes to the German Anti-Money Laundering Act (Geldwäschegesetz) that affect the obligations to file information on ultimate beneficial owners with the German transparency register by way of the Transparency Register and Financial Information Act.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

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.

The UK Government adopts the National Security and Investment Act on 29 April 2021

10 May 2021

With the adoption of the National Security & Investment Act, the UK is embarking on a serious journey to toughen foreign investment rules in line with other major economies in a move prompted by concerns surrounding foreign investment in critical or sensitive sectors.

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1 May 2021

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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.

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.

The New Romanian Food Supplements Law - what it means for consumers and for the healthcare business

6 April 2021

A complex piece of legislation governing food supplements was published on 1 April 2021, being debated since 2012 and confirmed by the Romanian Constitutional Court ruling in 2021. Law 56/2021 will be applicable starting with 3 April 2021. More detailed implementation rules on manufacturing, sale and use are expected to be issued within 90 days.

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.

Doing deals in the CEE Webinar: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview

17 February 2021

If the audience members of DLA Piper's webinar "Doing deals in the CEE: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview" on 10 February are right, then there will be an increase in deal volumes in 2021 across the CEE region.

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.

Preparing for the 2021 AGM and reporting season

25 January 2021

As the 2021 AGM and reporting season gets underway, we give an overview of the key changes affecting listed and AIM companies.

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

21 January 2021

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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.

'Parent company' liability: from Vedanta to BHP

18 December 2020

On 9 November 2020, the English High Court handed down its decision in *Município De Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Anor* [2020] EWHC 2930 (BHP), striking out for abuse of process what would have been the largest mass tort claim in English legal history.

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.

Five Years into the Paris Agreement - Success or stalling?

16 December 2020

As the dust settles on the weekend's Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by the UK, France and the UN, we wanted to shine a spotlight on the headlines coming out of the Summit, what this means for the future of the Paris Agreement, and how these will impact businesses.

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.

Building a full fibre future: European fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) investment trends 2021

2 December 2020

Our new study, conducted in partnership with TMT Finance, indicates that the recent rise in FTTP investment is set to continue over the next two years. The insight gathered through this report highlights key factors for the rise and appeal of FTTP to investors, as well as the potential risks they see in this industry.

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.

Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

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.

Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

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

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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.

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

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

UK: Foreign private advisers under Dodd-Frank

6 FEB 2012

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

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The history and the future of the Commonwealth

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

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Outline: Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - The Planning Bits

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**The 2022 French Presidential Election:
The Race To The Élysée and Beyond**

28 March 2022
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM BST
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International Women's Day

10 March 2022
Webinar

Outline: Planning Law Update

17 February 2022
Real Estate Seminar Programme
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Beyond Politics: The Person Behind the Policies

16 February 2022
Webinar

Europe China Trade and Investment Relations

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The Times: Looking back at 2021 and forward to 2022

8 December 2021

Europe China Trade and Investment Relations

2 December 2021
Europe China Trade and Investment Relations

Driving change: the decarbonisation of European transport

16 November 2021
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM GMT
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Outline: Planning Law Update

11 November 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
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EU-China Investment Relation & FDI Regime

9 November 2021
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14 October 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

COP26 - The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP in conversation with Baroness Bryony Worthington

11 October 2021
Webinar

Abraham Accords One Year Anniversary Dinner

5 October 2021
Webinar

Cash repatriation: What are your options?

29 September 2021
Webinar

The essential legal update for consumer goods businesses

29 September 2021
Webinar

Interviews on Key Trade Compliance Issues

22 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

What are the realities of regulating Artificial Intelligence

21 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

DLA Piper's women in sport initiative: sponsorship and major events

21 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

Global Britain, the journey so far

16 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

Measuring sustainability in hotel assets

16 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

The Future of UK Infrastructure

15 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021
Webinar

H.E. João Vale de Almeida, EU Ambassador to the UK, in conversation with Matt Frei

13 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight

Webinar

Outline: Planning Law Update

9 September 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

IPEM 2021

8-9 September 2021
IPEM 2022
Paris

The Kalifa Review of UK Fintech: Implementation and beyond

6 September 2021
UK Sector Fortnight
Webinar

Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments

30 June 2021
Webinar

Outline: Planning Law Update

17 June 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

Outline: Planning Law Update

13 May 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

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

7 May 2021
Luxembourg

CEE Webinar: What CEE perspective offers to third-party funding?

