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EDITORIAL: IN-HOUSE BIG DEALS



Once a year CEE Legal Matters places the spotlight squarely on the in-house lawyers in CEE, whose hard work often goes unnoticed since it only rarely – and in many cases never -- involves the execution of a huge deal.

Nonetheless, these silent heroes play a critical part in ensuring their companies navigate increasingly complex regulatory seas with ease. Thus, we are proud to put out this special issue each year, sometimes in the form of our biannual General Counsel survey, and sometimes – like in this issue – in the form of interviews and qualitative input. Either way, we celebrate the hard work of senior in-house counsel across CEE and to offer them a platform to exchange notes on best practices.

This sixth edition of the Corporate Counsel Handbook revolves around conversations with General Counsel on areas of professional interest, including: The Evolving Role of a GC; Building a Compliance Culture; Deal-Making as the GC; and Managing the In-House Team.

Back in 2015, in the second edition of this Handbook, I wrote about my appreciation of In-House Counsel not using “Too Much Latin” as they seemed, even then, to be focused more on the real-world application of legislation, rather than more abstract and theoretical discussions of it. In this edition, regardless of the specific focus of each conversation, one message was repeated by pretty much every GC we spoke to: “Stop waiting for legal problems to come to you, get up from your desk and out of your office, and talk to your colleagues across functions in your business.” This call-to-action seems to be getting stronger and stronger each year as GCs dig ever deeper into their businesses. The more they “live and

breathe” their company (as Bahar Yenerer of Atos put it), the more GCs seem to realize how much more they need to invest time and energy towards integrating with the rest of their organizations.

To complement these in-house perspectives, we decided to move our annual Table of Deals from its traditional spot in our Year Kick-Off issue into this Handbook. We’ve spent countless hours in front of massive excel sheets to aggregate all the work carried out by law firms in the region — much of which was reported on the CEE Legal Matters website in 2018. The hope is that this list can act as a go-to source of information for you, the GC, as you consider which firms are active in your jurisdictions and review their track records (and yes, as always, an indexed and searchable table is published in electronic format on our website along with the launch of this issue).

As always, we hope you’ll find this Handbook useful and you’ll enjoy the read (far more so than David and I [sarcasm font:] enjoyed reviewing the hundreds of Table of Deals entries, and even more than I sadistically enjoyed hearing David’s deep sighs in the office during those hours).

P.S. David speaking here: Those were less “sighs” than they were explosions of frustration and fatigue, and my annual muttering that I will never get caught doing this project again. *Now* I sigh: I’m sure I’ll be doing it again next year.



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ACROSS THE WIRE: FEATURED DEALS





Karanovic & Partners Advises on PPF Acquisition of Telenor Banka



Karanovic & Partners advised the Czech Republic's PPF Group on its acquisition of Telenor Banka, the first fully mobile and online bank operating in Serbia, from Norwegian mobile operator Telenor.

The PPF Group is the largest private investment group in CEE, and it invests into multiple market segments such as banking and financial services, telecommunications, mechanical engineering, biotechnology, insurance, real estate, and agriculture.

“This transaction is evidence of the robustness and potential of the Serbian telecoms market, as well as the competences of the firms that worked on this deal. PPF has found an excellent fit in Telenor, marking their continued expansion in Europe.”

– Milos Jakovljevic, Partner / Independent Attorney at Law in cooperation with Karanovic & Partners

Telenor Banka provides its services primarily to Telenor clients; currently, its portfolio includes more than 400,000 clients. At the end of 2018, the bank had assets under management worth EUR 135 million.

In 2018 Karanovic & Partners advised the PPF Group on the latter's EUR 2.8 billion acquisition of Telenor's assets in Central and Eastern Europe, which won the 2018 Deal of the Year award for Montenegro and was shortlisted for the award in several of the other countries involved.

The Karanovic & Partners team in the Telenor Banka deal was led by Partner Milos Jakovljevic and Associates Sava Draca and Marija Vivic, all independent attorneys at law in cooperation with Karanovic & Partners.

Schoenherr and Latham & Watkins advised the sellers.

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Integrites Advises NBT on Acquisition of 750 MW Wind Project in Southeastern Ukraine



Integrites supported Norwegian wind farm developer NBT on its acquisition of shares in a group of project companies for the development of 750 MW in the Zaporizhia region of Ukraine.

The onshore Zophia wind farm will be developed by NBT together with the Ukraine-based Venture Fund. At its full capacity, the Zophia project represents a total investment of approximately EUR 1 billion and will consist of 180 wind turbines. The electricity generated from Zophia will be sold to state-owned company Energorynok, Ukraine's wholesale electricity market operator, and the wind farm will produce approximately 3,2 TWh per year. Once completed, it will become Europe's largest onshore wind farm and will generate enough electricity to meet the needs of up to 400,000 households in the Zaporizhia region. Construction of the first phase is expected to start in six months.

NBT CEO Joar Viken stated: "This is our second utility-scale wind project in Ukraine, three times larger than our first one. The improved investment climate over the last few years, resulting from reforms in the energy sector in particular, gives us confidence to increase our investments in Ukraine. The Zophia project is Europe's largest onshore wind farm with 750 MW capacity and a total investment of EUR 1 billion. NBT continues to work on increasing its pipeline of wind projects in Ukraine and expect to have 1,500 MW operational by the end of 2022. Being a first-mover in raising money in the international project finance market for utility-scale wind power projects in Ukraine, we are in a good position to replicate our story

Noerr Advises ErlingKlinger on Financing from Banking Syndicate



Noerr's Budapest office advised ErlingKlinger AG, a Frankfurt stock exchange listed innovative car part manufacturer, on its financing by a syndicate consisting of Commerzbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Deutsche Bank, DZ Bank, HSBC, and Banque Européenne du Credit Mutuel. The agreement covers a total volume of EUR 350 million over a minimum term of five years.

ErlingKlinger AG is based in Germany, with a global presence stretching from the US to Japan that focuses on producing alternative car engine solutions including hydrogen-powered drive systems and electric drive units.

Noerr's team was led by Partner Edina Schweizer.

Suciu Popa Advises Central Bottling on Acquisition of Sole Control of Muller Romania



Suciu Popa advised Central Bottling Company Ltd. on acquisition of sole control of Muller Romania, the Romanian subsidiary of Molkerei Alois Muller GmbH & Co. KG, a multinational producer of dairy products.

Central Bottling Company is an international bottling company licensed both for international alcoholic and non-alcoholic brands.

Avellum Advises EBRD and BSTDB on Financing for Large Solar Project in Ukraine



Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the EBRD and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank in connection with senior secured loans totalling EUR 36.3 million to Rengy Bioenergo LLC.

The loans will be used to construct and put into operation three solar power plants in Ukraine's Mykolaiv region with a total installed capacity of 47 MW. This is the EBRD's first project under the recently approved Ukraine Sustainable Energy Lending Facility III framework. The USELF III program, worth EUR 250 million, follows two preceding sustainable-energy lending programs co-financed by the EBRD and the Clean Technology Fund.

We are honored to have been given the opportunity to support our clients on this challenging deal from a kick-off meeting to successful financial closing. It is a testament of our ability to offer our clients the effective multidisciplinary projects team with the right mix of skills for transactions of such scale and complexity."

– Glib Bondar, Avellum Senior Partner“

Avellum's team was led by Senior Partner Glib Bondar and Counsel Maria Tsabal, supported by Partner Vadim Medvedev, Counsel Maksym Maksymenko, Senior Associate Tetyana Mykhailenko, and Associates Dmytro Symbiryov, Daryna Mykhailenko, Anna Mykhalova, and Anna Kalabska.



Schoenherr Advises on Toyota Motor Europe Acquisition of Toyota Frey Austria



Schoenherr advised Toyota Motor Europe on the acquisition of Austrian marketing and sales company Toyota Frey Austria from the Frey Holding GmbH. Following Austrian merger control clearance, the transaction closed on February 28, 2019.

Under an agreement signed on December 20, 2018, Frey Holding and Toyota Motor Europe (TME) agreed that TME will take full ownership and management of Toyota Frey Austria (TFA). TFA is now a subsidiary of TME and will operate under the name Toyota Austria. Toyota Frey Retail will retain ownership and operational responsibility for the seven Toyota and two Lexus dealerships it currently owns in Austria.

TME oversees the wholesale and marketing of Toyota and Lexus vehicles, parts and accessories, and Toyota's European manufacturing and engineering operations. Toyota's operations in Europe are supported by a network of 29 national marketing and sales companies across 53 countries, a total of around 3,000 sales outlets, and nine manufacturing plants.

The Schoenherr team consisted of Partners Christian Herbst and Volker Weiss, Counsel Maximilian Lang, Attorneys Teresa Waidmann and Constantin Benes, and Associates Sara Khalil and Nina Zafoschnig.

Schindler Attorneys advised the sellers on the deal.

Deloitte Legal Advises Novaltisco Investments Limited on Sale of SIA X Infotech Group to Silverlake Axis Limited



Deloitte Legal advised Novaltisco Investments Limited, a shareholder of SIA X Infotech Group, on the sale of 80% of the equity interest in SIA X Infotech Group to Silverlake Axis Ltd.

Silverlake Axis Ltd is a provider of digital economy solutions and services to organizations in banking, insurance, payments, retail, and logistics industries.



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SIA X Infotech provides software solutions for issuance and verification of electronic identity documents. The company is headquartered in Latvia.

Ellex Latvia has advised Silverlake Axis Ltd on the acquisition.

Wolf Theiss Advises Steinhoff International Holdings on Sale of European Companies to Cotta Group



Wolf Theiss Hungary advised Steinhoff International Holdings on the sale of its European companies – Steinpol Central Services sp. z o.o. in Poland, Prolog Vertriebs GmbH in Germany, and Quattro Mobili Kft and Kanizsa Trend Kft in Hungary – to the Cotta Group.

Steinhoff International Holdings is an international retail holding company listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, with more than 40 local brands in over 30 countries, dealing mainly in furniture and household goods. As a result of the transaction, Steinhoff International Holdings withdrew from the European furniture production business, sold its companies in Europe, and sold off assets in particular trademarks.

Steinpol Central Services sp. z o.o., with its registered office in Rzepin in north-west Poland, produces upholstered furniture, operating eight plants in Poland and one site in Hungary. Quattro Mobili Kft and Kanizsa Trend Kft are both located in Nagykanizsa, a city in southwest Hungary with decades of furniture manufacturing tradition.

“The smooth running and accurate completion of this complex transaction proves again the massive strength and eminent competences of our legal teams throughout CEE”

– Janos Toth, Partner, Wolf Theiss in Budapest

Based in Liechtenstein, the Cotta Group designs, manufactures, and supplies seating furniture for customers in France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and throughout Eastern Europe. It offers upholstered furniture, leather sofas, household furniture, tables, and other chairs and furniture for living and dining areas. The company has production plants in Poland and Romania.

Wolf Theiss advised the Steinhoff Group on Hungarian aspects of the transaction. The firm's team was led by Partner Janos Toth and involved Associates Peter Ihasz and Kinga Kajcsos.

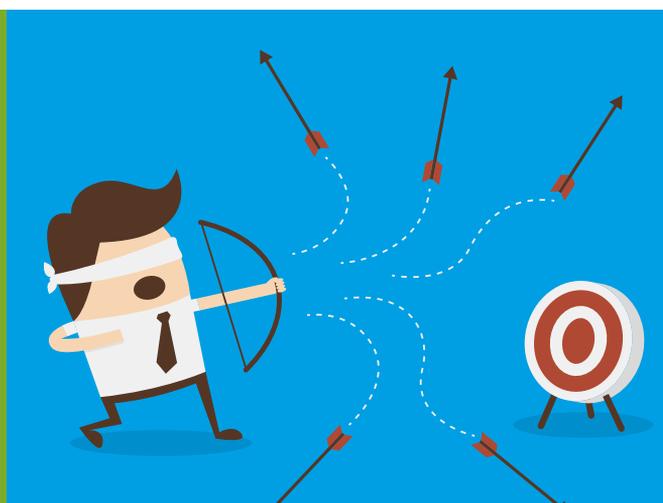
Gide Poland, Switzerland's Python law firm, and King & Spalding Germany also advised Steinhoff International Holdings on the sale.

The buyer was reportedly advised by SSW Solutions.



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ADDING VALUE BEYOND LEGAL

AN INTERVIEW WITH ARTUR CHRZANOWSKI, HEAD OF LEGAL, EIFFAGE



Artur Chrzanowski is the Head of Legal of EIFFAGE Polska. Prior to joining EIFFAGE in 2016, he was a Senior Associate with Magnusson in Warsaw for one year. Earlier still, he was Head of Legal at Metro Properties, Legal Section Manager of the A1 Motorway Project at Skanska, an attorney-at-law with the Kronospan Group, and a lawyer with Kompania Piwowska. In the process, he has served in managerial roles as a compliance officer and as a member of various company management and supervisory boards.



CEELM: How would you define the role of a General Counsel today, and how do you believe it's been evolving over the past few years?

ARTUR: Today the GC's role is sort of a "legal business partner" to the management board and company. I thought about this change in the role in the last few years and I perceive it as being transformed in a reactive manner to the fact that we are active players in the company and are deeply involved in daily business issues. Today, more than in the past, we are recognized as business partners rather than just as lawyers.

CEELM: What are the distinctions in your mind between the two – the "traditional" lawyer versus the "legal business

partner"?

ARTUR: I'd say the distinction is twofold. First, I see us in a position of going out to other functions proactively and approaching them with conversations about either risks or opportunities for the company from our legal perspective. That is in contrast to the old-school approach of just sitting in your office and waiting for people to knock on your door to get answers.

Second, there are noticeable differences in the actual scope of the communications and opinions offered. I feel those are evolving more towards comprehensive input; not just legal topics but also taking into account the business needs and perspectives of the company.

CEELM: What do you feel has been driving these changes?

ARTUR: I see both external and internal forces. Speaking from the perspective of the Polish market, there are at least three broad aspects that I believe are influencing this change. The first is the external element of increasingly comprehensive and complex legislation. This complexity obviously adds pressure on business people in terms of how business is conducted.

Second, again as an external factor, are the market demands on a company. I believe competition is increasing across the board and this competitive mindset is increasing the demands on the role of the General Counsel.

Third, internally speaking, I sense an increasing expectation from the business side that the GC add value from a business angle as well, and no longer just from a legal one.

CEELM: Drawing from the second factor you highlighted, how can – and how should – a GC add to the competitiveness of a company?

ARTUR: The most obvious way is comfort and ease of mind. The better GC you have and the more business-oriented he/she is, the more comfortable a company can be in identifying and leveraging creative solutions to enhance a business case. Another way a GC can add value is by gaining and then putting to good use experience gained in organizations tackling the same problems from different angles – whether it be a matter of employing best practices learned in other organizations or, even more useful, applying the perspectives of companies playing complementary roles in the same sector. For example, when looking at real estate-related questions, a GC can add true value if he/she has learned to analyze them while working with an investor, with a property manager, with a construction company, and so on, and then understanding the positioning that each type of a company takes and why.

CEELM: You mentioned internal expectations. Is that also reflected in decision-making involvement? Do you see more and more GCs included in the boards of companies?

ARTUR: I see many of my GC colleagues on boards. I would not say its common just yet, but it no longer is exceptional. Secondly, GCs are increasingly invited into various corporate bodies such as executive committees. These are not necessarily formalized in to the companies' codes – they are not regulated or demanded by law – but they are created out of the internal needs of the company and they group the top-level managers of the companies. These bodies are not conducting the company itself of course – that's what the board is there for – but they have a strong influence on how the company is carrying out its business and how it is growing, and they support the board in implementing its resolutions. Third, decisions are not made only on the basis of purely legal opinions produced by the legal team and then passed over to the board. Rather, GCs are deeply involved in the decision-making conversations directly.

CEELM: And in what ways are the GCs themselves evolving given this set-up?

Artur: The opportunity for GCs to grow with these expectations is most definitely there. I feel there is quite some room for development on the business side though – both when it comes to support for the managers but also in respect to the running of the in-house legal team. Growth of a GC is linked to that of his/her colleagues in the legal function, so we need to make sure we offer a platform for that as well.

CEELM: How do these translate in practice?

ARTUR: At first glance comprehensiveness rather than specificity – a kind of “feasibility study.” It's about knowing, not always in detail, but in general, not only the legal answer to questions raised but also the right business answer, the best ready-to-use practical tool.

At the same time, an approach that gives the legal team more space for self-development is critical. In the past it was overly-simplified and the GC was the only one representing the legal matters of the company. Of course, you still have a ‘Head of’, but there is more and more space to have other members grow. Both from the increased complexity of internal needs but also because people seek it more than in the past. It also comes from a limited-resources perspective. Having only one interlocutor can create bottlenecks – there is simply no time for one person to answer all the questions. There is thus a natural trend to spread responsibility across the team.

All other expectations that applied in the past stand, of course. Negotiation skills are still as critical as they were in the past, for example, so these need to be considered as add-ons to the skills and approaches that a GC needs to factor into his or her evolution.

CEELM: What's on the horizon regarding the future evolution of the GC role in your view? What things do you foresee will make your lives easier or more difficult in the future?

ARTUR: I think the factors depend greatly on the sector. For a construction company, for example, the important topic at the moment in Poland is the tension on the prices market – when it comes to workforce, materials, etc., prices are getting higher and higher and that influences the work of the GC as well. I think it depends on the stability of the sector a lot at the end of the day – if we are looking forward to continued growth on the back of stabilizing prices or not is a huge question mark that will shape our work greatly.

Beyond that, I think it is simply a matter of embracing the fact that the future will bring constant change to the role of a General Counsel as we continue to move away from purely legal advice and take on the role of business/legal advisors to our boards and managers.

