



Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021

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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.

For the eleventh successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout deals in 2020 for the third consecutive year (*Mergermarket*).

Our report includes analysis and commentary on the following key topics and questions:

- Are auctions still driving better terms for sellers?
- What are the most common deal types and processes used globally?
- What are the most common conditions seen on deals?
- How are dealmakers managing and allocating risks in the gap between signing and closing?
- How common is M&A insurance, where is it being used and what types of cover are available?
- And critically: how do the trends differ between regions and countries?
- The ongoing impact on the global M&A market of the COVID-19 pandemic
- What pricing mechanisms are used and the impact of geography
- Typical earn-out terms
- Global variation in the use of restrictive covenants
- Common types of dispute resolution in relation to M&A transactions

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