22 April 2021
Webinar

Pan-European Week: U.S. SPAC Acquisitions in Europe - Challenges of the Cross-Border De-SPAC Process

20 Apr 2021
Webinar

Pan-European week: Doing PE deals in Europe

19 April 2021
Webinar

Pan-European Week - Launch Event

14 April 2021

Axis Tel Aviv

17 March 2021
Webinar

Outline: Planning Law Update

11 March 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

European tech companies reach new highs: optimising exits and financings

9 March 2021
Webinar

Outline Planning Law Update

11 February 2021
Webinar

Outline Planning Law Update

11 February 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

Doing deals in the CEE Webinar: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview

10 February 2021
Webinar

Use of FIDIC for offshore projects

4 February 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

The Brexit Deal - what does it mean for climate change and energy?

26 January 2021
Webinar

Business Opportunities and Investment Trends Between Israel and the Nordics

18 January 2021
Webinar

Outline Planning Law Update

14 January 2021
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

Looking back to 2020 and forward to 2021

15 December 2020
Webinar

FIDIC overview and boilerplates

9 December 2020
Real Estate Seminar Programme
Webinar

Axis Corporate Edition: Telecom

8 December 2020
Webinar

European Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) Investment Outlook

26 November 2020
Webinar

Michael Gove: Building back better after COVID-19 and Brexit

24 November 2020
Webinar

Axis Innovation Digital In-Car Experience

18 November 2020
Webinar

Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020
TechLaw Event Series
Webinar

Doing Business Globally: Singapore

4 November 2020
Webinar

Essential Legal Update 2020

12 October 2020 - 15 October 2020
Webinar

NEWS

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.

DLA Piper advises RPS on competitive takeover bid from Tetra Tech

27 September 2022

DLA Piper is advising RPS Group plc (RPS) on the recommended cash offer from Tetra Tech UK Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tetra Tech Inc. The acquisition will result in Tetra Tech acquiring the entire issued and to be issued share capital of RPS, valuing the company at approximately £636m. The acquisition is subject to the usual regulatory conditions.

The first takeover offer for RPS, on which DLA Piper also advised, was made by WSP Global and, at the time, the RPS Directors concluded that this offer represented a full value for RPS (8 August 2022). However, the Tetra Tech offer is a material increase and represents a significantly higher cash price per share to RPS Shareholders, than that offered by WSP. Against this backdrop, the RPS Directors have carefully considered the terms of Tetra Tech's offer and have decided to recommend the cash consideration of 222 pence per RPS Share.

DLA Piper strengthens German private equity and M&A practice with partner appointment

21 September 2022

DLA Piper is strengthening its Corporate practice group with the appointment of Lars Jessen as a new partner in its Frankfurt and Hamburg offices, effective 19 September 2022.

DLA Piper advises Netwrix in the context of the acquisition of USERCUBE

15 September 2022

DLA Piper advised Netwrix, a cybersecurity vendor that makes data security easy, who has announced the acquisition of USERCUBE, a software manufacturer that enables customers to quickly and accurately provision and deprovision users to enhance the security of identities and the sensitive data that they enable access to.

DLA Piper advises C3 VC Fund on its investment in Gatenox

7 September 2022

DLA Piper has advised German technology investor C3 VC Fund on its seven-figure investment into Gatenox, a UK-based provider of corporate client verified credentials.