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LIVE AND BREATHE YOUR COMPANY

AN INTERVIEW WITH BAHAR YENERER, GENERAL COUNSEL, ATOS (TURKEY)



Bahar Yenerer is the General Counsel of Atos in Turkey. Prior to joining Atos in 2012 she spent two years as a Senior Lawyer with ELIG. Prior to that she was a Senior Legal Counsel with Turkcell, Head of M&A and Corporate Affairs with the Yamaner & Yamaner Law Office, a Lawyer with Tekin Law Office, and a Legal Consultant with the Serap Zuvun Law Offices.

CEELM: Based on your experience, how has the role of the GC evolved in the last few years?

BAHAR: The role of the General Counsel is most definitely one of the ones that has seen most changes in recent days and it is constantly evolving. The main reason for that is that, today, the expectations for GCs have shifted from them being providers of pure legal input to them being business-oriented advisors. A GC is expected to act as a true business partner

who supports the business as a whole, not just raise concerns over potential legal risks when needed.

Of course, this is happening while the old responsibilities are still in place. We still lead the legal department, many of us still handle compliance, we still oversee disputes when necessary, and we still supervise contracts, but all of these responsibilities are now a given, and we're expected to handle all of these aspects handled smoothly while providing strategic advice to the company.

The GC needs to adapt and evolve with these enhanced expectations from our internal clients and our companies. At the same time, we need to ensure we push to change our own JDs to facilitate that.

CEELM: How so?

BAHAR: The scope of the GC was more limited in the past, and that was reflected in the organizational set-up. In the past, they'd be asked to offer input on a matter brought to their attention from a legal perspective, and then their job would be done. Today we are a part of

management meetings and need to train ourselves to also understand what the business wants to achieve and be able to proactively provide input such as, when needed, offer guidance as to how we can take some risks.

Of course, we always see and assess risks, but we're now expected to build up and apply our business knowledge and experiences and focus them towards advising how to mitigate risks while keeping the goals of the company as the end goal – not just to say “we can't do this.”

CEELM: So how do GCs need to adapt in terms of skills and knowledge to meet these increased expectations?

BAHAR: The first obvious aspect is that we need to move beyond our legal knowledge training and position ourselves as part of the business. We need to understand it from the ground up to allow us to guide our internal client. The second aspect is that we need to enhance our soft skills today far more than we needed to in the past. To act as an advisor rather than a stop-gap requires quite a bit of interper-



sonal diplomacy.

CEELM: What do you believe has been driving this change?

BAHAR: I think it's two self-enforcing factors. When you are a GC, you quickly realize you need to live and breathe with your company to be able to do your job well. You need to understand its needs and you need to immerse yourself in the business to be able to give any form of advice effectively. With that, the expectations of your company as to how well you understand it evolves and it soon becomes a question of you needing to adapt to these needs to be a part of the organization going forward.

Another big aspect is technology, which creates two additional forces. First, technology creates new risks – cybersecurity has been one of the most important topics for all companies these days, for example, and the GC is one of the key people who can help in mitigating the massive potential financial and reputational damage if things go wrong on this. On the other hand, technology has

helped and will continue to help us overcome the ever-increasing work-flows we are faced with and generally help us be more efficient. With the routine work on our plates being moved out of the way, it is important for us -- and it is natural to expect us to -- focus on new opportunities.

CEELM: How, then, does a General Counsel get to understand the business better?

BAHAR: First and foremost, make sure you are constantly connected with management. Have regular check-ins, understand what they are working on and what they are occupied with. Do the same as much as possible with the rest of the colleagues throughout the organization. Also, your business is not insular. Talk to your GC peers from other companies and try to connect yourself as much as possible with the business environment as a whole. It is no longer enough for you as a GC to keep apprised of how various pieces of legislation are being changed – you need to understand how companies – both yours and the rest – are working

and what trends are influencing their operations.

CEELM: Looking towards the future, what are you most excited about on the horizon?

BAHAR: The most exciting thing for me right now is technology. It has already impacted our lives greatly both in terms of everything I already described, but even beyond that. As in any industry, technology enables flexibility in the workplace. New technologies make things more accessible remotely and give us the opportunity to be connected to business constantly. And, of course, the positive impact it has had on global teams is massive.

Technology for sure is what I am most excited about. The possibilities are endless in how it will affect our lives. And I am sure it will never come down to being fully replaced by any form of tech – rather, I'm excited to see how much it'll improve our work in a great way.

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THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

AN INTERVIEW WITH ARTYOM PODSHIBYAKIN, HEAD OF LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE, INDITEX RUSSIA



Artyom Podshibyakin is the Head of Legal and Compliance of INDITEX Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan. Prior to joining INDITEX over a decade ago, Podshibyakin was a Senior Lawyer with IKEA MOS Retail and Property.

CEELM: How would you define the role of a General Counsel today?

ARTYOM: The role here in Russia is in many ways similar to what you find all over the globe. A General Counsel is the person who is responsible to the compa-

ny's shareholders and management for ensuring the company is going the right way, in terms of predicting and working with legal risk at every level of the organizational structure.

I refer to Russia in particular because one thing common in this country is that GCs tend to have a few additional tasks by default. Specifically, it is not uncommon to have Heads of Legal also be in charge of governmental relations, and compliance also tends to fall within their areas of responsibility. Of course, there are examples where these are separate functions, but that's not really the norm.

CEELM: How is role different today than

what a GC would have been expected to handle in the past?

ARTYOM: I see General Counsel dealing with more and more tasks which are increasingly further away from pure legal advice and compliance. I already mentioned that taking on compliance as well is commonplace here, but corporate governance matters are also increasingly added to the GC's plate.

And that's not even going into everything that has to do with legal technology. If you want to keep up with your peers and deliver the best results you 100% need to start using the different legal tech solutions that are being made available – oth-

erwise your value-to-cost ratio will significantly drop relative to your peers.

CEELM: What are some of the tech solutions you're using already or keeping an eye out for?

ARTYOM: A good example is Kira, which is dedicated to contract analysis. It is utilized more in the US and EU (there's no Russian version yet), but it's a perfect example of a tool that makes a lawyer much more productive.

Another example is software used to track court rulings. In Russia, 99% of court practice is publicly available, but how does one go about searching for something specific among the tons of documents? The "Casebook" software – which allows users to track particular cases and see the decisions at different court levels – has been developed to address this need. They even have a ruling prediction tool for cases where there is no decision yet. It literally tells you there is, say, an 80% chance the plaintiff will win in case X as a result of analyzing a particular judge's track record and his and others' past rulings in similar types of cases. It's practical, and it actually works. Of course, I wouldn't rely on it 100% since there are many things that can influence a decision.

Bots are also increasingly being used. We are working on our own, by the way: one that gives employees very sharp and concise advice related to consumer law.

CEELM: Do you feel these tools make the life of a GC easier or more complex?

ARTYOM: For sure, technology is not something that lawyers are used to incorporating into their work so there is a need to adapt – to learn something quite different. In many cases though, the General Counsel needs to take charge of these projects, even though, of course, the bot itself is usually developed by someone else. The GC needs to dig in and fully pilot the design of the bot – you cannot simply send an e-mail about it to a developer and it get done. The end product definitely makes handling the legal work

easier, but getting to that stage turns a GC into an IT project leader.

CEELM: Why build your own, when there is already a plethora of solutions on the market?

ARTYOM: Yes, the number of solutions has been increasing, and I am 100% sure that to develop your own solution is not always the most efficient option. Quite the contrary, in many cases it can turn out that implementing an out-of-the-box, pre-built option is better. But we're not writing our own up from scratch code either; we use a high-level bot constructor. You do not need to be a programmer to develop a bot with this tool. That does not mean you don't need to put on your IT project leader hat and oversee proper deployment.

CEELM: What about the skill set a GC is expected to master? How is it evolving?

ARTYOM: The biggest demand is for business skills. In many cases these days, management passes on tasks that are no longer purely legal. For example, "go out and manage our trademark portfolio," doesn't just imply legal work, but also a thorough understanding of the company in this regard: how are the trademarks being used and what are the upcoming threats or opportunities? Then, at the end of the day, when management sees you are doing a good job at it, it often decides that your legal team, or part of it, is now a business unit that takes this function on. This is why increasingly you will see GCs leading functions beyond the classic legal ones, which requires a whole new set of skills. On the one hand that is burdensome for the lawyer, but on the other, it allows him or her to develop as a true corporate businessperson within the company – even if only to start understanding basic concepts related to the company's economics, finance, ops, and so on.

CEELM: What's on the horizon? What do you believe will bring about the biggest changes in terms of the GC role?

ARTYOM: I'm sure we'll continue to hear

of more and more things connected to artificial intelligence. Imagine a scenario in the near future when your CEO comes to you and asks you to look at a new digital twin of your power plant, say, and figure out the legal or IP matters related to it – but you have to tell him you have no clue what that algorithm means. The CEO will naturally turn to others, as you are outdated as his GC. That's why I have been working constantly to understand more about AI and, for instance, digital twins as digital models of otherwise very expensive and complicated equipment such as a unit in the plant, using neural networks and machine learning. The complexities of these models is just one example of what I believe a GC needs to stay on top of.

Another example is the ever-evolving topic of the ethics of artificial intelligence. We should start from a wide approach and there are interesting conversations already taking place that we should keep up with, such as those related to driverless driving liability in case of accidents, etc. Ultimately, I think science is always an important area of knowledge that a GC should stay apprised of.

CEELM: So what tools do GCs have at their disposal to do that? What are you using the most?

ARTYOM: There are already a lot of interesting conferences organized on these areas of interest – not just for lawyers but all sorts of business people. These are invaluable resources, and of course there are a lot of industry publications as well, but, ultimately, these days, one only has to open up YouTube to find a wide range of free lectures on these topics.

And your most important tool: Your attitude. You need to be ready for changes and be flexible – that's really what matters the most. As soon as you become rigid, things will start going south, and both you and your company will stop being competitive.

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COMPLIANCE OUT OF THE SHADOWS

AN INTERVIEW WITH ADRIANA MINOVIC, DPO / HEAD OF DATA PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, ERGOMED GROUP



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CEELM: How would you define the role of Compliance Officer?

ADRIANA: While a Compliance Officer naturally deals with legal matters, he/she is much more involved in the regulatory/compliance aspects that impact the core business operations of a company. I would say the importance of the Compliance Officer role is increasing within companies, especially in regulatory areas such as GDPR, competition, IP, and cybersecurity – areas that were, in the past, in the shadows when compared to general legal matters. This is reflected in the growing trend of making the Chief Compliance officer role separate and equal to the General Counsel these days.

The in-house legal world is developing such that regulatory and compliance are increasingly part of the corporate and business strategy and are closely attached to business operations. Especially with the GDPR, you cannot do anything if

you are not in very close communication with the business and business strategy.

Increasingly we see a set-up where compliance is involved in shaping strategy – which is then implemented by the legal and operations departments. Compliance tends to be closer to the board now, and topics from this area are among the most-discussed legal matters in many board sessions. Of course, legal still plays a great part in these topics, especially on significant deals and corporate matters, but the fact is that compliance and regulatory are two functions which actively shape policy at the highest level on a consistent basis.

There is a note to be made here though. When I am talking of this trend I am referring to large and international companies, which operate in different markets and need to harmonize their approach in different jurisdictions. In small companies, it is less the case, since they won't have to deal with many of the same com-

pliance issues – though the GDPR is unfortunately impacting all equally.

CEELM: It's interesting that you are describing a trend of having compliance move higher up within the organization than the legal department, since in many instances compliance was, and still is, a function that falls within the area of responsibility of the Head of Legal.

ADRIANA: Yes, traditionally compliance fell under legal. I am not saying that this approach is not feasible, but then you need to have GCs with broad knowledge about different areas of law and issues that intersect various industries, who can handle both legal and compliance and regulatory thoroughly, which is quite a tall order. Having to deal with IT law, compliance, competition, etc. Also, the compliance/regulatory role must have much more detailed knowledge about business processes and industry information than traditional legal roles. All this combined makes for a quite challenging job description. That's why I see these two departments becoming separate more and more often.

CEELM: When did this trend start? How were things different, say, ten years ago?

ADRIANA: Back then compliance was not that big of an issue. Some might argue that in some countries the compliance culture still is underdeveloped. In Serbia, and in the Balkan region as a whole, I think it still is the case that usually people have the impression that compliance is price-optional – good to have but costly and not mandatory. I am seeing a heavy shift though. Anticorruption, Competition, IP, and Data Protection are becoming real priorities for organizations – especially innovative companies that are working in the IT industry or which use advanced technological solutions in their business (as is the case in the Life Science industry).

CEELM: Is it purely legislative developments that are driving this change, or are there other factors?

ADRIANA: Of course the primary driv-

er is legislation. It usually is the element from which everything starts, as people truly start worrying about these things when they get scared by penalties. What is recognized in companies with a strong compliance culture is the cost of not being compliant.

But it's more than that. It comes down to how best to set up the way in which your company operates – the functional environment of business processes within the company. Lately there are much more situations in which I see the compliance person also acting as the Chief Strategy Officer. It makes sense in a world where much of our operations are dictated by the regulatory set-up and I think that a significant driver is exactly that: the goal of setting up your business operations right from the very design stage, rather than slapping a compliance procedure at the end of an already-existing process.

CEELM: How should Compliance Officers aim to develop themselves to excel at their jobs?

ADRIANA: The most important thing to do is to understand the industry – not just your company, but the industry as a whole. You should be following industry trends to get a sense of what the future holds, especially in heavily-regulated industries. That is the most critical element, if you want to be able to have a really broad perspective on things to facilitate your risk assessments about the future endeavors of your company.

CEELM: How do you achieve this in-depth understanding of your organization specifically?

ADRIANA: If we are talking about compliance/regulatory roles in the Legal department, it's a matter of designing the legal team based on a business partner model. Your team members should be as close to the ground as possible to stay in the loop. In my case, I aim to be involved in every business plan and commercial strategy discussion. That way, from the very beginning, when a new business strategy is being developed I am brought

on as early as possible to understand the desired set-up and offer input on how we can design the new strategy to be fully compliant.

Even if we look at the GDPR, I believe one of the least recognized yet most important elements is that of “privacy by design.” The goal is to have the principles of data protection assimilated in all aspects of our operations from the very beginning, when the projects are started. With this approach, you ensure that you are taking compliance into account at each stage of the development of your processes.

CEELM: What advice would you give to other compliance officers reading this?

ADRIANA: Both are aspects I touched upon already. First, make sure you focus on your business. I would say that, if you really want to be a great Chief Compliance Officer, you need to understand your business inside and out. It is not enough to have gone through a thorough legal training – although that's of course a prerequisite. This role is very people-oriented, and you will find you have a hard time getting anyone to buy into what you are promoting if your colleagues recognize at any point that you do not fully understand the business and their work. You'll simply lose that critical respect you need to push your ideas through.

Second, be proactive. Approach the rest of the business and explain your role over and over again. Everyone will be better off if a compliance expert cooperates with the rest of the functions on any project from the very beginning. The traditional model is that business people create something new, then they send it to legal, which, in turn, makes several comments. At this point, everyone feels frustrated because “legal is slowing down the closing of the deal.” Avoid that stress, both for you and your colleagues, by making sure you do everything you can to be a reliable partner and design it all right from the very beginning.

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BUILDING A "HARD" FOUNDATION FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE CULTURE

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDRAS MOHACSI, HEAD OF COMPETITION LAW AND SANCTIONS, BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO

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CEELM: What would you say is the critical first step towards building a compliance culture?

ANDRAS: It's obviously hugely important that what the compliance culture consists of in a company is defined and expressed – following the principle of a top-down funnel. The key principles and beliefs should be incorporated in a very important policy document and articulated in a very clear manner in a form that is signed off on by the board of the highest decision-making body of the organization and clearly communicated throughout the organization.

In our case, we have a document called "The Standards of Business Conduct" – and I know many other companies have a similar document. It might sound simple and formalistic, but I don't believe you can talk about a culture without clearly

articulating the clear principles and the clear boundaries everyone needs to respect. This is ideally done per area, since that's how it becomes tangible for the people working in an organization.

This document, supported by the board, needs to set out precisely what the very clear high level dos and don'ts for the organization are, and these should be clearly articulated on everything from how we deal with sanctions, to competition matters, and bribery, and so on.

It is important that this be taken seriously. It has to be supported by a "speak up" line that people can use to raise their concerns and register incidents if they believe those principles are not followed. Equally, it is critical that any concern or incident that is raised is actually followed-up on, is properly reviewed and if necessary investigated, and, where necessary, that the appropriate and proportional sanction is applied.

Again, one could argue this is a slightly formalistic approach – and that may be true – but I find it fundamental in as far as the "hard side" of compliance is concerned.

CEELM: What's the "soft" side of it?

ANDRAS: The "soft side" is how this is supported by communication, by the remuneration structure of the organization,



and how compliance topics are addressed at corporate events, functions, and sessions. How these principles actually find their way into the business activities.

One of the most useful signs that you have a true compliance in place is when you see its principles being implemented irrespective of how attractive a deal might look from a commercial perspective. When we are called in to carry out a due diligence project – whether related to a bribery concern, or AML, or anything else – we know people are really engaged with our compliance principles. It is important to be able to point to a track record of, at times, wanting to enter into a deal but, after checking to make sure all these areas were adequately considered, saying "no." Of course, no one is saying we have to say no all the time, but that is the biggest sign that the compliance culture you are fostering has spread throughout the organization: when its principles find themselves applied in every decision.



CEELM: You mentioned that, in the process of defining your principles in that high-level document, they would ideally be broken down into areas. What are the most important ones, in your mind?

