



## Mergers and Acquisitions

Our clients benefit from a leading global M&A practice that has, for the eleventh consecutive year, acted on more M&A transactions than any other law firm. Our experience allows us to execute cross border global deals seamlessly while supporting you across all stages of the transaction and offering you cost-effective, pragmatic business solutions.

### Global leader in M&A

- For the eleventh consecutive year, DLA Piper earned the top legal advisor ranking globally for overall M&A deal volume according to the 2020 *Mergermarket* league tables. Over the last decade, we have handled more than 5,000 reported M&A transactions globally, valued at a total of more than US\$1 trillion. These results consolidate DLA Piper's position as a leading global legal advisor.
- Our clients benefit from timely, pragmatic and commercial approach to problem solving that adds value to their business and enables transactions to come to a successful conclusion for all parties.

### Global reach

- Supported by over 1,000 corporate lawyers globally, we carefully select teams for each specific transaction. This allows us to handle all aspects of complex domestic and cross-border corporate transactions.
- With local lawyers on the ground, we have the ability to flag potential pitfalls in each country, advise on cultural differences and nuances, offer vital auxiliary advice in such areas as employment and competition law and manage even the most demanding due diligence exercise.

### Supporting your needs

- All our lawyers are aligned to industry sectors. We understand the internal and external pressures that our clients face throughout a transaction and the industry-specific issues critical to the success of a deal. We guide our clients through every stage of a deal-from due diligence and structuring, to negotiation and preparation of deal documents, to post-transaction transition and post-merger integration.
- M&A activities unavoidably affect other areas of company law, such as employment, pensions, tax, financial services regulation and corporate governance. Our deal teams include practitioners from these and other areas of law to address all aspects of a deal.

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- Merger Control
- Corporate Disputes

## CAPABILITES

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We help our clients with:

- public and private M&A;
- divisional or asset sales;
- distressed company deals through bankruptcy or other structures;
- cross-border transactions;
- various joint ventures and strategic alliances;
- post-merger integration.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Advising Accel-KKR on all aspects relating to its NZD\$140 million acquisition of the Seequent Group.
- Advising BASF in the context of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business.
- Advising HCL Technologies on its USD1.8 billion acquisition of a software portfolio from IBM.
- Advising a consortium comprising Link Group, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure on its USD1.6 billion acquisition of digital property conveyancing company PEXA.
- Advising NEC Corporation on the acquisition of KMD A/S from Advent International Corporation and Sampension KP Livsforsikring A/S.
- Advising Reece Limited on its USD1.44 billion acquisition of Morsco Inc., a US distributor of commercial and residential plumbing, waterworks and HVAC supplies.
- Advising Ineos Enterprises on its USD1.1 billion acquisition of Ashland Global Holdings' composites business.
- Advising BTIG as financial advisor to PAO TMK, a Russian manufacturer of steel pipe, on its USD1.2 billion sale of IPSCO Tubulars Inc. to Tenaris S.A.
- Advising CIE Automotive on its USD755 million acquisition of Inteva Roof Systems, a US-based designer and manufacturer of car sunroofs.
- Advising Haymaker Acquisition Corp., a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), on its USD850 million business combination with OneSpaWorld.
- Advising a consortium comprising Qumei Home Furnishing Group and Huatai Zijin Investment on the USD631 million public tender offer on Ekornes, the largest furniture manufacturer in the Nordic Region.
- Advising John Swire & Sons and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Argent Energy, on the acquisition of Biodiesel Amsterdam, Tankstorage Amsterdam and Tank & truck cleaning Amsterdam from the Amsterdam-based Simadan Group.
- Advising The China Navigation Company on its acquisition of Hamburg Süd's bulk shipping business.
- Advising TA Associates on its joint investment in Aptean, a provider of enterprise resource planning software, with Vista Equity Partners.
- Advising Webjet on its USD173 million acquisition of UAE based Destinations of the World and related fully underwritten entitlement offer.
- Advising Vodafone on its EUR7.2 billion acquisition of Ono, Spain's largest cable operator.
- Advising SolarWinds, a leading provider of powerful and affordable IT management software, on its USD4.6 billion acquisition by Silver Lake Partners and Thoma Bravo, LLC.
- Advising Fosun International and subsidiaries in numerous transactions totalling over USD2 billion.
- Advising Harrison Street Real Estate Capital, LLC on its USD1.9 billion acquisition of Campus Crest Communities, Inc.
- Advising Discovery Communications on its USD1.7 billion acquisition of the SBS broadcasting business in Scandinavia from ProSieben.
- Advising Abengoa on the 100 percent sale of its subsidiary Befesa Medio Ambiente S.A for EUR1.075 billion.
- Advising Arsenal Capital Partners in numerous transactions totalling USD1.5 billion.