DLA Piper advises on sale of Glofox to US tech group ABC Fitness Solutions

3 August 2022

DLA Piper is advising on the sale of Irish gym software company Glofox by founders Conor O'Loughlin, Anthony Kelly and Finn Hegarty and VC backers including Partech, Notion Capital, Octopus Ventures and Tribal.vc to US tech group ABC Fitness Solutions. The transaction is expected to close later this year.

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.

DLA Piper advise NEC Corporation on acquisition of Aspire

7 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised NEC Corporation (NEC) on its acquisition of Aspire Technologies Unlimited Company (Aspire).

DLA Piper advise Vita Mojo on USD30m Series B funding round from Battery Ventures

6 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised Vita Mojo on its Series B funding round, raising a total of USD30m from Battery Ventures.

DLA Piper advises Green Mountain on acquisition of London data centre

29 June 2022

DLA Piper has advised Azrieli Group Limited (Azrieli) and Norwegian-based Green Mountain AS (Green Mountain), a leader in sustainable colocation data centres, on the GBP52 million acquisition of an established data centre and available adjacent land in Romford, London. The purchase represents Green Mountain's entry into the UK market.

Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 90 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany

24 June 2022

This year, the U.S. publisher Best Lawyers has once again recognized numerous DLA Piper lawyers in Germany in various areas of law.

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.

DLA Piper advises specialist decarbonisation investor OGCI Climate Investments on GBP15 million Converge financing

27 May 2022

A cross-practice DLA Piper team has advised specialist decarbonisation investor OGCI Climate Investments (OGCI CI) on its leading of the series A investment round for technology company Converge, with GBP15 million mission-aligned preferred stock funding.

***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 Harrison Street on sale of student accommodation assets to GSA

12 May 2022

DLA Piper has advised Harrison Street, an investment management firm exclusively focused on alternative real estate assets, on the sale of seven purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) properties, to Global Student Accommodation (GSA).

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 Flybe Ltd on aircraft, start of new operations and other matters

20 April 2022

DLA Piper is advising UK airline Flybe on aircraft leases, the start of its new operations, and general corporate work as part of Flybe's recent launch and start of flying from Birmingham, UK and Belfast, Northern Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Muzinich & Co on investment in Natac Group

19 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Muzinich&Co, a global asset manager specialising in private debt, on the investment transaction in Grupo Natac, a leader in the botanical natural ingredients industry, also owned by Inveready.

DLA Piper advises Linus Health on its acquisition of Kinesis Health Technologies

6 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Boston-based digital health company Linus Health on its acquisition of Kinesis Health Technologies, a Dublin-based leader in physical function assessment for older adults.

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 advise Canaccord Genuity on Summerway Capital Plc's AIM listing

28 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised Canaccord Genuity Ltd as Nominated Adviser and Broker to Summerway Capital plc (to be renamed Celadon Pharmaceuticals plc) on the acquisition of Vertigrow Technology Ltd (Vertigrow), for a total consideration of GBP80 million, constituting a reverse takeover for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies.

DLA Piper advises Fabric Ventures on USD7 million investment into "Petaverse Network"

11 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised Fabric Ventures on leading the USD7 million investment into Tiny Rebel Games (TRG), a Wales based developer of richly designed games and AR with a focus on integrating NFT / blockchain technologies.

DLA Piper advises Darwin Group on Kartesia capital investment

7 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised the Darwin Group, a Shropshire-based provider of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) buildings to the healthcare and education sectors, on its fundraising from Kartesia, a European provider of capital solutions for mid-sized companies.

DLA Piper advises HARMAN on the acquisition of Mixed Reality Pioneer Apostera

23 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised HARMAN International, the leading supplier of connected technologies for automotive, consumer and enterprise markets, on the acquisition of Apostera, a Germany-based automotive technology company. Apostera's employees will join HARMAN as part of the company's Automotive division.

DLA Piper advises apoprojekt on the acquisition of Planungsgruppe Schneider & Partner

18 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised apoprojekt GmbH on the acquisition of Planungsgruppe Schneider & Partner Beratende Ingenieure mbH. The locations in Kamp-Lintfort and Düsseldorf were taken over on 1st January 2022.