ANDRAS: Typically, a modern standard business conduct document would address all compliance areas which are relevant for the business model of an organization. When you have a global organization like BAT, obviously it would cover a very broad range of areas, but I don't think there is a defined list of compliance areas which have to be incorporated into this kind of document for every single company. For example, if you are not on the stock exchange there is no need for a chapter on insider trading, and if you are a very small company, lighter concerns about competition law exist. Arguably, there are some key areas: competition law, bribery and corruption, AML, illicit trade, and tax evasion. Those are also some of the main ones that I deal with on a daily basis – but there are other areas covered within my company such as insider trading and books and records, and a few others that are not directly covered by my department.

CEELM: But is a large compliance manual actually something that people digest?

ANDRAS: It really shouldn't be a long document. In terms of size, I think the

ideal scenario is that you have a “chapter” per area (such as competition law) but that it is not longer than what you'd include on a power point slide, or maybe two. That is more than enough to include the absolute critical policy messages you wish to convey. You want to think of these as constitutional messages rather than a manual for all to use.

Obviously, beneath that document you may need some procedures that take into consideration how these high-level commands or principles can best fit into the business model of the organization. That's particularly important since we shouldn't forget that one organization may have various different businesses. Think of GE and how many different businesses they may have. I think the absolute key is that you need to consider the actual business environment and business model of the organization: who are your suppliers, what's your growth model, the size of organization, and so on. It is from that starting point that you can then identify how can certain risks feature in the context of the various aspects of your model. What could be a typical bribery scenario vis-à-vis your suppliers? What could be the typical bribery temptation scenarios for your employee groups? Once you map those out you have what we call “achieving a risk” or “temptation assessment” in the context of the busi-

ness.

Depending on the risks, you need to figure out what are the most practical procedures that would fit under that high-level policy document. The role of these procedures is to give guidance to the users as to how you are expected to comply with the high-level policy statements. It would, for example, tell the person in our procurement department, “this is your supplier due diligence process to ensure compliance.” From this point, of course, you need to start looking into the very important pillar of trainings but these too need to be based on who does what and why – it cannot be abstract, and it has to be meaningful for the type of person and his/her type of role in the organization. Only then you can say that your approach is risk-based – based on the actual risk that, at least in theory, can happen in that specific situation.

CEELM: This all feels like it's still more organizational set-up than the soft side of things.

ANDRAS: It is, but when you talk about culture you want to talk about the soft things. I am personally very much a believer that you can talk about the soft stuff only once you have laid a very very solid foundation when it comes to the hard elements – when you have done your risk assessment, you have your policy



statement, you have your procedures, you have your training programs, you employ forms of control on a regular basis. On that last one, for example, we have a system in place where everyone reports once a year and declares themselves as either compliant or partially compliant (these reports are then signed off by a senior person who carries out the due diligence on a statistical basis). If you declare yourself only partially compliant, you need to put forward a justification and a remediation plan. Furthermore, once every few years we carry out an internal audit, where people go on the ground and carry out a solid assessment to see how all of this works out in real life.

CEELM: Earlier you mentioned your “speak up” line as a good indicator of an existing compliance culture. Since we are still talking about hard aspects, what processes have you set up to facilitate it?

ANDRAS: Indeed, “speak up” is enormously important. It is so because if people use this tool, then you know people within your company understand what the potential issues are, and that they think seriously about it and take it seriously enough to talk about potential problems if they come up. It is also important that employees are protected when they speak up and that it is seen as something constructive and positive. It reflects that

people care and feel ownership.

It is important to enhance this feeling by following up, as I mentioned earlier, but also by setting up a reporting process. We pull stats together based on it and report them internally – sometimes this is done to an internal auditing committee: “Last year we had 2000 incidents raised based on our ‘speak up’ line, 25% were related to HR complaints and so on.” These stats are also an opportunity to demonstrate to the auditing committee, and the broader organization, that you have followed those up, investigated, and, ultimately, taken action when justified. If anyone has breached the standards of business conduct you need to show real and serious consequences. Such consequences can vary and we need to show to everyone that, if proportional, a staff member was fired, or we terminated a supplier or customer despite commercial benefits. These are real, palpable demonstrations to help further our compliance culture.

CEELM: Since we spoke a great deal about policy-setting, how does your team move from dictating “this needs to be done this way,” which may cause friction, towards engaging your other business functions in a collegial manner?

ANDRAS: Indeed, while we have many areas where the messages we convey are

easy, there are others where there is actual resistance and the level of resistance can actually differ from mild to rather strong. There are a number of factors behind this resistance. Sometimes, especially in cases pertaining to competition law matters, the pressure is very high commercially because people just want to make their numbers. In other cases, such as when we want to roll out a third party due diligence project: the resistance doesn’t come from the fact they do not buy into the need to do it, but from the fact that it is enormously burdensome.

This leads to one of the key aspects of a successful compliance function: we need to remember that we are working with a business and make an effort to understand where push-back is coming from. Sometimes it’s a simple matter of sitting down with our colleagues to spend some time convincing them to engage. Sometimes we need to realize that we are placing unnecessary burdens on our colleagues. The key message is that while we need to design and roll out robust compliance procedures that are based on the actual risks the organization is facing, we need to listen to our business colleagues and work with them to simplify the compliance procedures, to make them more effective.

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THE CHERRY ON TOP: THE COMPLIANCE CULTURE



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CEELM: To define the goal, what is a compliance culture in your mind?

ANDRAS: To give you a feel of my role, I am now handling the ethics and compliance agenda for the Central European region (Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland). Bribery, competition law, data privacy and all kinds of compliance governance land on my rather broad

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDRAS LEVAI, HEAD OF LEGAL - CE ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE AT TESCO CENTRAL EUROPE

agenda. In this capacity, I like making the analogy that compliance and a compliance culture are like a cake and the cherry on top of it.

The cake represents the basics in terms of compliance. By “basics” I mean all the trainings, the guidelines, the communications, etc. *I like doing compliance, but sometimes it can seem a bit of a dry area.*

In contrast, the cherry is the culture of it all. It's the one thing you can start focusing on once you have the basics in place, and you have done them right – otherwise you wouldn't be able to develop a culture. What is culture? It's the next step. It's asking how you achieve a company where people are not “forced” to engage in compliance and resent it when it comes up – either because it's perceived as boring or because it's a tedious exercise. It's about how do you get people to complete an online training because they perceive it as something important for them, to protect themselves and the business. After two or three years of building the basics, we have now started focusing on the culture side of things, and we're already seeing results. And, really, as a compliance function leader that's when you start

being happy in your role – when you start noticing genuine engagement from the rest of the company towards compliance.

CEELM: Since you mentioned you now have your cake and are finally ready to start working on the cherry, what's the first step towards it?

ANDRAS: We just started a workshop with our managers and directors on our code of business conduct. We already had an online training that takes place each year. However, this year we started with a workshop for smaller groups of our senior colleagues. This is not just about the specific provisions and the content of the code of conduct. The critical component focuses on the bigger picture of “how” someone should act with integrity as a responsible leader within Tesco.

Before we started it, we just hoped that this be well-received from our colleagues, who had said they didn't think they could participate in an exciting and genuinely interactive workshop on compliance and ethics. That was really good for us to hear, of course, as we worked hard to develop an agenda that moved away from a technical lecture into an interactive dis-



cussion.

CEELM: And what are the elements you use to make it interactive?

ANDRAS: Prior to the workshop, we ask colleagues to prepare by reflecting on and sending us a leader that they admire. As an ice-breaker, we use their responses to explain why they admire that leader and why they believe he or she acts with high integrity. This is a good starter and the desired outcome of it is to “define” what integrity means for people. It is very interesting to see how in different workshops, run in different countries, for different functions, the outcome is very similar. There are very interesting discussions that stem from the results as well as the similarity between the results across the different workshops.

In the second half we put ethical dilemmas up for debate and open up the floor to all. The questions raised tend to be related to our own company rather than commonly-discussed ethical dilemmas. We look to debate questions around the lines of “should companies do more or not than what is required by the letter of the law,” or others derived directly from

our own operations.

CEELM: Why did you pick this format and target audience?

ANDRAS: It was actually based on an internal survey we carried out a while ago. Every year our colleagues need to make a declaration at the end of year financial year that they have respected the company’s code of conduct – this is mainly a process resulting from UK Bribery Act compliance efforts. Along with this exercise, we launched a quick survey to our colleagues to find out what it is that “encourages them to follow an ethical culture” within their role. The results in CEE indicated that, more than in other jurisdictions, line managers were highly respected and perceived as role models. It only made sense then that we focused some of our efforts towards training them as compliance culture ambassadors. This was the critical point that led us to start these workshops.

CEELM: What other activities did you find help you build that compliance culture?

ANDRAS: I’d describe them all generally as activities that are not the ordinary way to communicate with colleagues. For example, for our competition function, we carry out an “extraordinary” event for our buyers. This is a half day event where one part is a theoretical – one where we present competition law – and one is a part focused on a discussion around this area followed by a light quiz on the topic with a few prizes at stake to get people engaged. This is, again, something that can bring competition and compliance closer to people and make it a bit more interesting – especially since this is intentionally organized outside of the office.

Each year we also run what we call a “colleague event.” There we, the compliance team, regularly have an exhibition zone. It was weird for us to have a booth the first time we set it up, but over time we developed a quiz game that participants can get involved in, and, again, win some prizes. In my mind, these are not core elements but small things to bring com-

pliance closer to the hearts and minds of our colleagues.

CEELM: How large is your compliance team and how is it structured?

ANDRAS: It consists of nine people, covering three areas: Business Integrity (bribery, trainings, communications, and governance); Competition Law; and Privacy. I have people in all four CEE countries and we work in a structure similar to big law firms, in that we have practice groups – we don’t work country by country but practice area by practice area. My Data Protection Officer is in Krakow, my competition legal counsel is in Budapest and so on.

CEELM: Since you mentioned privacy, how much of an impact has data protection had on your work over these past few years?

ANDRAS: A significant one. The largest team in my group is the privacy group now. We have a rather robust program in place – in line with the UK program. It gave us a lot of work over the last couple of years and I am sure it will continue to do so. Even though the GDPR is becoming less and less newsworthy, it still was a huge change for an organization the size of ours, where you have thousands of systems and processes in place, making it a considerable challenge to keep it all under control.

CEELM: Any future developments you see on the horizon that will have a similar impact?

ANDRAS: Nothing really at the scale of the GDPR. We spent the last three years with the launching of the different compliance programs I mentioned already. I think that now we are in a position where we can say we have the cake, so now – while I cannot know for sure what the future holds – I really hope we can focus on the cherry part and develop the existing programs.

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RED LINES WITH EMPATHY

AN INTERVIEW WITH BASAK GURBUZ, COUNSEL, THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY TURKEY



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CEELM: Basak, GCs are rarely seen as “deal makers” within their companies. Instead, they are usually seen as “deal

breakers,” or at least “deal hurdles.” How can GCs change that perception?

BASAK: What I learned in the last four years since starting at Disney – my first in-house experience – is that legal should be and should be perceived as an integrated function, not merely a supportive function. We are one team, and we have a common purpose, so the legal function should be a part of the business and not simply sit backstage. We need to be on stage with the whole team and play an active role in the success of the business.

In order to create this environment, it is vital to find ways to build this awareness and understanding through being assertive and constant communication. Needless to say, creativity and full compliance have to go hand in hand at all times.

CEELM: How do you go about bridging the gap in those differences in perspective?

BASAK: I think it comes down to empathy at the end of the day. I always tell my colleagues to include me from the beginning, so that I can help them right on time. I also learned along the way that “help” is the magic word.

There is the much-needed dark side of course – our red lines – that any legal counsel should be transparent with.

When I have a new matter in front of me I have three options. In an ideal world, I can say “yes, this is good to go and here’s how we should do it and let me draw you a map.” Other times you need to simply say, in as transparent and friendly a man-

ner as possible, “No – strict no – there is a specific legal provision or a company policy that says no.” And there’s always option three – saying “How about if we do it this way?” Of course, if you say “no,” this may create unease. If you take the third option you also learn to be creative – in terms of legal aspects, compliance matters, as well as generally in business.

For sure, it is not the job of the legal function to be likeable at all times, and red lines need to be drawn every now and then, but I have learned that this does not mean we need to be constantly serious. I try to employ humor as an ice-breaker when dealing with people coming up to me and expecting to hear a simple “no” – and I found that this helps a great deal, while remaining transparent about those red lines that cannot be crossed.

CEELM: You spoke about acting as an integrated whole with the other business functions. How do you achieve that?

BASAK: I listen. I talk to people and I try to collect feedback. I do my best to follow my colleagues and sometimes even approach them for feedback. I sometimes go to our leadership teams and I do the same – I try to find out if they are ok communicating with the legal function. I try to learn when and why they are reluctant to do so and how I can overcome that.

CEELM: And what do you do when that feedback is negative? What’s the next step for you?

BASAK: I ask for concrete examples to be able to go through them – both to reflect as well as to help the people providing the feedback understand my position better. If I am told they feel I shot down a proposal, I make an effort to illustrate how I actually took “Option 3” – how I tried to show them alternatives.

Of course, it’s difficult sometimes for other business functions to accept it, since people feel they are losing money when you alter their plans. I just try to remember that and also go through the

concrete examples and ask myself: “Was I too hard?”, and “Can I be more flexible?”, etc.

CEELM: You also emphasized the importance of empathy. How do you build that?

BASAK: It’s certainly difficult. I am a lawyer. I am not numbers-focused in the first place. I try to understand in good faith what my colleagues are trying to achieve – maybe hitting their budgets, their revenue targets, and so on – but it is not an easy exercise. I try to see myself as a sales person, and I think I have gotten better over time in understanding my colleagues and resorting to “no’s” only in rare instances, but of course if red lines arise, there is nothing I can do. In that case, I’ve learned to invest some time in explaining why we cannot cross certain lines to help build up empathy from their side as well.

CEELM: We’ve been talking about broad approaches until now, so let’s look at some specifics. Let’s say you learn of a new deal you’ll need to support. What’s your first step?

BASAK: I need to make sure I understand the business and business case completely. I talk to my manager to get some feedback on that to help guide me if necessary. I try to be flexible and understand the deal and the goals and angles of every party involved. I then, of course, immediately need to apply my notions of law and compliance that are relevant to the deal and develop my strategy to facilitate it.

CEELM: When and at what stage do you involve external counsel?

BASAK: When we’re talking about very complicated deals – such as large M&A or real estate deals – I of course turn to external team support to stretch my resources.

CEELM: And when picking the firm you’d be working with, if you had to prioritize one of the two, would you opt for a firm that has worked with you in the past and has a good understanding of your com-

pany, or a firm that has more experience on similar deals in the past. Why?

BASAK: The second is most likely, though a scenario where you have both is obviously ideal. If I understand a different firm that is better in the specific field that I need than those I worked with in the past, I’d definitely try them out, since the deal needs to run smoothly and perfectly.

CEELM: What about the instruction to the firm – what’s your checklist for that?

BASAK: It depends a bit on the deal. I would summarize the case with a confidentiality note. I would try to understand if they can help and how. I would lay down the work structure as I need reports from my external counsel frequently – I want to know what they are doing and if they require any feedback & guidance from me or the company to progress in the deal. I always make sure I have a call with them to make sure they have the necessary expertise and, of course, if they are ok with our budget expectations.

CEELM: You mentioned your budget. What’s your preferred fee structure?

BASAK: I tend to prefer capped fees rather than hourly rates – something that tends to be common practice these days.

CEELM: As a final thought, what do you believe is the single most important thing GCs need to develop in themselves as professionals to act as deal makers for their companies?

BASAK: To understand and get a better sense of the business side of things, I think. Reading up on the latest business trends is very important. In my case, I need to read up on the media trends, the developing media tools, etc. I need to make sure I share a language with my colleagues to be able to understand the drive behind new deals. We always need to remember we are legal people first and foremost but we cannot isolate ourselves in a purely legal world if we want to be true deal makers.

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GET OUT THERE TO MAKE THAT DEAL HAPPEN

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANTE SUCUR, HEAD OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMPANY SECRETARY, MERCURY PROCESSING SERVICES INTERNATIONAL



Ante Sucur has been the Head of Legal Affairs and Company Secretary at Mercury Processing Services International Ltd (formerly Intesa Sanpaolo Card Ltd) since 2009. Before joining Mercury, he worked for five and a half years at Privredna Banka Zagreb d.d. (which is also part of the Intesa Sanpaolo Group).

CEELM: As Head of Legal you obviously have a lot of plates spinning in the air at any point. What's at the top of the priorities' list in terms of your legal team??

ANTE: Internally speaking, to set the background, with the change in ownership of my company (we were purchased

by a company ultimately owned by Advent and Bain Capital funds), we have become affiliated with the Nets Group, a much bigger European family in terms of payment processing. This also means that we no longer work purely as an inter-group processor but are now serving the open market as well.

What we are seeing now – and this takes into account the fact that processing was always a heavily regulated industry – is that in the past few years we've experienced a flood of new regulations, mostly coming from the EU level. The fact is that compliance with all of them is indeed expensive, but non-compliance is even more so. Furthermore, we're seeing more and more consolidation globally in our sector and we can expect even more complexities in terms of our compliance.

In terms of what we need to make sure that we have at the very top of our agenda, I tend to agree with Michael O'Neill, Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Lenovo, who argued that at the moment the top legal priorities for technology companies are litigation and intel-

lectual property, but who also emphasized that company supply chain relationships need to constant supervision. To those I would also add labor law issues, since these can escalate quickly. But the biggest and constantly moving part is of course our revenue-generating activities, and, in general, contractual relationships where breaches of law can happen rather easily.

CEELM: How then do you manage these contractual relationships?