- Advising CyrusOne LLC, a developer of enterprise-class, carrier-neutral data centers, on its USD400 million acquisition of Cervalis Holdings LLC.
  - Advising Fortescue Metals Group Limited on the sale of a 31 percent interest in the Iron Bridge and Glacier Valley magnetite deposits (equity value of USD1.15 billion).
  - Advising Moss Creek Resources, LLC on its USD803 million acquisition of oil and gas assets from Tall City Exploration LLC and Plymouth Petroleum, LLC.
  - Advising W. P. Carey Inc. on its merger with Corporate Property Associates 16 for USD4 billion.
  - Advising Etihad Airways on its USD600 million strategic partnership with Indian airline Jet Airways, the first Foreign Direct Investment by an overseas airline.
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## Publications

### A legal overview

4 January 2022

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

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

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### Supporting the health of your health system: 2022

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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

12 December 2021

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

Episode 1 of our new Podcast series discusses what is driving the new National Security and Investment Regime. What is the political context for the new regime? Who and what is driving the pressure to strengthen investment screening both in the UK and internationally? Sarah Smith, Partner in DLA Piper's Competition practice is joined by Lord Gavin Barwell, Strategic Advisor and former Chief of Staff to Teresa May and Paul Hardy, Head of UK Government Affairs at DLA Piper to discuss the context of the new regime.

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### 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.

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### Issue 1: Enforcement of a share pledge vs shareholders' preemption right under Russian law

7 October 2021

## **SURVIVAL GUIDELINES FOR TRANSACTION PRACTITIONERS**

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### **Caveat Emptor in UK merger control: Record fine highlights the non-filing risks for buyers**

24 August 2021

The UK Competition and Markets Authority has imposed its largest ever fine for a single infringement relating to non compliance with an initial enforcement order. Serving as a reminder to buyers of the pitfalls of completing a transaction without first obtaining UK merger clearance.

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### **Corporate in Ireland**

21 July 2021

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.

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

10 May 2021

With the adoption of the National Securities & 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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### **Collaboration and corporate venturing in the financial services industry**

29 March 2021

In the past ten years, the financial services industry has experienced significant change. Customer behaviours have developed significantly. In this report, we look at the changing nature of the Financial Services sector and how collaboration (including through M&A) is increasing between established financial institutions and FinTechs.

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### **SEC interim final amendments signal stricter regulation on Chinese and other emerging market companies**

29 March 2021

Under the new requirements, certain companies must establish that they are not owned or controlled by a foreign government entity and must disclose any foreign government influence.

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### **Episode 3: Collaboration and corporate venturing in the financial services industry**

24 March 2021

#### **THE DLA PIPER FINANCIAL SERVICES PODCAST**

In this episode, partners Anthony Day, Chris Arnold and Michaël Heene discuss the transformation of the traditional model of retail banks and how the pandemic has expedited this change. The evolution of the banking and fintech ecosystems through investment, collaboration and other partnerships, is also examined.

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## 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.

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## Franchisor consolidations after COVID-19

22 December 2020

Consolidations will continue in an opportunistic way, but will be moderated by a recognition that consolidation can be risky.

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## Global M&A in 2020: Impact of COVID-19 Report

30 November 2020

When we published our annual Global M&A Intelligence report in Spring of this year, Asia was in the midst of dealing with COVID-19, Europe was just starting to really feel the impact and for the US, COVID-19 was widely expected to have an impact but the scale and timing was unclear.

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## Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

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## New York Department of Financial Services calls on financial institutions to consider climate change risk

9 November 2020

Investors increasingly view climate as an area of business risk, and regulators are viewing it as a supervisory risk as well.