Campos Mello Advogados and DLA Piper advise The Ardonagh Group in acquisition of MDS Group

11 February 2022

Campos Mello Advogados, in cooperation with DLA Piper, represented independent insurance distribution platform and broker The Ardonagh Group on its acquisition of MDS Group, an insurance broker and risk management advisor active across the Portuguese-speaking world and Europe.

DLA Piper advises Innergex on GBP506 million renewable energy acquisition

9 February 2022

DLA Piper represented Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. on its agreement to acquire Aela Generación S.A. and Aela Energía SpA, a 332 MW portfolio of three newly built operating wind assets in Chile, for a purchase price of GBP506 million.

DLA Piper support Leafy Tunnel on Europe's first cannabis and psychedelics fund launch

31 January 2022

DLA Piper Cannabis practice has advised Leafy Tunnel on the first closing of its Guernsey-based fund, established to invest in both medicinal cannabis and psychedelic companies; the first of its type in Europe.

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of Element Materials Technology Group by Temasek

28 January 2022

DLA Piper has advised the management team of group testing, inspection and certification (TIC) expert Element Materials Technology Group (Element) on its sale by Bridgepoint Group to Temasek, subject to standard regulatory approvals.

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 Russian coal producer Rospadskaya on demerger from Evraz

10 January 2022

DLA Piper is advising Rospadskaya, one of Russia's largest coal mining and enrichment companies, listed on the Moscow Exchange, on its demerger from Evraz, a global steel and mining company which is listed on the London Stock Exchange FTSE100 index.

DLA Piper advises Schroder Real Estate on the sale of the "Victoriastadt Lofts" in Berlin to Signa

30 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Schroder Real Estate on the sale of the "Victoriastadt Lofts" at Berlin's Ostkreuz. The buyer of the property is the Austrian Signa Holding GmbH. The sale of the "Victoriastadt Lofts" is one of this year's largest real estate transactions in Berlin. Schroder Real Estate acquired the property in 2016 for a purchase price of around 130 million euros for a Swiss insurance company and a Finnish pension fund. DLA Piper also provided legal advice to Schroder Real Estate on the purchase of the property.

DLA Piper advises The Phoenix on financing round for everphone

23 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised The Phoenix Insurance Company on a USD200m financing round for Berlin-based phone-as-a-service company everphone.

DLA Piper advises Australia's Ramsay Health Care on the acquisition of mental healthcare group Elysium for GBP775m

14 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised global healthcare business Ramsay Health Care on the acquisition of Elysium Healthcare from private equity firm BC Partners for GBP775 million (AUD1.4bn).

DLA Piper launches Startup Pack 2.0 for early stage and high growth enterprises

16 November 2021

DLA Piper's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital Team has launched a Startup Pack for early stage startups and high growth enterprises looking to establish their business on a more formal basis in England, Wales and Ireland.

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 partner recognised as Rising Star in Private Equity by Law.com International

21 October 2021

DLA Piper's Copenhagen-based partner John Svenson has been included in Law.com International's 2021 Rising Stars in Private Equity list, which highlights the 25 best young private equity lawyers across the UK and Europe.

DLA Piper advises LINET Group on a syndicated corporate financing

12 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised European health care group LINET Group SE on an international syndicated corporate financing provided by Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Comercni banka, Citibank, Deutsche Bank and Ceska sporitelna.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year: Transactions at the Unquote British Private Equity Awards 2021

6 October 2021

DLA Piper's Private Equity team has been named 'Law Firm of the Year - Transactions' at the annual Unquote British Private Equity Awards 2021, which were held on the evening of 5 October at The Brewery in London.

DLA Piper strengthens its practice with former BASF General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer Dr Wolfgang Haas

4 October 2021

DLA Piper has strengthened its team with Dr Wolfgang Haas joining as Of Counsel as of 1 October 2021. Dr Wolfgang Haas is the former General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of BASF SE (BASF), where he most recently headed the Legal, Compliance, Tax and Insurance departments.