ANTE: Standardization definitely helps a great deal. The most important thing is to ensure an adequate level of involvement of lawyers in these activities. Managers often raise issues that they perceive as purely commercial and are all too often unaware that they actually involve a great deal of legal aspects. Naturally, if something goes wrong later, down the line, questions over control are raised, but if everything runs smoothly that's rarely recognized.

But that is the duty of the lawyers and why they need to be involved – to ensure there are no legal surprises. And that's where the value of legal control of those

selected complex relationships lies: in detecting legal risks, mitigating them if possible, and raising the awareness of management if mitigation is not possible for some reason.

CEELM: How specifically are lawyers involved in the process in your organization?

ANTE: The standard process of contract preparation ideally starts with involving lawyers in the commercial preparation of the deal, which they can provide valuable advice on how properly to structure. The activity then continues in contract preparation itself, by detecting issues and implementing mitigating solutions when needed. There are situations where you simply can't do that, such as when the other party doesn't want to accept those solutions. You then need to assess the risks, and allow managers to decide whether those risks are acceptable or whether, perhaps, they represent a deal-breaker. However, this is not the case only with legal risks. There are a number of regulatory aspects that come into play and various functions need to weigh in. For example, there are tax or security considerations that need to happen, and we have dedicated teams to focus on that.

The whole contract process is organized such that all aspects are represented in the contract preparation. If issues come up, depending on severity, the relevant function raises the issue with the board, which then makes the ultimate decision. Obviously, I speak here only about complex contracts; there are many simple contracts where we don't need such thorough input.

CEELM: And how long does it take for all of the different functions to weigh in?

ANTE: It depends on the complexity of the deal. It can get particularly lengthy in contracts where we are service providers, since those contracts can also be subject to review by the regulators. In such instances, it can take months. Of course, procurement contracts are prepared much faster. When it comes to labor contracts, we are applying templates which

our HR team simply fills in, and they only reach out to us if they need to make changes to those templates.

The amount of standardization we apply is also a reflection of our negotiation position. On employment contracts we rarely need to make any changes – they tend to be more of a take-it-or-leave-it kind of thing. However, with our clients or big suppliers we naturally need to be more flexible.

CEELM: How do you believe the GCs themselves need to develop to face the increasing complexity you mentioned?

ANTE: I believe that GCs, just like navigators that support the captains of ships, should help navigate business through that increased regulatory complexity. I think there are two general ways in which a GC needs to develop. The first relates to things that we all know about and try to implement: expand new capabilities, participate in trainings, purchase new software, etc. The problem is that all of these ultimately represent so-called horizontal personal development aspects – they will help you improve your capacity and help you become a better expert in your field. But I don't think this type of horizontal development is enough. I believe this explains the need for the second way – vertical development. I believe this increased complexity requires more change in terms of adopting a new approach.

To better explain, I think it comes down to lawyers' psychology. We are very meticulous, organized, and sometimes overly judgmental, and we've trained society and our peers to not expect anything more from us than being a good expert in our field. But I believe more should be expected of us if we are to take leadership positions within our organizations.

I think we need to work on shifting our attitudes and learn to put ourselves out there. I look at some historical figures and find it funny to see that few people realize that people like Mahatma Gandhi or Nelson Mandela were actually lawyers – and that speaks, in part, to how people

perceive us. And when I say we need to learn to put ourselves out there I mean that we need to function as an integrated part of the business, and we need to start looking more towards other functions of the organization. Due to their specific profession and their role within an organization, lawyers can easily see the bigger picture, and it is a shame to waste this potential.

And it won't be easy. Across the industry, I see business managers reluctant to involve lawyers in daily matters. There's a perception that what they do does not involve legal in any way. And that's the uphill battle that modern GCs need to face. We need to raise awareness that legal aspects are involved in everything and we need to proactively get out there and be present across the business to be able to shape the way things are run before situations land on our desks as problems that were "escalated to legal."

CEELM: But how do you go about ignoring years of being a "traditional" GC and change the way you are?

ANTE: You don't change the way you are – you simply build on top of it. The legal logic of our job stays the same, the advice we give has the same thinking behind it. You simply improve the "relationship" aspect of your work, paying more attention to interactions with your colleagues. Start showing them the multitude of ways you can help them, many of which they had no idea about. Educate them if necessary, to foster compliance culture. Show you care about other functions and their priorities. However, expect the same from them, as this approach is a two-way street. The legal opinions you give are the same, at the end of the day, but learn to incorporate new perspectives by exposing yourself to areas of the business you likely were not exposed to in the past. Once you do this you'll find that you are happier with your job and that fewer and fewer matters get to you as problems because you were involved in those decisions from their roots.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH BARDUGOV ALEXANDER, HEAD OF LEGAL, BANCA INTESA (RUSSIA)



Bardugov Alexander is the Head of Legal of Banca Intesa in Moscow, a role which he has held since 2013. He first joined Banca Intesa in 2004 as a Junior Legal Counsel, gradually progressing to Head of Sector for Banking Operations Legal Support in 2008, Head of Legal Support for Retail and SME in 2009, and Head of Business Legal Support in 2010.

CEELM: Let's start with what it is that you are managing precisely. How large is your team and how is it structured?

ALEXANDER: We're a team of 25 lawyers in total, with some working in our Moscow office and some spread across the country. Russia is rather large, and that spread was necessary to comfortably manage the time differences we need to deal with.

We have three main areas: Business Support, Litigation, and Corporate Governance. In addition to these we also have one lawyer in charge of labor disputes.

CEELM: I assume the last one is the smallest. Which one is the largest?

ALEXANDER: Indeed, the labor disputes "team" is the smallest – but it does not mean that it is less important. The Business Support squad is the largest one.

CEELM: Do they all report to you directly?

ALEXANDER: Each of these directions has a specific head and the members of each report to them first and foremost. Of course though, if there is a crisis, I may decide to take a direct reporting line.

CEELM: What is your preferred approach? Do you prefer hiring young lawyers and grooming them or bringing experienced professionals on board?

ALEXANDER: If we can afford it time-wise we'll bring on young lawyers and help them grow in our structure. I myself first came to the bank in 2004 as a young lawyer, and some of the most important members of my team have been working here for about ten years. There are times, though, when we need to hire a senior lawyer, such as when we identify a gap in knowledge we need for complex matters. Another resource we might feel we have a deficiency in is time – sometimes it simply takes a long time to grow a lawyer and we have a human capital gap.

That said, our lawyers are subject to regular assessments and those that show the potential for it are promoted internally, or even offered to come and join us in the HQ if they are based elsewhere in the country.

CEELM: You mentioned some of your lawyers have been with you for over a decade. What are the most useful tools you've identified in terms of retention?

ALEXANDER: Simply put, I try to create an atmosphere and workflow that allows lawyers to feel that they are a part of something big and something important.

I also try to be constantly thinking about equity and fairness in the relationships between employer and the employees and I try to give them a balance between the work they have on their plates and their own lives. That, of course, is done while keeping in mind that sometimes we simply need to put in real effort and dedication.

CEELM: How specifically do you foster that feeling of belonging to “something big and important”?

ALEXANDER: I do my best to task lawyers with not just routine work but also legally interesting matters that help them see they do more than just boring work. I try to expose them to projects that illustrate to them that they are at the forefront of the legal work – not just within our company, but beyond. For example, I rotate the biggest deals that land on our table between different lawyers so that each has a part in each big deal. I do this because I try to motivate them with the understanding that legal work is something that is both critical to the company’s operations and challenging in terms of both legal knowledge and creativity.

We also try to identify new skills that are not yet being tapped into within our team. For example, we tried to implement a level of automatization in our legal work for the deals of our bank, and for this project I tasked a colleague I knew had some relevant experience to step in. We ended up implementing the automatization without external input at the end of the day – a great instance of killing two birds with one stone, as she was engaged and excited to take ownership of the project and we kept costs considerably lower than they could have been. And indeed, she was very glad to have such a project and she took a great deal of care of it and was very engaged. You could see her satisfaction going through the roof, and at the end of the day we had a new

automatization platform with electronic signatures set up, etc.

CEELM: What other motivation tools have you found worked well for your team?

ALEXANDER: If I am invited to any events – especially those aimed at awarding in-house teams for excellence – I try to take a colleague with me to show him/her that our team is recognized in the market in various ways for the legal work we carry out. That’s something really useful in my mind – to use those opportunities to show the perception from outside of the team as well.

Another non-material tool I found that works wonders is our tradition of electing the best employee of the year within our company. I was thrilled when some of our lawyers had the honor of receiving this, not just because of their excitement, but also because it showed everyone on our team that we’re not just an invisible back-office function – rather, we’re an integrated part of the whole team.

And, of course, it’s not purely non-material tools that we have at our disposal. For example, we work constantly to improve our work and make it more effective and efficient. Ideas that can help our team be more effective are always appreciated and we encourage team members to put them forward. If anyone has an idea that is implemented and is successful, that person has the right to expect a motivational bonus.

CEELM: One of the common complaints with hiring new people for the in-house legal function – whether junior lawyers or senior lawyers coming from private practice – is their lack of business acumen. How do you overcome that?

ALEXANDER: We choose a mentor for this person. We quite rarely hire people that require a lot of additional specific legal education, but we try to give them a mentor to induct them into the working side of our business and our operations. That usually does the trick for us.

CEELM: What do you believe is the biggest challenge you are facing in terms of managing your in-house legal team?

ALEXANDER: There is a saying: “Being together is not to look at each other, but to look in one direction.” It’s about having all of your people in the legal team reach a common understanding with all the colleagues from the other functions and make them all look forward and look at specific situations with the same approach. The ideal is for that to happen instantly and naturally and not just have to push everyone each time to do so. We need to build that common ground in terms of understanding and evaluating situations. I supposed this is, in a general business-strategy sense, the biggest challenge.

CEELM: Looking towards the future, what are the main things you believe will impact your team?

ALEXANDER: I think anyone would have a hard time predicting exactly what is going to happen. From my point of view, the main focus is on the new tools we have at our disposal. We will definitely continue to move towards digitalization of our work in general, it will greatly help us. However, I don’t believe legal work can be automated enough to replace standard legal analysis – but it can be digitalized to run much much faster.

As such, one of our main goals is reworking our processes and work environment to “get more time.” For example, we aim to use automatization to “extract” additional time – which can then be reallocated to other projects, personal life, constant growth, etc. Why is time important? Because a lawyer needs some time to go through new information about laws, best practices, etc. If he/she is overloaded with the daily work routine, these are missed opportunities which will bring us to stagnation. By extracting time, people will be able to find time for their own growth, and that is another challenge we need to keep an eye out for in terms of managing our legal team.

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TUXES AND TRIUMPH: A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION AT THE DOTY AWARDS BANQUET





CEE Legal Matters announced the CEE Deal of the Year Award Winners at its Second Annual DOTY Awards Banquet on March 28, 2019, with Allen & Overy and CMS among the night's big winners.

Allen & Overy took home a remarkable ten awards on the night, including the award for Baltic Deal of the Year for its work on Blackstone Group's acquisition of a majority stake in Luminor, while CMS took home seven, including the 2018 CEE Deal of the Year for its work on Advent's Acquisition of Zentiva from Sanofi.

Also claiming awards for Deal of the Year based on their work on the Advent/Zentiva deal were Dentons, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Ropes & Gray, Kirkland & Ellis, and Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii.

The CEE Deal of the Year Awards are the only regional legal awards that are purely peer-selected, taking advantage of CEE Legal Matters' superior coverage of and connections in the region's legal community [see box]. The awards are thus based exclusively on the votes of senior and experienced commercial lawyers in the region, who know best the particular challenges and complexities involved in making important deals happen and the significance such deals have both to the countries for which they are nominated and for the region as a whole.

Responding to the cachet of the awards and the rare opportunity to gather with so many of their peers from across the region in one collegial and entertaining evening, over 90 lawyers from law firms across Central and Eastern Europe, the United States, and the United Kingdom gathered in the Budapest for the festivities.

"This was a fantastic evening," said CEE Legal Matters Managing Editor Radu Cotarcea, who co-hosted the event with CEE Legal Matters Executive Editor David Stuckey. "This event celebrates top level lawyering throughout Central and Eastern Europe, and we're delighted to have so many friends, new and old, join us."

CMS Partner Graham Conlon, who beat a path to the stage to accept CMS's many awards, expressed delight at his firm's

success in the evening. "We are proud and honored that the lawyers who vote on the various submissions recognized the value and complexity of the deals we were able to bring to completion in 2018. We appreciate the opportunity to celebrate our good year with our peers throughout the region, and we thank CEE Legal Matters for hosting this fantastic annual event."

The DOTY Awards Banquet, which featured live music from Budapest's Sentiments piano duo – led by Peter Lakatos, Managing Partner at Hungary's Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners law firm— ended with the surprise announcement that the 2020 event will be held in London. More information on next year's event will come soon.

This Year's Deal of the Year Awards Final Selection Committee

- Katarina Mihalikova - Partner, Majernik & Mihalikova
- Polina Lyadnova - Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- Ron Given - Partner, Wolf Theiss
- Damir Topic - Partner, Divjak, Topic & Bahtijarevic
- Gelu Maravela - Partner, Maravela | Asociatii (Romania)
- Alexandra Doytchinova - Partner, Schoenherr (Bulgaria)
- Bora Kaya - General Counsel, Gama Power Systems
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- Pawel Szaja - Partner, Shearman & Sterling
- Milan Samardzic - Partner, Samardic, Oreski & Grbovic
- Christian Blatchford - General Counsel, Energo-Pro
- Rene Frolov - Partner, FORT Legal
- Agnes Molnar - Senior Associate, Reed Smith
- Jonathan Marks - Partner, Slaughter and May
- Mykola Stetsenko - Partner, Avellum (Ukraine)
- Hugh Owen - Owner, Go2Law

WINNERS OF THE DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ALBANIA: The Republic of Albania's Eurobond Issue and Tender (Dechert; Allen & Overy)

AUSTRIA: Vonovia's Public Takeover of BUWOG (Schoenherr, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA: ArcelorMittal Zenica, Finnfund, KPA Unicon Oy, and City of Zenica Public-Private Partnership (CMS and Karanovic & Partners)

BULGARIA: OTP's Acquisition of Societe Generale Expressbank and Subsidiaries (Schoenherr; CMS; Kalo & Associates; Jones Day)

CROATIA: Meteor Group's Acquisition of Badel 1862 (Ostermann & Partners; Law Firm Svilar)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Advent's Acquisition of Zentiva from Sanofi (CMS; Dentons; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Ropes & Gray; Kirkland & Ellis; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii)

ESTONIA: Blackstone Group's Acquisition of a Majority Stake in Luminor (Ellex; COBALT; Allen & Overy; Hamilton Advokatbyra)

GREECE: Bain Capital Credit's Acquisition of Non-Performing and Credit Exposures from Piraeus Bank (Shearman & Sterling; Kirkland & Ellis; Karatzas & Partners; Andreas Angelidis & Associates; Allen & Overy; Koutalidis Law Firm; Zepos & Yanopoulos)

HUNGARY: Vodafone's Acquisition of Liberty Global's Operations in Germany, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Romania (CMS; Lakatos Kovacs & Partners; Shearman & Sterling; Slaughter & May; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Ropes & Gray; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii)

LATVIA: Blackstone Group's Acquisition of a Majority Stake in Luminor (Ellex; COBALT; Allen & Overy; Hamilton Advokatbyra)

LITHUANIA: Blackstone Group's Acquisition of a Majority Stake in Luminor (Ellex; COBALT; Allen & Overy; Hamilton Advokatbyra)



MOLDOVA: Acquisition by the EBRD, AB Invalda INVL, and Horizon Capital of Stake in Moldova Agroindbank from the Moldovan Government (Gladei & Partners; CMS; Efrim, Rosca & Associates)

MONTENEGRO: PPF Group's Acquisition of Telenor's Telecommunications Assets in CEE (Boyanov & Co.; Karanovic & Partners; White & Case; Latham & Watkins; Allen & Overy; Schoenherr; BDK Advokati; Szecskay Attorneys at Law; Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov)

POLAND: Polish Development Fund's Acquisition of PESA Bydgoszcz S.A. (Linklaters; Weil Gotshal & Manges)

ROMANIA: Black Sea Oil & Gas EPCIC Contract with GSP Offshore (Ijdelea Mihailescu; Stronachs)

RUSSIA: Merger of CJSC Transmashholding and LocoTech-Service LLC (Herbert Smith Freehills; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Allen & Overy; Harneys; Stibbe; Michael Kyprianou; Bellpark Legal)

SERBIA: Privatization of Belgrade's Nikola Tesla Airport (Allen & Overy; Dentons; BDK Advokati; Andric Law Office; Vasiljevic Bogdanovic; CMS; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe; Graf & Pitkowitz; Zivkovic | Samardzic)

SLOVAKIA: Zapadoslovenska Energetika's Acquisition of the Malzenice Power Plant from E.ON (Allen & Overy; Kinstellar)

SLOVENIA: Novo Ljubljanska Banka IPO (Clifford Chance; Shearman & Sterling)

TURKEY: Canakkale Motorway Project (Shearman & Sterling; Goksu Safi Isuk; Clifford Chance; Verdi Law Firm)

UKRAINE: SALIC's Acquisition of Mriya Agro Holding (Redcliffe Partners; Hogan Lovells; Dickson Minto; Sayenko Kharenko)

BALTIC DEAL OF THE YEAR:

Blackstone Group's Acquisition of a Majority Stake in Luminor (Ellex; COBALT; Allen & Overy; Hamilton Advokatbyra)

CEE DEAL OF THE YEAR:

Advent's Acquisition of Zentiva from Sanofi (CMS; Dentons; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Ropes & Gray; Kirkland & Ellis; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii)