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## Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

### [ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES](#)

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

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## New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

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## Global M&A Intelligence Report 2020

19 June 2020

For the tenth successive year we were once again number one for global M&A deal volume. We also advised on the most European Private Equity buyout and exit deals in 2019 for the third consecutive year (*Mergermarket*).

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## Does COVID-19 qualify as "material adverse change" from an M&A perspective?

4 June 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has forced parties to consider the contractual provisions of their M&A contracts from a different perspective. In particular, the material adverse change (or "MAC") clauses which allow a buyer, that has signed an M&A contract, to not have to close if some negative event or circumstance has affected the target business.

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## Material adverse changes in light of COVID-19

18 May 2020

Parties in M&A deals that have not yet signed can take steps to protect themselves.

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## Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

### ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

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## Preparing for takeovers in the light of coronavirus

30 April 2020

While takeover activity has fallen significantly since the crisis began, there will come a point where bid activity will increase quickly. This note covers some of the issues that buyers and target companies should consider when preparing for that time.

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## COVID-19: Critical due diligence considerations for M&A, financing and strategic corporate transactions in the retail industry

29 April 2020

Parties to retail-related transactions must consider unprecedented issues.

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## Declaration and payment of dividends in a time of economic uncertainty

23 April 2020

Delaware case law provides guidance for boards facing challenging economic pressure regarding dividends.

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## Strengthening franchise systems post COVID-19: Strategic acquisitions

23 April 2020

[FRANCAST](#)

For franchise companies looking for strategic opportunities, a discussion of transaction structures.

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## Private equity buyer due diligence and representations and warranties insurance considerations

9 April 2020

Considerations about expansions to standard due diligence and the evolving impact on R&W insurance.

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## The barbarians are coming ... time for public companies to reinforce the gate

2 April 2020

While it is far too early to understand or evaluate the true impact that the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the M&A market, for so long as market prices remain depressed, public companies are encouraged to remain cognizant of the potential threat of coercive takeover attempts.

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## Australian Government increases scrutiny on foreign investment as part of response to COVID-19

31 March 2020

[OVERVIEW](#)

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- Monetary screening threshold reduced to \$0 for all foreign investments under the FATA
  - Timetables for new and existing applications to be extended up to 6 months
  - Priority will be given to applications for investments that support Australian business and jobs so, where applicable, this should be highlighted in applications to FIRB
  - Transactions signed prior to 10:30pm on Sunday, 29 March not impacted by changes
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## **COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus (United States)**

27 March 2020

A summary of recent changes to the notarization, apostille and legalization by embassy processes in the United States.

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## **Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: MAC clauses in COVID-19 times**

26 March 2020

Material adverse change (MAC) provisions in the context of a M&A transaction give a purchaser the right to terminate if, between signing and completion, an event or development occurs that has, or is expected to have, a materially adverse effect on the target company/business.

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## **Managing COVID-19 risks in corporate deals**

26 March 2020

The COVID-19 global pandemic undoubtedly creates a challenging environment for corporate deals. In this note, we look at the likely impact on M&A transactions and the steps that can be taken to manage the risks arising from the pandemic.

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## **DLA Piper obtains approval of first coronavirus-impacted bankruptcy sale**

25 March 2020

DLA Piper's Restructuring practice is at the forefront of the intersection of COVID-19 and bankruptcy.

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## **Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: Force majeure and unforeseen circumstances under Dutch law**

25 March 2020

We will explore the implications of COVID-19 on transactions that have signed but not completed. More specifically, we will focus on what the options are under Dutch law to use the concepts of force majeure (overmacht) and unforeseen circumstances (onvoorziene omstandigheden) to withdraw from the transaction.

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## **COVID-19's (likely) impact on the US M&A market**

19 March 2020

Certain considerations that participants in the M&A market may wish to keep in mind as we progress through these unprecedented



times.