DLA Piper has advised Heimstaden in the acquisition of Akelius' Swedish, Danish and German real estate portfolio

1 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heimstaden's subsidiary, Heimstaden Bostad, in the acquisition of a total of 599 properties, with 28,776 rental apartments, in Berlin, Hamburg, Stockholm, Malmö and Copenhagen, from Akelius.

DLA Piper advises London-based dark supermarket Jiffy on USD28m Series A investment round

29 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Jiffy, a dark supermarket with ultrafast delivery in London, on its USD28 million Series A investment round.

DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on Series A financing round in tech start-up Linearity

23 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised EQT Ventures on its investment in Berlin-based tech start-up Linearity on a EUR20 million Series A financing round. In addition to EQT Ventures, other investors include 468 Capital.

DLA Piper advises Irish functional drinks start-up The Naked Collective on its EUR6.2m funding round

21 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised functional health drinks start-up, The Naked Collective, on its EUR6.2 million (GBP5.3 million) funding round. This finance will be used to drive global sales growth and marketing expansion, particularly in North America.

DLA Piper advises Abenex on the acquisition of a minority stake alongside the founders of the capital and voting rights of HTDS in a primary LBO

15 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Abénex, a major player in the mid-market private equity market in France, on the acquisition of a minority stake alongside the founders of the capital and voting rights of HTDS, a company specialized in the distribution and maintenance of high-tech detection systems in France and abroad, in a primary OBO completed during the summer.

DLA Piper advises Whitehelm on sale to Patrizia

16 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Whitehelm Capital (Whitehelm) on its sale to PATRIZIA AG, a leading partner for global real

assets. The initial purchase price of EUR67 million will be paid in a combination of cash and PATRIZIA shares.

DLA Piper acts for Stillfront in its acquisition of Jawaker

13 September 2021

DLA Piper has acted for the Sweden based group of gaming studios Stillfront Group AB (publ) in connection with entering into an agreement to acquire 100% of the shares in Jawaker FZ LLC for a total upfront consideration of USD205 million on a cash and debt free basis.

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 advises on the formation of Axione Fibre to contribute to the UK digital transformation

31 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Axione on the formation of Axione Fibre, a company dedicated to deploying and operating a full-fibre network targeting sub-urban and rural areas, to help bridge the digital divide and address the challenge of digital transformation in the UK.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of Amsterdam Logistic Cityhub, the largest single-asset logistics deal in the Netherlands

23 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised on the EUR307 million sale of Amsterdam Logistic Cityhub (ALC) to CTP, a listed developer and operator of logistic real estate. The transaction is the largest single-asset logistics deal in the Netherlands to date.

DLA Piper advises Harrison Street on its joint venture with CA Ventures to acquire and develop purpose-built student accommodation in Ireland

18 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised leading real estate investment management firm Harrison Street on its joint venture (JV) partnership with CA Ventures to develop and acquire purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) assets across Ireland.

DLA Piper advises BASF Venture Capital on investment in Ag-tech start-up Equinom

12 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF Venture Capital, the venture capital arm of BASF SE, on its new investment in Israeli Ag-tech start-up Equinom. The investment was part of Equinom's Series C financing round.

DLA Piper advises BASF Venture Capital on investment in vertical farming start-up UrbanKisaan

12 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF Venture Capital, the venture capital arm of BASF SE, on its investment in the Indian vertical farming start-up UrbanKisaan.

DLA Piper advises Preqin in its acquisition of Colmore AG

11 August 2021

DLA Piper represented Preqin, a leading provider of alternative assets data, analytics and insights, in its acquisition of Colmore AG.

DLA Piper advises founding shareholders on their sale of FloPlast and Cork Plastics by competitive auction

30 July 2021

DLA Piper advised the founding shareholders on their sale of FloPlast Limited (UK) and the Cork Plastics Group (Ireland) following a competitive auction process.