Date	Firms Involved	Deal/Litigation	Value	Country
2-Mar	Deloitte Legal; Kontogeorgiou Bakopanou & Associates	Deloitte Legal, working in collaboration with Kontogeorgiou Bakopanou & Associates, assisted the shareholders of All Balcans Corporation Sha on the selling of their entire stake in the company to Neregelia Trading LTD dhe Beta Group Shpk.	N/A	Albania
29-Oct	Deloitte Legal	Deloitte Legal assisted Albanian Telecommunication Unions Shpk on its takeover of 85% of the share capital in Digicom Shpk.	N/A	Albania
14-Dec	Arcliffe; ODI Law	Arcliffe assisted Yazaki on corporate and labor-related matters related to the company's activity in Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, and Croatia. ODI Law supported Arcliffe in the Adria region countries.	N/A	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; Czech Republic; Montenegro; Romania; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia
2-Oct	BDK Advokati; Kalo & Associates; Kirkland & Ellis; Polenak; Schoenherr; Selih & Partners	BDK Advokati, Kirkland & Ellis, Selih & Partners, Polenak, and Kalo & Associates advised BC Partners on its agreement to acquire a majority stake in United Group B.V. from KKR.	N/A	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; Macedonia; Montenegro; Serbia; Slovenia
29-Aug	CMS; Jones Day; Kalo & Associates; Schoenherr	CMS acted with lead counsel Jones Day in advising the OTP Bank Group on its acquisition of Societe Generale subsidiaries SG Expressbank Group, Sogelife Insurance Company, and SG Banka Albania, for over EUR 600 million. Schoenherr and Kalo & Associates in Tirana advised Societe Generale on the sale.	EUR 600 million	Albania; Bulgaria; Hungary
13-Feb	DBK Partners; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Kerameus & Partners	DBK Partners acted as local counsel to National Bank of Greece S.A. on the February 2, 2018 sale of NBG's entire stake in its Albanian subsidiary, Banka NBG Albania Sh.A. to American Bank of Investments SHA. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer served as international counsel to MBG on the sale, while Kerameus & Partners advised ABL.	N/A	Albania; Greece
13-Feb	CR Partners; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Kerameus & Partners	CR Partners acted as local counsel to National Bank of Greece S.A. on the sale of NBG's entire stake in its Albanian subsidiary, Banka NBG Albania Sh.A. to American Bank of Investments SHA. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer served as international counsel to MBG on the sale, while Kerameus & Partners advised ABL.	N/A	Albania; Greece
1-Mar	Drakopoulos; Manos Markakis Law Office	Drakopoulos helped Chipita settled a dispute with ELKA/Interelka for trade dress infringement in Greece and Albania. ELKA/Interelka was represented by Manos Markakis Law office,	N/A	Albania; Greece
31-Aug	Andrikopoulos Law Firm; Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos assisted Hygeia Hospital Tirana with regard to the acquisition of 100% of its shares by a local company. Andrikopoulos Law Firm is advising Hygeia Hospital Tirana in Greece.	EUR 29.5 million	Albania; Greece
10-Aug	Deloitte Legal	Deloitte Legal assisted Turkiye Maarif Vakfi on its takeover of 100% of the share capital in University of New York of Tirana Shpk.	N/A	Albania; Turkey
1-Jan	Binder Groesswang; Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Vavrovsky Heine Marth	CHSH advised Luxembourg-based Wohnen Plus Fonds on the establishment of a joint venture with Austrian real estate developer WienWert. Binder Groesswang advised Wohnen Plus Fonds on the Syndicate Agreement. Vavrovsky Heine Marth advised WienWert.	EUR 22 million	Austria
1-Jan	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Manhart Einsle & Partner	CHSH advised SES Spar European Shopping Centers on the sale of a small shopping center (Kronenhaus Bludenz) in the federal state of Vorarlberg to German and South African high-net-worth individuals via a share deal. Manhart Einsle & Partner advised the buyers.	N/A	Austria
2-Jan	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati advised red-stars.com data AG on the expansion of its M2M telecoms segment by means of an acquisition of a 50% stake in Freeeway GmbH and on the capital increase by subsidiary Machine & Voice Communication GmbH resulting from a new investment by KLK Holding Ltd.	N/A	Austria
4-Jan	Schoenherr; Weber & Co	Schoenherr advised BUWOG AG on Vonovia SE's voluntary public takeover bid of the company. Vonovia was advised by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, with Clifford Chance Germany and Austria's Weber & Co advising JP Morgan on debt financing provided to Vonovia to support the transaction.	N/A	Austria
4-Jan	Lattenmayer, Luks & Enzinger; Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partners	SCWP Schindhelm advised Upper Austrian housing company WAG Wohnungsanlagengesellschaft on its acquisition of Vienna's KALLCO Group project and property developer. Lattenmayer, Luks & Enzinger advised the seller on the deal.	N/A	Austria
8-Jan	Baker Mckenzie; Frierich Schubert; Graf & Pitkowitz	Graf & Pitkowitz advised the Fleissner Group on the sale of the Fachmarktzentrum Deutschlandsberg retail park, which arose in 2000 from a joint venture between the Fleissner Group and the Kuess Group. The Kuess Group was advised by the Frierich Schubert law firm, and the buyer, TH Real Estate, which acquired the park for the Austria Property Fund, was counseled by Baker McKenzie.	N/A	Austria
11-Jan	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Schoenherr; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner	Schoenherr advised Zurich-listed Liechtensteinische Landesbank AG on its acquisition of Semper Constantia Privatbank AG. Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner advised Semper Constantia Privatbank Aktiengesellschaft; CHSH has given a second opinion on the acquisition of Semper Constantia Privatbank AG, Vienna and the intended merger between Semper Constantia Privatbank AG and Liechtensteinische Landesbank AG "LLB" in 2018. According to CHSH, "the opinion was the decisive factor to determine the direction of the merger of the two legal entities."	EUR 185 million	Austria
11-Jan	Herbst Kinsky	Herbst Kinsky advised Hookipa Biotech AG in connection with an oversubscribed series C financing round in the amount of EUR 50 million.	EUR 50 million	Austria
16-Jan	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner successfully represented the Timber Industry section of the Upper Austrian Economic Chamber in its opposition to an attempt to repeal the membership fee regulation in the Chamber made to the Austrian Constitutional Court.	N/A	Austria
16-Jan	Brandl & Talos; DLA Piper; Herbst Kinsky	Brandl & Talos advised the shareholders of Viennese biotech company Themis Bioscience GmbH on a Series C Financing Round. One of the shareholders, the Global Health Investment Fund, was also advised by DLA Piper, while Themis Bioscience was represented by Herbst Kinsky.	N/A	Austria
22-Jan	Herbst Kinsky; Laga	Herbst Kinsky advised Miracor Medical Systems GmbH on its cross-border merger and subsequent EUR 25 million financing round with Miracor Medical SA. Miracor Medical SA was represented by Belgian law firm Laga.	EUR 25 million	Austria

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22-Jan	PHH Attorneys at Law	PHH Rechtsanwälte advised CIDAN Machinery Sweden AB on the acquisition of all shares of Forstner Maschinenbau GmbH.	N/A	Austria
25-Jan	Dorda	Dorda advised the Sazka Group, a Czech lottery and gaming group, on the acquisition of shares of Casinos Austria held by Leipzig-Lundenburg Invest Beteiligungs AG and UNIQA Beteiligungs-Holding GmbH.	N/A	Austria
30-Jan	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Eversheds Sutherland	CHSH advised the Acron Group on the sale of the Wien Westbahnhof A3 commercial property at BahnhofCity Wien West to the REAL I.S. Group, which was represented by Eversheds Sutherland.	N/A	Austria
6-Feb	Beurle Oberndorfer Mitterlehner; Vavrovsky Heine Marth	Vavrovsky Heine Marth advised Tyrolean Ing. Hans Bodner Baugesellschaft mbH & Co KG in a tender process for the reconstruction of part of the NeuBau 3 tobacco factory. The tender process was conducted by an affiliate of the city of Linz, which was represented by Beurle Oberndorfer Mitterlehner.	N/A	Austria
7-Feb	Graf & Pitkowitz	Graf & Pitkowitz persuaded the European Court of Justice to dismiss a class action brought against its client, Facebook, by Austrian lawyer and activist Maximilian Schrems.	N/A	Austria
8-Feb	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss Austria advised Erste Group Bank in arranging and placing two Sparkassen Immobilien bond issuances. S Immo was advised by Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati.	EUR 150 million	Austria
12-Feb	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Linklaters; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss provided Austrian legal advice and Linklaters provided German advice on Raiffeisen Bank International's issuance of EUR 500 million additional tier notes. Freshfields advised the Joint Lead Managers.	EUR 500 million	Austria
12-Feb	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Linklaters; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss provided Austrian legal advice and Linklaters provided German advice on Raiffeisen Bank International's issuance of EUR 500 million additional tier notes. Freshfields reportedly advised the Joint Lead Managers on both German and Austrian legal matters.	EUR 500 million	Austria
14-Feb	Rautner	Rautner Rechtsanwälte advised an international banking consortium consisting of Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (Technical Lead), Credit Agricole, Credit Suisse, DZ BANK, and Erste Group as Joint Lead Managers for Erste Group AG's issuance of a EUR 1 billion fixed-rate mortgage Pfandbrief.	EUR 1 billion	Austria
28-Feb	Vanovac; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss and Gleiss Lutz advised Liechtenstein-based construction machinery manufacturer Hilti on its acquisition of Austrian company Bst Brandschutztechnik Doppl GmbH and its sales company in Germany. The Vanovac law firm coordinated the work of several other firms advising Bst Brandschutztechnik Doppl on the sale.	N/A	Austria
28-Feb	Fiebinger Polak & Partner; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Heineken and Brau Union on the acquisition of a 70% stake in Austrian beverages retailer Rudolf Ammersin GmbH. Fiebinger Polak & Partner advised the sellers.	N/A	Austria
1-Mar	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Linklaters	CHSH and Linklaters advised ING Groep N.V. et. al. on the March 2018 update of the Austrian-related parts of their Debt Issuance Program.	N/A	Austria
8-Mar	Dorda; Felner Wratzfeld & Partner	Dorda advised Cyoss GmbH, a German provider of data analytics and IT and OT security, on the acquisition of a majority stake in RadarServices, a European technology company in the field of cyber attack detection and response. The shareholders of RadarServices were represented by FWP on the deal.	N/A	Austria
9-Mar	Buse Heberer Fromm; Eisenberger & Herzog; Herbert Smith Freehills; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and Buse Heberer Fromm advised British specialty chemicals company Synthomer plc on its acquisition of BASF SE's production site for styrene-butadiene-based paper dispersions in Pischelsdorf, Austria. BASF SE was represented by Eisenberger & Herzog. Herbert Smith Freehills was lead competition counsel.	N/A	Austria
15-Mar	Freimuller Obereder Pilz; Schoenherr	Schoenherr supported IAC Applications on the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Austrian start-ups iTranslate and 24apps from their founders. Freimuller Obereder Pilz advised the sellers.	N/A	Austria
16-Mar	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Bitpanda on the legal structuring of an Initial Coin Offering related to the company's launch of its new open-source research project, Pantos.	N/A	Austria
19-Mar	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Jank Weiler Operenyi; Kuhn Rechtsanwälte; Weber & Co	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati advised Fosun Industrial Holdings Limited on its takeover of the Wolford AG textile group, which is headquartered in Vorarlberg, Austria. Wolford AG was represented by Weber & Co and the selling core shareholder group was advised by Kuhn Rechtsanwälte. Jank Weiler Operenyi Rechtsanwälte acted as legal counsel to Wolford's financing banks.	EUR 90 million	Austria
22-Mar	Act Legal (WMWP)	Act Legal Austria supported T-Matix with the successful closing of a new financing round.	N/A	Austria
23-Mar	Dorda	Dorda advised EGGGER Holzwerkstoffe GmbH on a EUR 150 million hybrid bond issue.	EUR 150 million	Austria
23-Mar	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance; Eisenberger & Herzog; Griss & Partners; Scherbaum Seebacher; Schindler Attorneys	Eisenberger & Herzog, Schindler Attorneys, and RTPR Allen & Overy acted as counsels for funds managed by Deutsche Private Equity Management III GmbH in the acquisition of the majority of the shares from Austria's VTU Anlagenplanung & Lieferung GmbH and VTU Engineering Deutschland GmbH.	N/A	Austria
26-Mar	Binder Groesswang	Binder Groesswang advised Austrian electricity provider Verbund AG, on the issuance of a green bonded loan, arranged by German bank Helaba Landesbank Hessen-Thuringen.	EUR 100 million	Austria
31-Mar	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised the arrangers and initial purchasers Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs and UBS Limited in connection with the comprehensive approx EUR 1.5 billion combined notes and senior facilities refinancing of Nomad Foods Limited. The deal consisted of a EUR 400 million floating rate senior secured high yield bond and approximately EUR 1.1 billion of senior debt (in the form of a EUR 500 million term facility and USD 610 million term facility).	EUR 1.5 billion	Austria
1-Apr	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Linklaters; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and Linklaters advised Barclays Bank plc as agent, security agent and original lender in connection with Alpha Group Sarl's EUR 335 million senior secured credit facility. Freshfields advised the borrower.	EUR 335 million	Austria
1-Apr	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Taylor Wessing	CHSH advised Universal-Investment, a fund company based in Frankfurt, on its acquisition of the FMZ Stadlau retail park in Vienna from a core plus fund advised by Tristan Capital Partners. Taylor Wessing advised the seller.	EUR 39 million	Austria
1-Apr	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Ithuba Capital AG on the establishment of an EuVECA fund vehicle designed to operate in Austria, Germany, Poland, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Spain, Hungary, Slovakia, Sweden, and Slovenia.	EUR 50 million	Austria
1-Apr	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Dorda	CHSH advised IC Development on its sale of the Denk Drei office complex in Vienna to ARE, a subsidiary of Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft mbH. Dorda advised ARE.	N/A	Austria

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5-Apr	BGT Rechtsanwälte; bpv Hugel; Brandl & Talos; Schoenherr	Brandl & Talos advised aws-mittelstandsfonds Management GmbH on its acquisition of Austrian medical products and surgical equipment manufacturer A.M.I. Schoenherr advised one of the shareholders in the management vehicle which acquired A.M.I. along with aws-mittelstandsfonds Management GmbH, while the seller was advised by bpv Hugel.	N/A	Austria
12-Apr	CMS	CMS advised the Hirmer Group on its acquisition of Travel Charme Hotels & Resorts, a resort and holiday hotel chain in Germany and Austria, from Zurich-based Travel Charme Hotels & Resorts AG.	N/A	Austria
13-Apr	Binder Groesswang	Flick Gocke Schaumburg and Binder Groesswang advised VR Equitypartner GmbH and HOR Technologie GmbH on the acquisition of family-owned company Pichler & Strobl GmbH. The seller, who requested anonymity, was represented by Vavrovsky Heine Marth.	N/A	Austria
19-Apr	Baker Mckenzie; Dorda; Latham & Watkins	Dorda worked alongside lead counsel Latham & Watkins in advising Swiss private equity investor Capvis on its acquisition of a majority stake in the Amann Girschbach-Group. Baker McKenzie advised the seller, investment company TA Associates.	N/A	Austria
24-Apr	Baker Mckenzie; K&L Gates; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and K&L Gates advised German property investor Art-Invest Real Estate on the acquisition of 390 apartments in Vienna's third district from Premium Immobilien AG and ARE Austrian Real Estate Development GmbH, which were represented by Baker & McKenzie.	N/A	Austria
24-Apr	CMS	CMS and Linklaters advised Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) as the sole bookrunner in connection with the listing of two convertible bonds of South Korean LG Chem on the Vienna Stock Exchange. Cleary Gottlieb acted as international counsel to LG Chem on the bond offering	N/A	Austria
2-May	Eisenberger & Herzog; Hengeller Mueller; Linklaters	Hengeler Mueller and Eisenberger & Herzog advised BAWAG Group AG on all aspects of an AT 1 issuance in the amount of EUR 300 million.	EUR 300 million	Austria
2-May	Binder Groesswang	Working pro bono, Binder Groesswang advised on the creation of a social impact hybrid bond to finance the CAPE 10 social project: a proposed medical treatment center for homeless and socially disadvantaged people initiated by Viennese doctor Siegfried Meryn.	N/A	Austria
3-May	Eisenberger & Herzog; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised German building-materials specialist Rohrdorfer Group on its acquisition of Semmelrock Group's paver business in Austria. Eisenberger & Herzog advised the sellers.	N/A	Austria
4-May	Dorda; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Lee & Ko.	Dorda advised the shareholders of the ZKW Group on the EUR 1.1 billion sale of the company to South Korea's LG Corporation and LG Electronics. LG was advised by Freshfields and Lee & Ko.	EUR 1.1 billion	Austria
9-May	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised SAnova Pharma GesmbH on the purchase of Okopharm GmbH's core 45 over the counter nutritional supplement products via an asset deal and on the establishment of a strategic partnership for future developments in the sector.	N/A	Austria
10-May	Bock Fuchs Nonhoff; Vavrovsky Heine Marth	Vavrovsky Heine Marth advised GalCap Europe on its acquisition of the Vienna Bio Center II and the Vienna Competence Center - two offices and a laboratory in Vienna - from the German investment company WealthCap, which was advised by Bock Fuchs Nonhoff.	N/A	Austria
15-May	Act Legal (WMWP); Freimuller Obereder Pilz; Herbst Kinsky	WMWP Act Legal advised aws Gruenderfonds in the course of Series A financing for Adverity - an Austrian company that specializes in integration and analysis of marketing data. Mangrove Capital Partners, which was involved as a lead investor, was advised by Herbst Kinsky. Freimuller Obereder Pilz advised Adverity in the deal.	EUR 3.2 million	Austria
16-May	Weber & Co; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark AG on the issuance of EUR 500 million mortgage-backed bonds under its Bonds and Certificates offering program. The Joint Lead Managers were DZ BANK AG, Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank Frankfurt am Main, Erste Group Bank AG, Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, and UniCredit Bank AG, advised by Weber & Co.	N/A	Austria
18-May	Binder Groesswang; Herbst Kinsky; Sidley Austin	Binder Groesswang and Willkie Farr & Gallagher advised Ardian on the sale of ESIM Chemicals to an affiliate of Sun European Partners, LLP. The buyer was represented by Sidley Austin and Herbst Kinsky.	N/A	Austria
23-May	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised South Korean LG Electronics and LG Corporation on its acquisition of Austria's ZKW group from Mommert Holding GmbH.	EUR 1.1 billion	Austria
23-May	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Chiomenti; Dentons; Latham & Watkins; Schoenherr; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss, working with Italian offices of Dentons, advised the shareholders of Lifebrain on the sale of its shares to an investment subsidiary of Investindustria VI L.P. Investindustria, which was advised by Italy's Chiomenti law firm, with CHSH acting as local counsel for Austria, now owns 96% of Lifebrain. Schoenherr, alongside lead counsel Latham & Watkins, advised UniCredit, Natixis and RBI as mandated lead arrangers of the debt financing for the acquisition.	N/A	Austria
24-May	Act Legal (WMWP)	Act Legal's Austrian office assisted PPGA Architects in negotiating a contract with Qatari officials after the company won a public tender published by the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha.	N/A	Austria
28-May	Kirkland & Ellis; Norton Rose Fulbright; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss and Norton Rose Fulbright advised Canadian Tire Corporation Limited on its CAD 985 million acquisition of a majority stake in Norwegian sportswear and workwear brand Helly Hansen from the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Kirkland & Ellis advised the sellers.	CAD 985 million	Austria
31-May	Binder Groesswang; Wolf Theiss	Binder Groesswang advised UniCredit Bank Austria AG in connection with financing provided for the construction of The Student Hotel Vienna, which was represented by Wolf Theiss.	N/A	Austria
1-Jun	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Raiffeisenlandesbank NO-Wien AG on the 2018 update of its EUR 5 billion program for the issuance of debt instruments and on the 2018 update of its EUR 5 billion German language Basisprospekt.	EUR 5 billion + EUR 5 billion	Austria
6-Jun	Brandl & Talos; Spoor & Fisher	Brandl & Talos advised Aphria Inc., a Canadian medical cannabis company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, on the forming of a joint venture with South Africa's Verve Group of Companies. As part of the transaction, the new entity, CannInvest Africa Ltd, acquired an interest in Verve Dynamics Inc., a licensed producer of medical cannabis extracts in Lesotho. Verve Group of Companies was advised by Spoor & Fisher.	N/A	Austria
13-Jun	Brandl & Talos; CMS	Brandl & Talos and CMS Slovenia advised the Martens Management Group on its proposed takeover of Cinkarna Celje, a Slovenian corporation listed on the Ljubljana Stock Exchange.	N/A	Austria