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)**

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

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## **Israel Group News February 2020**

10 February 2020

### **ISRAEL GROUP NEWS**

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

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## **Events**

### **Previous**

#### **Virtual M&A Academy 2021**

27 - 30 September 2021

Webinar

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#### **Planning for an Uncertain World**

16 November 2020

TechLaw Event Series

Webinar

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#### **TechLaw**

31 July 2020

TechLaw Event Series

Webinar

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#### **Virtual M&A Academy 2020**

13 - 17 July 2020

Webinar

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#### **TechLaw**

5 March 2020  
TechLaw Event Series  
Sydney

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## TechLaw

3 March 2020  
TechLaw Event Series  
Melbourne

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the planned development of a modern HEI-TECH industrial park with VGP**

20 December 2021

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the planned development of a modern HEI-TECH industrial park at its Wiesloch/Walldorf site. For this purpose, Heidelberg has been able to gain a strong partner in VGP, a European provider of high-quality industrial and commercial real estate.

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### **DLA Piper advises the TRATON GROUP on joint venture agreement for European high-performance charging network**

16 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised the TRATON GROUP on the formation of a joint venture (JV) with the other leading commercial vehicle manufacturers Volvo Group and Daimler Truck to install and operate a high-performance public charging network for battery electric, heavy-duty long-haul trucks and coaches across Europe.

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### **DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on joint acquisition of German IT consulting company gbs together with ApoBank**

15 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, on signing an agreement with Atruvia AG to acquire IT consulting company gbs – Gesellschaft für Bankssysteme GmbH (gbs) together with Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank eG (ApoBank), the largest cooperative primary bank in Germany.

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### **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).

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### **DLA Piper advises Trajan on acquisition of Axel Semrau**

8 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Australian medical device and analytics provider Trajan Scientific and Medical (Trajan) on the acquisition of Axel Semrau GmbH & Co KG (Axel Semrau) based in Sprockhövel, Germany, expanding Trajan's capabilities in the automation, chromatography, and software business.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid to Allianz**

7 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore windfarm Hollandse Kust Zuid (HKZ) in the Netherlands to Allianz.

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### **DLA Piper advises Deswik on sale to Sandvik**

7 December 2021

DLA Piper is proud to have advised global consulting and technology company, Deswik Group Pty Ltd in its sale to Sandvik, and will then form part of a newly-created digital mining technologies division.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on acquisition of charging station technology from EnBW**

7 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the acquisition of the charging station technology of Karlsruhe based energy company EnBW.

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### **DLA Piper advises Revalize, Inc. on the acquisition of Tenado**

23 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised US-based Revalize, Inc., a portfolio company of TA Associates, on the acquisition of the German CAD software solutions provider Tenado group from Maxburg Capital Partners.

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### **DLA Piper advises Zip on acquisition of Twisto Payments**

15 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Zip Co Limited, an Australian public limited financial technology company and unicorn startup, on its acquisition of around 90% of the remaining shares in Twisto Payments, a leading buy now, pay later (BNPL) payment platform in the Czech Republic.

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### **DLA Piper advises Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH**

10 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH, a technology company based in Munich that operates in

the autonomous mobile robots (AMR) sector.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on expansion of its subscription business in collaboration with Munich Re**

8 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) by entering into a strategic partnership with the Munich Re insurance group to further increase the volume of business with its digital usage-based subscription model.

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### **DLA Piper advises Parc Invest on acquisition of the JUMP House Group**

22 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Parc Invest AS (Parc Invest), based in Oslo / Norway, on the acquisition of the Hamburg-based leisure company JUMP House Holding GmbH (JUMP House).

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises EQT Ventures on Series A financing round in food biotech start-up Formo**

12 October 2021

DLA Piper hat EQT Ventures bei ihrem Investment in das Berliner Food Biotech-Startup Formo im Rahmen einer Series A-Finanzierungsrunde im Umfang von 50 Mio. USD beraten. Zu den weiteren Geldgebern neben EQT Ventures gehören u.a. Elevat3 Capital, Lowercarbon Capital und Lionheart Ventures.

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### **DLA Piper advises Hive Energy on the sale of the UK's largest solar park Cleve Hill to Quinbrook**

6 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hive Energy on its disposal of the UK's largest solar park, Cleve Hill, to Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners.