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 UK BNPL fintech Zilch on USD110m funding deal with Goldman Sachs and DMGT

27 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised London-based Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) start-up Zilch on its USD110m (GBP80m) debt and equity fundraising from Goldman Sachs' (GS) asset management and private credit team and DMG Ventures, the investment arm of Daily Mail owner Daily Mail & General Trust (DMGT).

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 VEON on acquisition of Russian adtech company OTM

13 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised VEON, a leading global provider of connectivity and internet services, on the acquisition of a majority stake in

OTM, a technology platform for the automation and planning of online advertising purchases in Russia.

DLA Piper advises UBM on additional sustainability-linked bond

9 July 2021

DLA Piper advised UBM Development AG on the successful placement of a sustainability-linked bond. This follows its first sustainability-linked bond aimed at retail clients, which was issued in May with a total value of EUR150 million.

DLA Piper advising PMI on its GBP1 billion competitive offer for Vectura Group plc

9 July 2021

DLA Piper is advising Philip Morris International (PMI) on its recommended public offer for Vectura Group plc, a public limited company whose shares are listed on the Official List of the London Stock Exchange (Vela). PMI's bid values Vectura at approximately GBP1 billion.

DLA Piper advises MKS Instruments on USD6.5bn acquisition of Carlyle-backed Atotech

2 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised MKS Instruments, Inc., a global provider of technologies that enable advanced processes and improve productivity, on its acquisition of Atotech Limited, a leading process chemicals technology company and a market leader in advanced electroplating solutions, backed by buyout firm Carlyle Group Inc.

DLA Piper advises Xeneta on USD28.5m Series C funding

30 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Xeneta, a leading Norway-based ocean and air freight rate benchmarking platform and container shipping index, on the successful completion of an USD28.5 million Series C financing round at over a USD130 million valuation.

DLA Piper advises 10x Future Technologies on USD187m Series C funding

17 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised 10x Future Technologies on the successful completion of an oversubscribed USD187 million Series C financing round, co-led by funds managed by BlackRock and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) and supported by existing investors JPMorgan Chase, Nationwide, Ping An and Westpac.

DLA Piper advises VARTA AG on refinancing of existing syndicated credit facility

11 June 2021

DLA Piper has successfully advised VARTA AG on the refinancing and extension of an existing syndicated credit facility. The new ESG linked syndicated term and revolving credit facility amounts to EUR235 million. UniCredit Bank AG acted as bookrunner, documentation agent and ESG coordinator.

DLA Piper advises DIC Asset AG on acquisition of two major properties in Munich for about EUR635 million

10 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised DIC Asset AG, one of Germany's leading listed property companies, on the acquisition of two office properties

within the framework of an off-market deal. The acquisition includes the “Uptown Munich” high-rise, a 37-storey office building with a lettable area of around 52,300 sqm, and the fully occupied multi-tenant office property “Campus C” with a lettable area of around 9,200 sqm.

DLA Piper advises Polhem Infra on the successful acquisition of Telia Carrier

10 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Polhem Infra on the successful completion of the acquisition of Telia Carrier from Telia Company, at an enterprise value of SEK 9,450 million (c. EUR 1 billion).

DLA Piper represents U. S. Steel Košice in high profile case

9 June 2021

DLA Piper has successfully represented U. S. Steel Košice, the largest integrated steel producer in Central Europe, in a high profile case decided by the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic.

DLA Piper advises Bilfinger SE on a divestment of Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau

2 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised the listed company Bilfinger SE on the strategic sale of Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau. In a share deal, 100% of the shares in Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau GmbH have been acquired by ERBUD Holding Deutschland GmbH.

DLA Piper boosts London investment management and funds offering with partner hire

1 June 2021

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Jonny Powling as a partner in its Corporate practice, based in London.