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22-Jun	Allen & Overy; Linklaters; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised the UniCredit Group on its establishment of exclusive strategic partnerships with Allianz and Generali for the distribution of insurance products for individuals and small businesses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Allianz was advised by Allen & Overy, and Generali was advised by Linklaters.	N/A	Austria
25-Jun	Herbst Kinsky; Jones Day	Herbst Kinsky advised the owner of Sipwise GmbH on the sale of the company to Alcatel Lucent Enterprises. The buyer was represented by Jones Day.	N/A	Austria
27-Jun	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisen Centrobank Ag on the introduction of reinvesting certificates - an updated base prospectus for Raiffeisen Centrobank's Structured Securities Program published on May 11, 2018.	N/A	Austria
27-Jun	Binder Groesswang	Binder Groesswang, working in cooperation with Veirano Advogados, advised Austria's Lenzing Group, a company specialized in cellulosic fibres, and Brazilian Duratex, a producer of industrialized wood panels, on their entrance into a joint venture, in order to build a single line dissolving wood pulp plant in Brazil.	N/A	Austria
29-Jun	Weber & Co; White & Case	White & Case advised joint lead managers BNP Paribas, J.P. Morgan, Erste Group, ING, MUFG, and Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking on a EUR 500 million hybrid bond issue by OMV Aktiengesellschaft with an initial fixed interest rate and interest adjustment. Weber & Co advised OMV on the deal.	EUR 500 million	Austria
6-Jul	Binder Groesswang; Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Hogan Lovells	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati advised Graz-based disposal and recycling company Saubermacher AG in connection with its joint venture with French company Veolia Environment S.A. Veolia was represented by Binder Groesswang, with Hogan Lovells advising the company on merger approval matters.	N/A	Austria
13-Jul	bpv Hugel; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Starwood Capital Group on the acquisition of a 26% shareholding in CA Immobilien Anlagen AG from Immofinanz AG. bpv Hugel advised Immofinanz.	N/A	Austria
18-Jul	Herbst Kinsky; Schoenherr; Wolf Theiss	Schoenherr advised Dutch capital investment firm Endeit Capital on a EUR 50 million Series C financing round for Austrian tour booking platform TourRadar that was led by TCV. TourRadar was advised by Herbst Kinsky. Wolf Theiss advised TCV.	EUR 50 million	Austria
19-Jul	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Novomatic AG on the sale of a 76.81% stake in I-NEW Unified Mobile Solutions AG to Cyan AG.	EUR 17.1 million	Austria
20-Jul	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised German fund manager Union Investment Real Estate on the acquisition of two properties in Graz. The seller of the Styria Center was a consortium of three private owners, while the Max Tower was purchased from businessman Harald Fischl.	N/A	Austria
23-Jul	White & Case; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Erste Bank, and Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberosterreich Aktiengesellschaft on their green bond issuance. White & Case advised Joint Lead Managers Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank; DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main; HSBC Bank plc; ING Bank N.V.; and Raiffeisen Bank International AG.	N/A	Austria
26-Jul	Weber & Co; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberosterreich Aktiengesellschaft on its June 12, 2018 placement of mortgage-covered bank bonds with a fixed interest rate in the amount of EUR 500 million on the international capital market. Weber & Co advised Joint Lead Managers DekaBank, DZ Bank, Erste Group, Raiffeisen Bank International, and UniCredit.	EUR 500 million	Austria
26-Jul	Allen & Overy; Binder Groesswang; Dorda; Eisenberger & Herzog; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner; Latham & Watkins; Linklaters	Dorda, working alongside international lead counsel Latham & Watkins and Dutch counsel Resor N.V., advised the Ad Hoc Committee of SEAG Lenders of Steinhoff Europe AG on Austrian law matters related to the out-of-court restructuring of its debt. Steinhoff Europe was advised by Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner and Linklaters. The Coordinating Committee of the Banks was represented by Binder Groesswang and Allen & Overy, while the convertible bondholders were advised by Eisenberger & Herzog and Kirkland & Ellis.	N/A	Austria
30-Jul	Allen & Overy; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner; Kirkland & Ellis; Latham & Watkins; Linklaters	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner and the London office of Linklaters advised the Steinhoff Group on its restructuring agreement with creditors. The London offices of Allen & Overy, Latham & Watkins, and Kirkland & Ellis advised the creditors.	N/A	Austria
31-Jul	bpv Hugel	Austria's bpv Hugel advised International Airlines Group on establishing Level (Anisec), a new low-cost airline in Austria.	N/A	Austria
1-Aug	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised SPAR on its EUR 300 million retail issuances and on its commercial paper program.	EUR 500 million	Austria
2-Aug	Bock Fuchs Nonhoff; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss office advised TH Real Estate on its acquisition of the Adler & Ameise office building in Vienna from Blue Capital Europa Immobilien GmbH & Co Siebte Objekte Osterreich KG, represented by WealthCap. Bock Fuchs Nonhoff advised the seller.	N/A	Austria
6-Aug	TWP Rechtsanwälte; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Borealis on the acquisition of 100% of shares in Ecoplast Kunststoffrecycling GmbH from Intrec Vernetzte Recycling-Lösungen GmbH & Co KG. Germany's TWP Rechtsanwälte advised Intrec on the sale.	N/A	Austria
15-Aug	Herbst Kinsky; Schoenherr; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised international tech investor TCV on its investment in Vienna-based travel start-up TourRadar, which was represented by Herbst Kinsky. Endeit Capital, Hoxton Ventures, and Cherry Ventures also formed part of the USD 50 million funding round, with Endeit Capital advised by Schoenherr.	USD 50 million	Austria
27-Aug	Brandl & Talos; Clifford Chance; Heuking Kuhn Luer Wojtek; Willkie Farr & Gallagher	Brandl & Talos, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, and Heuking Kuhn Luer Wojtek advised Ring International Holding AG on its acquisition of the BOA Group, a global manufacturers of flexible metal components. Clifford Chance advised the BOA Group on the sale.	N/A	Austria
3-Sep	Arnold; Eisenberger & Herzog; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner; Gleiss Lutz; Hadley & McCloy; Milbank; Schoenherr; Urbanek Lind Schmied Reisch; Wolf Theiss	Eisenberger & Herzog, in cooperation with the London office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, advised a group of creditors of Steinhoff Holdings' subsidiary Hemisphere Properties on its sale of Kika/Leiner property assets in Austria and several other CEE countries to the Signa Group. Steinhoff was counseled by Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner and Gleiss Lutz, and Hemisphere was advised by Clifford Chance and Wolf Theiss. The Signa Group was advised by Arnold, while Kika/Leiner was represented by Schoenherr, Urbanek Lind Schmied Reisch, and Preslmayr.	N/A	Austria
6-Sep	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised crowdinvesting company CONDA AG on digitalizing the shares and enabled registered shares to be managed via blockchain technology.	N/A	Austria

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14-Sep	Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partners; Vavrovsky Heine Marth	Vavrovsky Heine Marth advised the Buwog Group on its entrance into a partnership with WIK/IES Immobilien Group to develop the Marina Tower residential building in Vienna. Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partner advised WIK/IES Immobilien Group on the deal.	N/A	Austria
18-Sep	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Wieland Ventures GmbH on the acquisition of a 22.1 % stake in UrbanGold, which has developed technology to extract valuable metals from electrical and electronic waste.	N/A	Austria
20-Sep	Allen & Overy; Davis Polk & Wardwell	Allen & Overy advised Oesterreichische Kontrollbank on its public offering of USD 1.5 billion of 2.875% Guaranteed Global Notes due 2021. The underwriters, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, J.P. Morgan Securities, and RBC Capital Markets, were represented by Davis Polk & Wardwell.	N/A	Austria
21-Sep	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Aves One AG on its EUR 155 million senior facility refinancing in the form of a new facility agreement arranged by a consortium of German banks. The lenders were advised by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Vienna and Frankfurt.	EUR 155 million	Austria
24-Sep	Weber & Co; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisenlandesbank Vorarlberg on its first issue of a EUR 500 million bond. The banking consortium responsible for placing the bond on the international capital market was represented by Weber & Co	EUR 500 million	Austria
24-Sep	Act Legal (WMWP)	WMWP Act Legal advised Vienna-based start-up Saturo Foods on an investment by Square One Foods.	N/A	Austria
26-Sep	Baker McKenzie	The Vienna office of Baker McKenzie advised Austrian start-up company Klaiton on the entry of Germany's Haufe Group as a strategic investor.	N/A	Austria
27-Sep	Baker McKenzie; Hogan Lovells	Baker McKenzie advised Austrian certification expert Intact GmbH on its sale of a majority stake in the company to German investment company IMCap Partners. The buyer was represented by Hogan Lovells' Dusseldorf office.	N/A	Austria
2-Oct	Arnold; bpv Hugel; Eisenberger & Herzog	bpv Hugel advised Immofinanz on the acquisition of a 29.14% stake in S IMMO AG for approximately EUR 390 million from companies of the RPR group (approximately 14.6 million shares), represented by Eisenberger & Herzog, and the SIGNA group (approximately 4.9 million shares), represented by Arnold.	EUR 390 million	Austria
4-Oct	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Raiffeisen Bank International AG and UniCredit Bank Austria AG as joint lead managers on the placement of CA Immobilien Anlagen Aktiengesellschaft's EUR 150 million bond. Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati advised CA Immo on the deal.	EUR 150 million	Austria
9-Oct	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner advised the Vienna Business Agency on the development of framework procurement agreements for start-up services.	N/A	Austria
11-Oct	Paul Weiss; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Palladium Equity Partners on Austrian elements of its acquisition of Kymera International from Platinum Equity. Paul Weiss advised the seller.	N/A	Austria
15-Oct	B-Legal; SCWP Schindhelm	SCWP Schindhelm advised UBM Development on the acquisition of a 23,000 square meter property located near the Danube Canal in Vienna from Reitenburg. The seller, represented by B-legal, continues to hold a 10% interest in the project.	N/A	Austria
17-Oct	Brandl & Talos	Brandl & Talos advised VMS Value Management on sponsoring its third private equity fund.	EUR 80 million	Austria
26-Oct	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica; bpv Hugel; Clifford Chance; Latham & Watkins; Lenz & Staehelin	bpv Hugel advised Raiffeisen Informatik GmbH on its sale of 100% of the shares in global IT service provider Comporex to SoftwareOne, a platform, solutions, and services company. Lenz & Staehelin and Latham & Watkins advised the buyers on the transaction. bpv Grigorescu Stefanica acted as local counsel to Raiffeisen Informatik in Romania. Clifford Chance advised Comporex as the target.	N/A	Austria
26-Oct	Binder Groesswang; Wolf Theiss	Binder Groesswang advised Mayr-Melnhof Packaging on its acquisition of the TANN Group from Eurasia Invest Holding AG. Wolf Theiss advised Eurasia Invest Holding AG on the deal.	N/A	Austria
30-Oct	Vavrovsky Heine Marth	Vavrovsky Heine Marth advised Volksbank Wien AG on the sale of its corporate headquarters in Vienna's city center to a consortium consisting of Austria's Federal Real Estate Company and Irma Investments and on the leasing of the company's new business center in Vienna Erdberg from CA Immo.	EUR 80 million	Austria
31-Oct	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Erste Group on its first fully digital issue of a borrower's loan note via a blockchain platform in Europe.	N/A	Austria
20-Nov	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner advised the banks of the Waagner-Biro group on the company's restructuring and sale to Grosso Holding.	N/A	Austria
20-Nov	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss Vienna advised Panoro Energy ASA on its acquisition of OMV's wholly-owned subsidiary, Tunisia Upstream GmbH.	USD 65 million	Austria
22-Nov	DLA Piper; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised RBI and Erste Bank as joint lead managers and bookrunners on UBM Development AG's EUR 75 million corporate bond and as dealer managers of an exchange offer. DLA Piper advised UBM Development.	EUR 75 million	Austria
23-Nov	PKHV; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised real estate investor and manager Westcore Europe on its acquisition of the U6 Center office and warehouse property in Vienna from Hanseatische Immobilienfonds Oesterreich IV and Germany's HCI Treuhand Geschlossener real estate fund. The sellers were advised by PKHV Rechtsanwälte.	N/A	Austria
30-Nov	Baker McKenzie; Linklaters; Latham & Watkins; Schoenherr	Schoenherr, working with Linklaters London, advised SIX on its setting-up of a strategic partnership with Wordline SA in the cards business (merchant acceptance & acquiring and international card processing). As part of the deal, SIX agreed to contribute its existing cards business into the partnership and receive a 27% stake in Wordline to participate in the future growth of the business. The total consideration of EUR 2.303 billion (CHF 2.750 billion) consists of 49.1 million newly-issued Wordline shares and a cash consideration of CHF 319 million (EUR 267 million). Latham & Watkins advised Wordline globally and Baker McKenzie advised Wordline on Austrian law.	EUR 2.3 billion	Austria
30-Nov	Binder Groesswang; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Gomez-Acebo & Pombo; Noerr	Binder Groesswang, Noerr, and Spain's Gomez-Acebo & Pombo advised Japan's Daikin Group on the EUR 881 million acquisition of AHT Group from the Bridgepoint private equity group. The Frankfurt office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised the sellers on the deal.	EUR 881 million	Austria
4-Dec	Delphi; PHH Attorneys at Law; Schoenherr; Tornngren Magnell	Schoenherr Vienna and Sweden's Delphi law firm advised AddLife AB on the acquisition of Austrian life sciences company Biomedica Medizinprodukte GmbH. The sellers of Biomedica were advised by PHH Attorneys at Law and Sweden's Tornngren Magnell law firm.	EUR 39 million	Austria
7-Dec	Weber & Co; White & Case	Weber & Co advised OMV Aktiengesellschaft in connection with the issue of a corporate bond in an aggregate volume of EUR 1 billion. White & Case advised the Joint Lead Managers on the bond issue.	EUR 1 billion	Austria