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### **DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on the GBP121m acquisition of Statkraft wind project in Scotland**

1 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Greencoat UK Wind PLC (Greencoat) on the acquisition of Andershaw Wind Farm in Scotland from Statkraft for a purchase price of GBP121m. Greencoat will fund the acquisition through its revolving credit facility and cash.

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### **DLA Piper advises Montana Aerospace on acquisition of ASCO Industries**

10 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Montana Aerospace AG, a manufacturer of complex lightweight components and structures for the aerospace industry listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, and its operating subsidiaries on the acquisition of ASCO Industries.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tentamus Group on investment in Lambda Científica and Actitum in Mexico**

6 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Tentamus Group on an investment in Lambda Científica, S.A. de C.V. (Lambda) and Actitum MDC, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Actitum), leading analytical laboratories in the pharmaceutical sector in Mexico.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of software subsidiary DOCUFY to Elvaston Capital Management**

31 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of software provider DOCUFY GmbH, Bamberg, to Elvaston Capital Management, Berlin.

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### **Dla piper has advised the Sodexo group on its entry into exclusive negotiations to combine its early childhood services with those of the Grandir group**

17 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Sodexo Group, the world leader in Quality of Life services, on its entry into exclusive negotiations with the nursery and pre-school group Grandir in order to combine their daycare activities.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Ping An Voyager Partners on further financing round of PlusDental**

6 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hong Kong-based Ping An Voyager Partners, LP (Ping An Voyager Partners) on a follow-up investment in Berlin-based health start-up PlusDental as part of a Series C Extension. With its Series C Extension, PlusDental has raised EUR35 million for further expansion plans from international investors.

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### **DLA Piper advises Abu Dhabi's ADNEC on acquisition of DoubleTree By Hilton London ExCel**

30 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC), part of ADQ and owner of the London ExCel centre, on the acquisition of a new hotel to its portfolio: the DoubleTree By Hilton London ExCel.

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### **DLA Piper advises TRATON SE on the acquisition of Loom Technologies GmbH**

28 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised TRATON SE, a leading global commercial vehicle manufacturer, and its subsidiary TB Digital Services GmbH on the acquisition of logistics software provider Loom Technologies GmbH.

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

23 July 2021

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Storskogen on first acquisition in Germany**

8 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen Deutschland GmbH on the acquisition of a majority stake in Roleff GmbH & Co. KG, a company specialised in industrial maintenance services, mechanical steel processing and automation solutions, as part of a succession plan.

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### **DLA Piper advises Philip Morris International on USD820 million acquisition of Fertin Pharma**

5 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Philip Morris International (PMI) on the acquisition Fertin Pharma A/S (Fertin Pharma), a leading developer and manufacturer of pharmaceutical and well-being products based on oral and intra-oral delivery systems.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Baker Hughes on its investment in bio-methanation company Electrochaea**

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised US stock-listed energy technology company Baker Hughes on its investment in Electrochaea, a growth stage company developing novel proprietary bio-methanation technology.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tillotson on the acquisition of the ignition technology division of the PVL Group from insolvency**

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Tillotson on the acquisition of the business operations of the ignition technology division of the PVL Group from insolvency administrator Volker Böhm of Schultze & Braun.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

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### **Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA lists on Oslo Børs**

23 June 2021

Cloudberry Clean Energy ASA (Cloudberry), the Nordic renewable energy company that owns, develops and operates hydro power plants and windfarms in Norway and Sweden, today moved from Euronext Growth to a listing on Oslo Stock Exchange's main list, Oslo Børs. Our Oslo-based Capital Markets team advised Cloudberry on the listing.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the relocation of its UK customer headquarters**

16 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the relocation of its customer headquarters in the UK.

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### **DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex**

16 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex. Hipex will be joining forces with e-commerce specialist Hypernode which is also part of team.blue.