DLA Piper advises Zip Co Ltd on acquisitions of UAE’s Spotii and Czech-based Twisto

26 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised leading digital retail finance and payments company Zip Co Ltd on the conditional acquisition of the remaining ~78% of Spotii, and ~90% of Twisto, two buy now, pay later (BNPL) payments platforms.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on acquisition of Game Labs Inc.

13 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB (publ) (Stillfront), a leading free-to-play powerhouse of gaming studios, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Game Labs Inc (Game Labs). The sellers are the joint founders and management of Game Labs.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of Eidosmedia to Capza

7 May 2021

DLA Piper and Gitti and Partners have advised on the sale of EidosMedia Group by Hg Capital to Capza, a French private equity fund

focused on small and medium-sized enterprises.

DLA Piper named second best International Law Firm on the Russian M&A market

30 April 2021

DLA Piper has been named the second best International Law Firm on the Russian M&A market at the Russia M&A Awards 2021. The event is organised by Preqveca, an information and analytical agency dedicated to the private equity industry and venture financing in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and other CIS countries.

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 advises Steadfast Group on acquiring a majority stake in the global unisonSteadfast network

23 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised Steadfast Group Limited (Steadfast Group), the largest general insurance broker network in Australasia, on its acquisition of a 60% stake in unisonSteadfast AG, the largest global network of independent insurance brokers.

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 Chamberlin on critical GBP3.5m fundraising

29 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Chamberlin plc (Chamberlin), the Walsall-based specialist castings and engineering group, on its placing and subscription of 58,333,333 new ordinary shares raising GBP3.5 million.

DLA Piper advises Medica on US acquisition and GBP16m associated fundraising

24 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Medica Group plc (Medica), the UK and Ireland market leader in the provision of teleradiology services, on the proposed acquisition of RadMD LLC and associated placing and subscription of 11,111,110 new ordinary shares raising approximately GBP16 million.

DLA Piper advises on PIB Group deal

22 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised PIB Group, the independent insurance intermediary group backed by Apax Partners on its acquisition of the Acquinex insurance group.

DLA Piper advises TRUMPF Group on the global acquisition of Lantek

19 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised multinational Germany-headquartered TRUMPF Group on the acquisition of the global business of Lantek Sheet Metal Solutions.

DLA Piper advises Allied Electronics Corporation on disposal of UK subsidiary

11 March 2021

DLA Piper advises Allied Electronics Corporation on disposal of UK subsidiary and advised Bytes Technology Group on its secondary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange

DLA Piper advises shareholders of beauty business Pangaea on Inflexion Private Equity investment

4 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of Pangaea Laboratories, a global beauty business and owner of the fast-growing Medik8 skincare brand, in connection with the investment from private equity firm Inflexion.

DLA Piper advises MARCOL on EUR250m self-storage joint venture with Angelo Gordon

25 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die private Investmentgruppe MARCOL bei der Gründung eines neuen Joint Venture mit der alternativen Investmentfirma Angelo Gordon auf dem deutschen Self-Storage-Markt mit dem Start von Space Plus beraten, das von dem europäischen Self-Storage-Veteranen Russell Jordan geleitet wird.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of the Print Media Academy in Heidelberg

2 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG („Heidelberg“) im Rahmen ihrer geplanten Standort- und Strukturoptimierungen beim Verkauf der Print Media Academy (PMA) in Heidelberg an eine luxemburgische Investmentgesellschaft beraten.

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 Kölner Pensionskasse and Caritas Pensionskasse on their reorganization

21 January 2021

DLA Piper hat die Kölner Pensionskasse und die Pensionskasse der Caritas aufsichtsrechtlich gegenüber der Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin), bei der Gestaltung und Umsetzung des Sanierungskonzepts sowie bei dem damit verbundenen formellen Gang in den Status der Liquidation beraten.

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 advises on the USD300m sale of Hindawi to Wiley

8 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of Hindawi Limited ("Hindawi") on Hindawi's sale to John Wiley & Sons, Inc. ("Wiley") for an enterprise value of USD300 million. The transaction closed on 31 December 2020.