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10-Dec	Brandl & Talos	Brandl & Talos advised aws Grunderfonds on its investment into Viennese start-up ToolSense GmbH.	N/A	Austria
13-Dec	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	Austria's Central Public Prosecutor's Office for White-Collar Crime and Corruption dropped charges against Matthias Hartmann, the former Director of Austria's Burgtheater, who was represented by Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati.	N/A	Austria
14-Dec	Doralt Seist Csoklich; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Soravia on the sale of its "The Brick" building complex to Wiener Stadtische Versicherung. Doralt Seist Csoklich advised the buyers on the deal.	N/A	Austria
4-Jul	Jadek & Pensa; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised the Chinese home appliance producer Hisense on its takeover offer for 95% of the shares in Slovenian White-goods manufacturer Gorenje. Jadek & Pensa advised Gorenje on the sale.	EUR 250 million	Austria; Albania; Bulgaria; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Czech Republic; Poland; Romania; Serbia; Slovenia; Ukraine
28-Feb	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Avcon Jet AG (Austria) on regulatory issues with respect to transferring and receiving international lease payments in the Republic of Belarus. The advice on the regulatory regime in Belarus was provided in connection with the sale of a business jet to a customer in Belarus.	N/A	Austria; Belarus
20-Nov	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Lukoil International GmbH (Austria) on structuring corporate governance in subsidiary Lukoil Belorussia FLLC. The work included corporate, employment, and tax issues.	N/A	Austria; Belarus
30-Nov	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Silgan Holdings Austria GmbH on the liquidation of its Belarusian subsidiary Silgan Metal Packaging Grodno FLLC.	N/A	Austria; Belarus
31-Jul	Afridi & Angell Legal Consultants; Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Luther	CHSH advised KSBH Limited (UAE) on structuring financing of its indirect subsidiary Miory Group LLC (Belarus). CHSH acted as lead counsel and coordinated the work of local counsels in Singapore and the United Arab Emirates. Luther LLP advised on Singapore law and Afridi & Angell Legal Consultants advised on UAE law.	EUR 34 million	Austria; Belarus; Russia
20-Nov	Baker McKenzie; Covington & Burling; CMS; ODI Law; Simkins; Van Bael & Bellis	Baker McKenzie, ODI Law, Simkins, Covington & Burling, and Van Bael & Bellis advised MHP SE on the acquisition of 90.68% of the issued capital of Perutnina Ptuj, d.d. Schoenherr Vienna advised the sellers on the deal and CMS London advised ING, MHP's financial partner.	N/A	Austria; Bosnia & Herzegovina; Croatia; Macedonia; Serbia; Slovenia; Romania; Ukraine
24-Dec	EY Law; Sajic Law Firm	The Sajic Law Firm successfully advised Hidraulika Flex d.o.o. Laktasi on the sale of 60% shares to Austria's Pewag Engineering GmbH for EUR 3.9 million. EY Law advised the buyer.	EUR 3.9 million	Austria; Bosnia and Herzegovina
3-Jul	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised BMI Securities Ltd, Hong Kong as lead manager on the debut issue of an international bond by the Republic of Srpska of up to EUR 200,000,000, 4.75% Notes due 2023.	EUR 200 million	Austria; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Serbia
28-Mar	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov succeeded in having a foreign arbitral award on behalf of Sandvik Bulgaria in proceedings held under the auspices of the Vienna International Arbitral Center recognized and enforced in Bulgaria.	N/A	Austria; Bulgaria
26-Apr	Allen & Overy; Boyanov & Co; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Boyanov & Co. advised Bulgarian telecommunications company Vivacom on the refinancing of its EUR 400 million worth of from a syndicate of more than a dozen financial institutions. The banks were represented by Allen & Overy.	EUR 400 million	Austria; Bulgaria
21-Dec	Baker McKenzie; Norton Rose Fulbright; Musat & Asociatii; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Energizer Holding Inc., on the acquisition of Spectrum Brands' global battery and portable lightning business. Wolf Theiss assisted Energizer in Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. Musat & Asociatii advised the seller in Romania. Norton Rose Fulbright was lead counsel for Energizer and Baker McKenzie was international counsel to Spectrum Brands.	USD 2 billion	Austria; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Croatia; Hungary; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Ukraine
30-Jan	Aschmann & Pfandl; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner advised the Wienerberger Group on its acquisition of the Brenner brick factory from by Ziegelwerk Brenner, F. Wirth Gesellschaft GmbH, which was represented by Aschmann & Pfandl.	N/A	Austria; Croatia
2-Jul	Arnold; Eisenberger & Herzog; Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner; Milbank; Schoenherr; Urbaneck Lind Schmied Reisch; Wolf Theiss	Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner and Wolf Theiss advised the Steinhoff Group on the sale of the Kika/Leiner Group to Signa Holding. Arnold Rechtsanwälte advised Signa Holding on the acquisition. Kika was represented by Urbaneck Lind Schmied Reisch on the sale. Eisenberger & Herzog and the London office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy advised a group of creditors of the seller of Kika/Leiner's property assets in Austria and several CEE countries.	N/A	Austria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Hungary; Romania; Slovakia
14-Feb	Alrud; Avellum; Arendt & Medernach; Binder Groesswang; DLA Piper; Homburger; White & Case; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss offices in Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Ukraine, working with Switzerland's Homburger AG and Luxembourg's Arendt & Medernach, advised the Munich RE Group on the sale by its ERGO Group AG subsidiary of its legal protection subsidiary DAS Switzerland and the legal protection insurance portfolios of DAS Luxembourg and DAS Slovakia to the Allianz Group. White & Case and Binder Groesswang advised the Allianz Group. Avellum advised the buyer on Ukrainian aspects. Alrud represented Munich RE (ERGA Group) in Russia and DLA Piper Moscow advised the buyer.	EUR 1.3 million	Austria; Croatia; Hungary; Russia; Slovenia; Slovakia; Ukraine
11-Jul	CMS	CMS advised Viennese car park operator Best In Parking on its launch of a debt issuance program of EUR 175 million through its finance company.	EUR 175 million	Austria; Croatia; Slovakia

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31-Oct	Aequo; Hengeler Mueller; K&L Gates; Wolf Theiss	Aequo advised Ipsos, a market research and consulting firm, on Ukrainian law matters related to its acquisition of the global Customer Experience, Experience Innovation, Health and Public Affairs divisions of the GfK Custom Research Business. Wolf Theiss advised Ipsos Group in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, and Ukraine. K&L Gates was the lead counsel to Ipsos and Hengeler Mueller advised the seller globally.	EUR 105 million	Austria; Czech Republic; Hungary; Romania; Ukraine
11-Apr	Clifford Chance; Gleiss Lutz; Homburger; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised the Alpiq Group, a Swiss energy services provider and electricity producer, on the CHF 850 million sale of its industrial business to French building company Bouygues Construction. Homburger was the global advisor to the seller and Gleiss Lutz advised the seller on German law, and Clifford Chance advised the buyers.	CHF 850 million	Austria; Czech Republic; Romania
29-Mar	Baker McKenzie; Latham & Watkins; Schoenherr; Stikeman Elliott; Torrys; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Schoenherr advised Platinum Equity in the Czech Republic, Serbia, and Austria on the acquisition of Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd. from Berkshire Partners and OMERS Private Equity. Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised the sellers and Latham & Watkins advised Platinum Equity globally. Torrys and Stikeman Elliott advised the sellers and Platinum Equity, respectively, on Canadian law. Baker McKenzie advised Platinum Equity on regulatory law.	EUR 3.39 billion	Austria; Czech Republic; Serbia
13-Apr	Graf Patsch Taucher; JSK; Majernik & Mihalikova; Misik	JSK, Majernik & Mihalikova, and Graf Patsch Taucher advised ARBES Technologies on its cross-border acquisition of the Slovak software company FINAMIS. The sellers were advised by the Misik law firm.	N/A	Austria; Czech Republic; Slovakia
13-Jul	Brandl & Talos; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Linklaters; Niederer Kraft Frey	Brandl & Talos and Swiss law firm Niederer Kraft Frey advised Sportradar AG and company CEO Carsten Koerl on the EUR 2.1 billion sale by private equity firm EQT and minority shareholders of a stake in the company to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and growth equity firm TCV. The buyers were represented by Linklaters, while EQT was represented by Freshfields.	EUR 2.1 billion	Austria; Estonia
29-Mar	Brandl & Talos; Ellex (Raidla); Sorainen; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Sorainen, Weil Gotshal & Manges, and Brandl & Talos advised investment company Novalpina on the public offer by its Odyssey Europe AS subsidiary to acquire all the shares in the listed Estonian gaming group Olympic Entertainment Group from Hansa Assets OU and Hendaya Invest OU. Ellex Raidla advised the sellers.	N/A	Austria; Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
1-Oct	Burai-Kovacs Perlaki Stanka Szikla & Partners; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Hungary advised OMV Hungaria Asvanyolaj Kft. and OMV Refining and Marketing GmbH in the course of the acquisition of a 51.72% stake in Dunatar Koolajtermektarolo Kft. Burai-Kovacs Perlaki Stanka Szikla & Partners advised the seller	N/A	Austria; Hungary
4-Jul	Schoenherr	Schoenherr represented the Republic of Moldova in front of an ICSID Tribunal, which on June 28, 2018, dismissed the bulk of damages sought by a group of US investors in a claim filed against the country under the state's bilateral investment treaty with the USA.	N/A	Austria; Moldova
26-Mar	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Polish state-owned company Towarzystwo Finansowe Silesia sp. z o.o. on the acquisition of a majority stake in Fabryka Kotlow Sefako S.A., a Polish manufacturer of boilers for the power industry, from the state fund MARS Fundusz Inwestycyjny Zamkniety	N/A	Austria; Poland
31-Mar	De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek; DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Lely Holding S.a.r.l. on the sale and reorganization of its worldwide Forage business through several asset and share transactions. De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek advised the buyer.	N/A	Austria; Poland
26-Jun	Act Legal (BSWW); Act Legal (WMWP)	Act BSWW and WMWP Rechtsanwälte advised YIT on the acquisition of Parkur Tower Business Park from UBM plc.	N/A	Austria; Poland
26-Jun	Weber & Co; Winston & Strawn; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss's Vienna office and Winston & Strawn's Paris office advised US automotive supplier Hendrickson on its acquisition of the U-bolt division of Frauenthal Group. Weber & Co advised Frauenthal.	N/A	Austria; Poland
15-Jul	Linklaters; PeliFilip; Seitz; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss assisted OSRAM Licht AG with its entry into a joint venture with Continental AG aimed at combining expertise in lighting, light control and electronics by way of a business transfer at local level. Seitz coordinated employment-related matters of the joint venture for Osram while Linklaters and PeliFilip coordinated employment-related matters of the joint venture for Continental AG.	N/A	Austria; Romania
9-Apr	CMS	CMS advised Green Source and Core Value Capital on the acquisition and development of nine photovoltaic parks in Russia.	N/A	Austria; Russia
3-Jul	Alrud; Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Milbank; Schoenherr; Shearman & Sterling	CHSH and Shearman & Sterling advised General Electric on the USD 3.25 billion sale of its Distributed Power Business unit to Austria's Advent International. The buyer was represented by Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy and Schoenherr. Alrud advised General Electric Company on Russian matters.	USD 3.25 billion	Austria; Russia
17-Oct	Selih & Partners; Wolf Theiss	Selih & Partners Slovenia advised food retail chain Mercator on its sale of ten shopping centers in Slovenia to Supernova Invest GmbH. Wolf Theiss advised Supernova on the acquisition.	N/A	Austria; Slovenia
7-Aug	Brandl & Talos	Brandl & Talos assisted bwin in obtaining closure after ten years of preliminary proceedings against charges of bribery.	N/A	Austria; Turkey
1-Jun	Binder Groesswang; Clifford Chance; Herbert Smith Freehills	Binder Groesswang and Clifford Chance advised Emirates NBD Bank PJSC on the acquisition of 99.85% of the shares of Turkish DenizBank A.S. and its Austrian subsidiary DenizBank AG from Sberbank of Russia. Herbert Smith Freehills advised Sberbank on the sale.	EUR 2.7 billion	Austria; Turkey; Russia
4-Jul	Binder Groesswang; Homburger; DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised the Haas Group, an Austrian wafer, biscuits, and confectionery production company, on the sale of the company to Switzerland's Buhler AG. The buyer was represented by Binder Groesswang and Zurich-based Homburger.	N/A	Austria; Ukraine
18-Jan	Vlasova, Mikhel & Partners	Vlasova, Mikheel & Partners advised bookrunners JP Morgan, Sberbank CIB, and Renaissance Capital on Eurotorg LLC's issuance of the first ever Belarusian corporate Eurobonds - five-year Loan Participation Notes (USD 350 million) with an annual coupon rate of 8.75%.	USD 350 million	Belarus
30-Jan	Sorainen	Sorainen Belarus advised the International Finance Corporation on the sale of its remaining 4.99% stake in Belaruskyy Narodny Bank in two deals concluded at the Belorussian Currency Stock Exchange under the consent of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus.	USD 2 million	Belarus
1-Feb	Arzinger & Partners; Cobalt	Arzinger & Partners represented Belarus-based startup Y-Tech on its acquisition by Yonder Music. Cobalt advised Yonder.	N/A	Belarus
15-Feb	Sorainen	Sorainen Belarus is advising Geely International Corporation on the implementation of a joint venture with the Borisov Automotive and Tractor Electrical Equipment Plant.	N/A	Belarus
1-Mar	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners supervised the creation of Cortex's affiliate for the entrance to the Hi-Tech Park of Belarus.	N/A	Belarus

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14-Mar	Clifford Chance; Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners; White & Case	The Minsk office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised joint lead managers Citigroup Global Markets Limited and Raiffeisen Bank International AG on the issue and placement of USD 600 million in sovereign Eurobonds by the Republic of Belarus. Clifford Chance advised the banks on English and American law, while White & Case advised Belarus.	USD 600 million	Belarus
18-Mar	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners advised China Triumph International Engineering Co., Ltd. on entering the Great Stone China-Belarus Industrial Park, including registering the legal entity for such purposes in Belarus.	N/A	Belarus
1-Apr	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners advised the Russian-based affiliate of Cummins on its entrance into the Belarusian market.	N/A	Belarus
17-Apr	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	The Minsk office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised Nordic Aviation Capital on its aircraft lease with the national Belarusian airline, Belavia.	N/A	Belarus
30-Apr	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Monster Energy Limited (Ireland) on a distribution arrangement with Coca-Cola Beverages Belorussiya UE (Belarus).	N/A	Belarus
14-May	Revera	Revera advised the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the financing of the 4G Network - the first Belarusian telecommunication network for Belarusian cloud technologies.	N/A	Belarus
16-May	Revera	Revera assisted with the corporate structuring and preparation of ICO documents needed for the creation of Scorum, a sports media platform based on block chain technology.	N/A	Belarus
16-May	Revera	Revera advised OMA, a wholesale & retail chain of DIY stores, on its expansion and credit negotiations with EBRD.	N/A	Belarus
29-May	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners; Ellex (Valiunas); Revera; Verkhovodko & Partners	The Minsk office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised the EBRD on a six year senior secured loan of EUR 24 million to OMA, the leading Belarusian DIY retail chain. The borrowers were represented by Verkhovodko & Partners and Revera, with Valiunas Ellex serving as OMA LLC's Lithuanian counsel and Baker Botts as the company's English counsel.	EUR 24 million	Belarus
31-May	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Taylor Wessing	CHSH advised InVisionApp Inc. on entering into a major software development agreement with a Belarusian IT company. Taylor Wessing acted as global counsel for InVisionApp Inc.	N/A	Belarus
25-Jun	Vlasova, Mikhel & Partners	Vlasova Mikhel & Partners helped the China Development Bank set up a new representative office in office in Minsk.	N/A	Belarus
23-Jul	Sorainen	Sorainen assisted Baring Vostok Private Equity Fund V with the acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian software developer ltransition.	N/A	Belarus
1-Aug	Sorainen; Tradeo	Sorainen advised Duisburger Hafen, the world's largest inland port, on its acquisition of a shareholding in the Industrial Park Development Company - the management company of the Great Stone China-Belarus industrial park.	N/A	Belarus
22-Aug	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Zubr Capital and the EBRD in their equity investment in the Targetprocess company group, a Belarusian developer of Agile-based project portfolio management systems.	N/A	Belarus
31-Aug	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised Moet Hennessy Osterreich GmbH on leasing of staff in Belarus. CHSH acted as local counsel and advised on the draft outstaffing contract including but not limited to all employment law, tax, licensing, and regulatory issues.	N/A	Belarus
21-Sep	Sorainen	Sorainen Belarus advised Baltic Beverages Holding, a member of the Carlsberg Group, on the acquisition of an additional 10.5% stake in the Alvaria brewery from the EBRD.	N/A	Belarus
1-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen advised the EBRD on Belarusian law matters in connection with the lending of USD 15 million to the Modern-Expo group.	USD 15 million	Belarus
15-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Mangrove Capital Partners on its investment in mobile app Flo, a pregnancy calculator, ovulation calendar, and menstrual cycle tracker.	N/A	Belarus
5-Nov	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	The Minsk Office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners assisted a subsidiary of Appodeal Inc. open an office in Minsk and register as a resident of Belarus's High-Tech Park	N/A	Belarus
1-Dec	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners advised Germany-based furniture producer Polipol GmbH on the construction of a furniture production facility in the Republic of Belarus.	N/A	Belarus
18-Dec	Aleinikov & Partners; Sorainen	Aleinikov & Partners advised the Russian-Belarusian Venture Capital Fund on its acquisition of a minority stake in Belarusian innovation company Data Delivery LLC, developing a platform for managing the online business RocketData.io, which was advised by Sorainen.	EUR 500,000	Belarus
30-Apr	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	CHSH advised BAUMIT Sud Holding GmbH (Austria) on a multi-stage restructuring of its two local subsidiaries - Baumit-Bel LLC and Kema LLC. The restructuring was completed with the merger of these two companies.	EUR 4 million	Belarus; Austria
8-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Helmes, an international software development company based in Estonia with an R&D office in Minsk, on its acquisition of a majority shareholding in Belarusian outsourcing IT company SolbegSoft, a resident of the High Technology Park.	N/A	Belarus; Estonia
4-Jul	Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius successfully represented the Administration of Lithuania's Plunge District Municipality in a public procurement case.	EUR 2.2 million	Belarus; Lithuania
31-Jul	Cobalt; Primus Derling	Primus advised Belarus's Mebelain factory on a EUR 20 million loan from the EBRD to facilitate the expansion of its furniture factory. EBRD was advised by Cobalt.	EUR 20 million	Belarus; Lithuania
22-Aug	Sorainen	Sorainen acted as Belarusian and Lithuanian counsel for the EBRD on its USD 15 million loan to the Modus Group.	USD 15 million	Belarus; Lithuania
28-Aug	Baker McKenzie; Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen and Baker McKenzie advised Hewlett Packard Enterprise on its agreement to have Swiss-based ALSO Holding run its sales and services business in Lithuania, Ukraine, and Belarus. ALSO was represented by Cobalt.	N/A	Belarus; Lithuania; Ukraine
1-Dec	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners advised Polish construction company Unibep S.A. with the construction of a logistics center covering 230 hectares in the Orsha region of Belarus for the Bremino Group.	EUR 15,2 million	Belarus; Poland
27-Dec	Arzinger & Partners; K&L Gates; Sorainen	Arzinger & Partners and K&L Gates advised CDRL S.A. Poland on its acquisition of 90% of shares in Belarusian LLC "West Ost Union." The sellers -- the EBRD and four individuals -- were advised by Sorainen.	N/A	Belarus; Poland
31-Dec	Arzinger & Partners	Arzinger & Partners advised Polish construction company Unibep S.A. within construction of a sports center in Minsk, Belarus for Belarusian Enterprise "Aqua-Minsk".	EUR 34 million	Belarus; Poland