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### **DLA Piper advises Knorr-Bremse on the acquisition of EVAC Group**

3 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and other rail and commercial vehicles systems, on the acquisition of EVAC Group.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Cohu, Inc. on divestment of atg Luther & Maelzer to Mycronic**

12 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Cohu, Inc., a global leader in back-end semiconductor equipment and services, on the divestment of atg Luther & Maelzer GmbH (atg) to Mycronic AB (Mycronic), a Swedish high-tech company engaged in the development, manufacture and marketing of production equipment.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Siemens AG on the acquisition of OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital**

26 April 2021

DLA Piper advises Siemens Digital Industries Software on the planned acquisition of the OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital. OneSpin Solutions is a leading provider of formal verification software that helps ensure integrated circuit (IC) integrity and enables functionally correct, safe, trustworthy and secure IC designs.

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#### **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.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Intrepid Travel on its partnership with Genairgy SAS**



8 April 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Intrepid Travel, the world's largest travel B Corp, on its strategic partnership with Genairgy SAS, a French family office. The transaction involved Genairgy acquiring a minority stake in the Intrepid business.

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### **DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia**

7 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia Group, a market leader in web hosting and domain registration in Greece with additional subsidiaries in Serbia and Albania.

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### **DLA Piper tops ranking for Russian M&A**

31 March 2021

DLA Piper has been recognized as the top ranking legal advisor for M&A deals in Russia for the first time – taking into account both deal volume and value – according to Mergers.ru's 2020 league tables.

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### **DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on USD1.45 billion acquisition of Capco**

29 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting and business process services company, on all non-US and non-India aspects of the USD1.45 billion acquisition of Capco.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises HALLMANN HOLDING on the acquisition of a majority stake in the Neu-Ulm retail park**

16 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised HALLMANN HOLDING held by Austrian investor Klemens Hallmann on the acquisition of a majority stake in the retail park an der Borsigstrasse in Neu-Ulm. With this transaction, HALLMANN HOLDING further expands its portfolio in the retail segment.

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### **DLA Piper advises KRAHN Chemie on acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners**

18 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hamburg-based KRAHN Chemie Group, which is part of the globally operating Otto Krahn Group, on the acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners. In order to bundle the new activities, KRAHN Nordics AB was founded, in which KRAHN Chemie holds the majority under participation of some of the previous owners of the acquired companies.

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### **DLA Piper advises Otto Group on the sale of Hansecontrol to Qima**

15 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Otto Group in relation to the agreement to sell its Quality Assurance and Product Safety service provider, the Hansecontrol Group headquartered in Hamburg, to Qima, a leading global provider of supply-chain compliance solutions, headquartered in Hong Kong.

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### **DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest**

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.

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### **DLA Piper advises PAVO on the acquisition of Mühldorfer Pferdefutter**

10 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised PAVO and its listed parent company ForFarmers N.V. on the acquisition of Mühldorfer Pferdefutter, the horse feed portfolio of German animal feed manufacturer Mühldorfer Nutrition AG.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place**

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa Commercial Property Fund (“ICPF“) to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).

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### **DLA Piper advises ATI Global on GBP170 million acquisition of Groundsure**

21 January 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ATI Global on its GBP170 million acquisition of UK based location intelligence business Groundsure, a leading supplier of environmental searches, data, mapping and reports for the UK property market, from Ascential plc (Ascential) (LSE: ASCL).

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### **DLA Piper advises Elisa on the acquisition of camLine Group**

18 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Finnish telecommunications and digital services company Elisa on the acquisition of German-based industrial software provider camLine Group.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services**

7 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services GmbH to the Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier. Lufthansa Technik AG previously held 51 percent of the joint venture and Bombardier 29 percent. A further 20 percent were held by co-shareholder ExecuJet, which also sold its shares to Bombardier.

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## **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.

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## **DLA Piper advises Wipro Limited on the acquisition of METRO-NOM GmbH and METRO Systems Romania**

4 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting, and business process services company, on the acquisition of METRO AG's IT units – METRO-NOM GmbH in Germany and METRO Systems Romania S.R.L.

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## **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of commercial space at Wiesloch/Walldorf site**

28 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of an area of around 130,000m<sup>2</sup> to the VGP Group as part of its planned site and structural optimization measures.

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## **DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell**

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.