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 Times Higher Education on acquisition of The Knowledge Partnership

6 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Times Higher Education (THE) on the acquisition of higher education consultancy The Knowledge Partnership (TKP), continuing its transformation into a global data business.

DLA Piper advises BASF on a cooperation agreement with Eramet

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the signing of an agreement with Eramet to jointly assess the development of a state-

of-the-art nickel and cobalt hydrometallurgical refining complex to supply the growing electric vehicle market.

DLA Piper advises G.Network on successful equity fundraising to invest more than GBP1bn in London broadband rollout

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised full fibre broadband operator G.Network in connection with a successful fundraising to invest over GBP1bn in rolling out connectivity in London.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

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18 Dec 2020

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of website builder Webnode

17 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Webnode, a pan-European website builder company. For team.blue the transaction serves as another strategic acquisition to further expand its presence in the CEE region following its growth strategy.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH

14 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH (DC Druck-Chemie), a subsidiary of Langley Holdings PL, UK, as part of its planned focusing on core activities and portfolio adjustments.

DLA Piper wins at Mergermarket's European M&A awards 2020

11 December 2020

DLA Piper has won European Mid-Market M&A Legal Adviser of the Year and Russia M&A Legal Adviser of the Year at Mergermarket's annual European M&A Awards. The virtual ceremony was held in London on 10 December 2020.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on formation of production joint venture with Masterwork

8 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the formation of a production joint venture with its long-standing partner and strategic anchor shareholder Masterwork Group Co. ("Masterwork"). With this joint venture, Heidelberg aims to

further strengthen its leading competitive position in the growth market of China.

Over three-quarters of investors expect Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) investment to increase over next 24 months

3 December 2020

- **Nearly one quarter (23%) of investors believe pandemic has led to a higher FTTP project roll-out**
 - **Germany, the UK and Poland are the most attractive locations for future FTTP investment, with low penetration levels, high end-user demand, and government incentives**
 - **84% of respondents expect infrastructure funds to be most active in acquiring FTTP operators over the next 24 months**
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DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of Solarcentury by Statkraft

1 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised shareholders of Solar Century Holdings Limited in relation to its sale to Statkraft, Europe's largest producer of renewable energy. Together the companies are well positioned for accelerated growth in solar and to become one of the world's leading renewable energy companies.

DLA Piper sponsors 2020 UK Technology Fast 50

20 November 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Deloitte UK Technology Fast 50, for the fourth year running. As one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes and now in its 23rd year, it ranks the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies, based on revenue growth.

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

18 November 2020

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

DLA Piper advises PORR on the sale of shares in Stal-Service in Poland

5 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised PORR, one of the leading construction companies in Europe, on the sale of all its shares in Stal-Service to Celsa Huta Ostrowiec, steel plant in Poland of almost 200 years of experience in steel products manufacturing.

DLA Piper advises Prologis on largest-ever sale of logistics real estate assets in the UK

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global leader in logistics real estate Prologis, Inc. on the sale of a portfolio of buildings and land in the UK to real estate funds managed by Blackstone for GBP473 million (USD618 million).

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 lawyers recognised as Rising Stars in Private Equity by Law.com International

20 October 2020

DLA Piper's Private Equity partner Matthieu Lampel (Paris) and senior associate Jesper Lindbom (Stockholm) have been included in Law.com International/UK, Legal Week's 2020 Rising Stars in Private Equity list, a ranking of the best up-and-coming private practice lawyers in the UK and European private equity industry.

Nominees were assessed on the quality of their client base; the scale, significance and complexity of their deals; their client feedback and general market reputation; the standing of their mentor; and any other examples of career success and innovation.

DLA Piper advises on sale of FLABEG to CORDET

2 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised the insolvency administrator of the automotive supplier FLABEG, lawyer Volker Böhm of Schultze & Braun, on the sale of the group with headquarters in Germany and international sites (France, Hungary, China, Brazil, USA) to international investment company CORDET.