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## **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Senvion GmbH on the sale of Senvion India**

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Senvion GmbH (Senvion), a wind turbine manufacturer in self-administration led by restructuring experts Dr Thorsten Bieg and Prof Dr Gerrit Hölzle (both GÖRG), on the sale of 100% of its business operations in India (Senvion India) to Global Renewable Energy Development Holding Company Limited.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper wins TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year**

8 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that they have received the TMT Finance M&A Global Telecom Deal of the Year for their representation of T-Mobile and Deutsche Telekom in the T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

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### **DLA Piper advises BearingPoint on sale of RegTech Unit to Nordic Capital**

11 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised BearingPoint on the sale of its independent Regulatory Technology (RegTech) unit to leading private equity investor Nordic Capital as part of a share deal. The closing of the transaction with Nordic Capital is subject to customary regulatory approvals. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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### **DLA Piper advises Poland's Copernicus on its sale to Nemera**

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Copernicus, regarded as one of the most valued innovative companies in the Polish health sector, and its founders on its sale to Nemera, a world leader in the design, development and manufacturing of drug delivery devices for the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and generics industries.

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

27 October 2020

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

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### **DLA Piper advises Inven Capital on investment into Eliq AB**

9 October 2020

DLA Piper Prague has successfully represented Inven Capital, in their investment into Swedish company Eliq AB. With its stake in Eliq AB, Inven Capital is expanding its portfolio of companies with an important customer engagement platform in the utility space.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper advises Lithuania's Ignitis Group on acquisition of minority stake in Moray West wind farm**

28 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Ignitis Group on its acquisition of a minority stake in the Moray West wind farm development project on the east coast of Great Britain.

The acquisition represents a strategic partnership between Ocean Winds and Ignitis Group for the development of offshore wind farm projects.

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### **DLA Piper advises Russian investment fund Trust Union Fund on the acquisition of Kovosvit MAS**

8 September 2020

DLA Piper Prague Team has advised Russian investment fund Trust Union Fund on the acquisition of the South Bohemian machine tool manufacturer Kovosvit MAS from Industry Innovation, a.s. owned by the Czech businessman Jaroslav Strnad.

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### **DLA Piper advises Naylor on the acquisition of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter**

27 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Naylor Concrete Products on the acquisition of the business and certain assets of concrete fencing manufacturer Procter Fencing.

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### **DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover**

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

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### **DLA Piper advises Hitachi Rail Limited on acquisition of railway technology firm Perpetuum**

19 August 2020

DLA Piper is advising Hitachi Rail Limited in connection with the acquisition of Perpetuum, a technology firm that is pioneering digital technology to optimise railway operations, offering improved efficiency, safety and quality of service.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **DLA Piper makes second senior partner hire into London Corporate this month**

11 August 2020

DLA Piper today announces that Jonathan Earle will be joining the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in the London office.

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### **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).

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### **DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx**

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

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### **DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on acquisition of subsidy-free wind farm in Scotland**

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised long-standing client Greencoat UK Wind on the acquisition of the South Kyle wind farm in Scotland from developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

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### **DLA Piper advises Vodacom and Safaricom on acquisition of M-PESA from Vodafone**

14 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised Vodacom and Safaricom on the acquisition of the M-PESA brand, product development and support services from Vodafone through a newly-created joint venture.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF in connection with completion of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business and formation of a joint venture with Domo Chemicals**

24 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business. The transaction was completed on 31 January 2020, after corresponding agreements had been signed by both companies in September 2017 and August 2019. The purchase price paid by BASF on a cash and debt-free basis amounts to EUR 1.3 billion.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on package of measures to increase profitability**

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability which has been announced by the company. The aim is to reduce structural costs at short notice and to sustainably improve the company's profitability. This will significantly improve Heidelberg's financial stability.

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### **DLA Piper advises ControlExpert shareholders on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X**

17 March 2020

16 March 2020 - DLA Piper has advised the minority shareholders of ControlExpert on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X. ControlExpert will maintain its business model and operational autonomy. Together with Allianz X, the company will focus on further enhancing digitalization and customer focus to achieve growth in Germany as well as in global markets. The transaction is subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities.

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### **DLA Piper only firm in top five for private equity, venture capital and M&A for third consecutive year**

25 February 2020

DLA Piper was the only firm to rank among the top five most active law firms for global deal volume in each of private equity, venture capital and M&A.

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