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1-Feb	Alrud; Avellum; Herbert Smith Freehills	Avellum helped Uber obtain merger control clearance from the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for the creation of a joint venture with Yandex that will be active in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Russia. Alrud advised Uber in Russia and Herbert Smith Freehills was global counsel to Uber.	USD 325 million	Belarus; Russia; Ukraine
1-Oct	Avellum; EY Law; Sayenko Kharenko	Avellum advised the EVO Group, the Ukrainian e-commerce market leader, on its merger with Rozetka. Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Naspers, the former majority shareholder of EVO Group, and EY Ukraine Tax & Law provided Ukrainian legal counsel to Rozetka.	N/A	Belarus; Russia; Ukraine
22-Jan	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners advised Mozyrsalt OJSC in an anti-dumping investigation involving white evaporated salt imported from Belarus to Ukraine.	N/A	Belarus; Ukraine
14-Feb	Harrisons Solicitors; Law Office Stevanovic	Harrisons advised the EBRD on matters of English law in relation to a loan of up to EUR 5 million to Addiko Bank Banja Luka to be on-lent to medium and small enterprises. The Law Office Stevanovic acted as the EBRD's counsel for Bosnian and Herzegovinian law.	EUR 5 million	Bosnia and Herzegovina
26-Apr	Sajic Law Firm	Sajic successfully represented the Krajina Osiguranje Banja Luka insurance company against a claim of unjust enrichment brought by RK BOSKA Banja Luka.	EUR 3.2 million	Bosnia and Herzegovina
27-Apr	Sajic Law Firm	Sajic represented Pavgord d.o.o. Foca in an enforcement procedure against the Clay Factory BIRAC.	EUR 65 million	Bosnia and Herzegovina
12-Nov	Sajic Law Firm	The Sajic law firm successfully represented Italy's Amigos Caffee S.n.c. before the Intellectual Property Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina in its challenge to the attempt to apply for the "AMIGO" trademark by the Netherlands' Strauss Coffee BV.	N/A	Bosnia and Herzegovina
16-Jul	Allen & Overy; Linklaters	Linklaters advised Griffin Real Estate and Redefine on the acquisition of nine logistics properties located in Poland for a total price of around EUR 200 million and on the financing of the transaction in the form of a new loan provided by ING Bank Slaski S.A., which was advised by Allen & Overy.	EUR 200 million	Bosnia and Herzegovina; Poland
3-Jan	Allen & Overy; CMS; Spasov & Bratanov	CMS advised the investors of Acwa Power CF Karad PV Park EAD - a joint venture of Acwa Power, Blackstone, and the Clean Energy Transition Fund (which itself includes the EBRD and the European Investment Bank, among others, as partners) which owns one of the largest photovoltaic power plants in Bulgaria - on the restructuring of its debt. Allen & Overy (as international legal counsel) and Spasov & Bratanov (as Bulgarian legal counsel) advised lenders IFC, OPIC, Unicredit London, and Unicredit Bulbank.	N/A	Bulgaria
5-Jan	CMS; Wolf Theiss	CMS advised Hugo Pfohe GmbH on the legal aspects of a competitive tender to sell Bulgaria's Moto-Pfohe Group, with Wolf Theiss advising the winning bidder, the Sumitomo Corporation.	N/A	Bulgaria
16-Jan	Schoenherr; Tocheva and Mandadjieva; Wolf Theiss	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised UniCredit Bulbank and Societe Generale Expressbank on the restructuring of LMA-style facilities extended to project companies operating solar parks in Bulgaria that were sold by Samsung to a joint venture of Micronix (Czech Republic) and KGAL (Germany). Wolf Theiss Sofia advised the new shareholders/pledgers while Tocheva and Mandadjieva advised the previous shareholders/pledgers and the borrowers.	EUR 52.8 million	Bulgaria
30-Jan	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised Hungary's OTP Bank and its Bulgarian subsidiary DSK Bank EAD on a EUR 80 million restructuring and extension of additional facilities to the Bulgarian subsidiaries of Libena Resorts.	EUR 80 million	Bulgaria
9-Feb	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised The Adecco Group on the spin-off of its business in Bulgaria into two separate companies.	N/A	Bulgaria
15-Feb	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised United Bulgarian Bank and Cibank on the merger of the two companies.	N/A	Bulgaria
15-Feb	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised UBB and Cibank on their merger, which resulted in the third largest bank in Bulgaria.	N/A	Bulgaria
27-Feb	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised the European Investment Bank on a Finance Contract with ProCredit Bank (Bulgaria).	N/A	Bulgaria
28-Feb	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised VMware Bulgaria, part of the US cloud computing company VMware Inc., on its lease of more than 20,000 square meters of office space in two buildings in Sofia's Garitage Park residential and business complex.	N/A	Bulgaria
1-Mar	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised GetBack Recovery S.R.L. on the establishment of a non-banking financial institution and the acquisition of a portfolio of receivables under consumer non-performing loan agreements concluded between UniCredit Bulbank AD and third parties.	EUR 11.85 million	Bulgaria
1-Mar	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV acted as a legal counsel and representative of CEZ Electro Bulgaria AD in a commercial dispute against Future Energy OOD and its creditor Karpleon Bulgaria EOOD arising from a framework agreement for electricity supply and its early termination due to the removal of the supplier Future Energy from the electricity market.	EUR 3.5 million	Bulgaria
1-Mar	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV acted as legal counsel for British Arab Commercial Bank Plc. on matters of Bulgarian law in relation to a multi-option facility letter signed between a UAE and a Bulgarian industry group.	USD 40 million	Bulgaria
6-Mar	CMS; Hristova, Jivkov & Tsotsorkova	CMS advised Global Biomet on the acquisition of two photovoltaic parks in Bulgaria from the US/Indian venture Good Earth. The seller was represented by Hristova, Jivkov & Tsotsorkova, a recent spin off from Eurolex Bulgaria.	N/A	Bulgaria
22-Mar	Penkov, Markov & Partners	Penkov, Markov & Partners represented BA Glass Bulgaria in a dispute against Toplofikatsia Sofia EAD, a heating producer and supplier for Sofia.	N/A	Bulgaria
26-Mar	Buzeva and Partners; Katten Muchin Rosenman; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and Katten Muchin Rosenman advised US private credit asset management firm Monroe Capital on financing the acquisition of Bulgarian optics producers American Optics Europe and Micro Optics Europe, as well as on the Bulgarian security package. Buzeva and Partners advised the collateral providers in Bulgaria.	USD 20 million	Bulgaria
28-Mar	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised J.P. Morgan Securities plc on the validity and enforceability of close-out netting arrangements and financial collateral arrangements under the ISDA master agreements.	N/A	Bulgaria
30-Mar	Boyanov & Co; Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised DZI on the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Bulgarian insurance company UBB-MetLife. Kinstellar advised UBB on the transfer of its 60% shareholding in UBB-MetLife, while Boyanov & Co advised MetLife on the transfer of its 40% interest.	N/A	Bulgaria
1-Apr	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV successfully negotiated an out-of-court settlement for Risoil B.V. (a universal successor of the Bulgarian company Agro-Lega EOOD) in a dispute with Sent Zhiran EOOD arising out of a share purchase agreement concerning the sale of the shares in the capital of Papas-Olio AD, a Bulgarian processor of oil seeds.	EUR 16.5 million	Bulgaria
1-Apr	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised Landmark Holding AD in relation to a proposed refinancing of a facilities agreement with UniCredit S.p.A. (previously Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG).	EUR 70 million	Bulgaria
1-Apr	CMS; Dineva and Rusev	CMS advised OTP Bank and DSK Bank on the refinancing of a shopping mall in Bulgaria. Dineva and Rusev advised the borrower.	EUR 85 million	Bulgaria

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4-Apr	Boyanov & Co; Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised Thunder Software Technology Co., Ltd., China, on its EUR 31 million acquisition of Bulgarian graphics and imaging technology company MM Solutions. Boyanov & Co. advised Texas Instruments - one of the sellers - on Bulgarian legal aspects of the sale.	EUR 31 million	Bulgaria
25-Apr	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised ING Bank N.V. on the validity and enforceability of close-out netting arrangements and financial collateral arrangements under the ISDA master agreements and ISDA clearing opinions and on the enforceability of the netting under repo transactions with Bulgarian counterparties under the GMRA master agreements.	N/A	Bulgaria
3-May	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov; Noblex Group	DGKV acted as Bulgarian legal counsel to UniCredit Bank Austria AG and to a syndicate of lenders consisting of UniCredit Bulbank AD, Raiffeisenbank Bulgaria EAD, and Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberosterreich Aktiengesellschaft for the EUR 100 million facility to Kronospan Bulgaria EOOD. The Noblex Group advised Kronospan.	EUR 100 million	Bulgaria
7-May	Kinstellar	Kinstellar acted as exclusive legal advisor in Bulgaria to the International Hotel Licensing Company S.A.R.L - a subsidiary of Marriott International Inc. - on the first management agreement for a Marriott hotel in Bulgaria.	N/A	Bulgaria
7-May	CMS; Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised Polish real estate developer Globe Trade Centre on its acquisition of Mall of Sofia and on obtaining a loan facility from a consortium of the OTP and DSK banks to finance up to 65% of the market value of the asset, and W&I insurance and title insurance. CMS Cameron McKenna in Bulgaria advised Europa Capital on its sale of the Mall of Sofia, and CMS Reich-Rohrwig advised the banking consortium.	N/A	Bulgaria
30-May	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised Leoni AG on its entry on the Bulgarian market and the construction and lease of a production factory in Bulgaria.	N/A	Bulgaria
1-Jun	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV successfully advised Bulgarian Real Estate Fund REIT on the restructuring of its capital and follow-up public offering of new shares of the company on the Bulgarian Stock Exchange.	EUR 30 million	Bulgaria
26-Jun	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV advised poultry producer Gradus -1 OOD on the initial public offering of its shares on the Bulgarian Stock Exchange.	N/A	Bulgaria
29-Jun	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov advised sole bookrunner and lead manager Citigroup Global Markets Ltd. and First Financial Brokerage House Ltd. on Bulgarian Energy Holding EAD's third Eurobond issue.	N/A	Bulgaria
29-Jun	Kambourov & Partners; Tokushev and Partners	Tokushev and Partners advised KBC Group's Bulgarian subsidiaries, United Bulgarian Bank and insurer DZI, on the acquisition of new headquarters in the Millennium Center in Sofia from construction company NIKMI AD. The seller was represented by Kambourov and Partners.	N/A	Bulgaria
2-Jul	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov advised ContourGlobal Maritsa East 3 AD on its purchase of greenhouse gas emission allowances from the Germany-based Statkraft Markets GmbH.	EUR 78.6 million	Bulgaria
2-Jul	CMS; Krapov & Partners	CMS Sofia advised Ireland's Communicorp Media radio group on the sale of its radio stations in Bulgaria to its local management team, which has created a new holding company named Fresh Media Bulgaria. Krapov & Partners advised Communicorp's local management team on the acquisition.	N/A	Bulgaria
4-Jul	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised FMSW (Germany), Dexia (France), KA Finanz (Austria), and BNP-Branch Sofia (Bulgaria) in relation to the restructuring of and repayment by Bulgarian National Railway Holding (BDZ) of a EUR 120 million bond it issued in 2007 and defaulted on a few years later. Following rounds of negotiations, the Bulgarian government finally approved state aid for BDZ for repayment under the bond in July 2018.	EUR 53 million	Bulgaria
31-Jul	Dentons; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria and Dentons successfully represented international creditors FMSW (Germany), Dexia (France), and KA Finanz (Austria) in Bulgarian litigation against the state-owned company BDZ Passenger, a subsidiary of the National Railway Holding (BDZ) involving BDZ Passenger's joint liability under the EUR 120 million bond issued by BDZ in 2007.	EUR 21 million	Bulgaria
31-Jul	CMS; Jones Day; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria and Jones Day advised Societe Generale on the sale of all its Bulgarian financial subsidiaries to DSK Bank EAD (a subsidiary of OTP Bank, Hungary). CMS advised the buyer.	N/A	Bulgaria
1-Aug	CMS; Dineva and Rusev	CMS advised OTP Bank and DSK Bank on the financing of the purchase of a major hypermarket retail space and parking. Dineva and Rusev advised the borrower.	EUR 11 million	Bulgaria
1-Aug	CMS; Spasov & Bratanov	CMS advised Scholz Recycling GmbH on the sale of its Bulgarian subsidiary. Spasov & Bratanov assisted the buyer.	EUR 2 million	Bulgaria
9-Aug	CMS; Kinstellar	CMS Sofia advised Austrian-based funds Universale International Realitaten, CA Immo International Holding, and CEE Realty Beteiligungs on the sale of Megapark, a 75,000 square meter office building in Sofia, to Lion's Head Investments, a joint venture between the Bulgarian real estate holding AG Capital and the South African investor Old Mutual Group. Kinstellar advised the buyer on the deal.	EUR 90 million	Bulgaria
28-Aug	Schoenherr	Schoenherr provided a ull-fledged legal opinion to Raiffeisen Bank International AG in relation to the enforceability in Bulgaria of Repo Transactions under the the Global Master Repurchase Agreement.	N/A	Bulgaria
30-Aug	DME Law; Kambourov & Partners	Kambourov & Partners advised PREEMZ on Bulgarian IP law and the U.S.'s DME Law advised PREEMZ on US law regarding ROW8, a consumer premium video on-demand platform.	N/A	Bulgaria
31-Aug	CMS; Herbert Smith Freehills; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria and Herbert Smith Freehills advised Woodside Energy, on a farm-out agreement with Shell International Exploration and Development Italia S.p.A. concerning Block Khan Kubrat 1-14 in the Black Sea. CMS advised Shell International Exploration and Development Italia S.p.A.	N/A	Bulgaria
1-Sep	Boyanov & Co; Schoenherr; White & Case	Schoenherr Bulgaria and White & Case continued to act for VTB Capital Plc and VTB Europe SE as lenders on the Bulgarian legal aspects of restructuring a EUR 240 Million financing to Viva Telecom (Luxemburg) SA as borrower for the indirect acquisition of the Bulgarian Telecommunications Company, as well as on their relevant security package (as pledgees). Boyanov & Co advised the collateral provider in Bulgaria.	EUR 240 million	Bulgaria
1-Oct	Kambourov & Partners	Kambourov & Partners advised the Stillfront Group on its EUR 10 million acquisition of 100% of the shares in Imperia Online JSC.	EUR 10 million	Bulgaria
11-Oct	CMS	CMS Sofia advised the UK-based oil and gas company Petroceltic on remedying a force majeure event related to the offshore production of natural gas in Bulgaria.	N/A	Bulgaria
15-Oct	CMS; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised the Debt Collection Agency, the Bulgarian arm of Norway's B2 Kapital, on its acquisition of a portfolio of loans with a face value of EUR 249 million from UniCredit Bulbank. CMS Sofia advised UniCredit Bulbank.	EUR 249 million	Bulgaria

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23-Oct	CMS; Schoenherr	CMS Sofia advised UniCredit Bulbank on the sale of a real estate-secured NPL portfolio to Debt Collection Agency, a subsidiary of the Norwegian financial services group B2Holding. The buyer was supported by the Bulgarian office of Schoenherr.	N/A	Bulgaria
30-Oct	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised mandated lead arranger, agent, and security agent Raiffeisen Bank International AG with respect to novelties in its Bulgarian security package for a facility in connection with 40MW wind power plant projects of ERG Wind Bulgaria S.P.A. (Italy) in Bulgaria.	EUR 44.2 million	Bulgaria
14-Nov	Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov	DGKV successfully represented Wiemer & Trachte GmbH in insolvency proceedings before the European Court of Justice (CJEU Case C-296/17) in claims against Mr. Tadjer. As a result the European Court issued a reference for a preliminary ruling to interpret Article 24 from the European Insolvency Regulation (EIR).	N/A	Bulgaria
22-Nov	CMS	CMS advised UniCredit S.p.A. on the amendment and restructuring of a portfolio financing.	EUR 47 million	Bulgaria
30-Nov	CMS; Deloitte Legal	CMS advised UniCredit S.p.A. and UniCredit Bulbank on the restructuring of a real estate financing (shopping mall). Deloitte Legal advised the borrower.	EUR 116 million	Bulgaria
4-Dec	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bulgaria advised Alstom on the participation in a public procurement tender announced by the Bulgarian National Railway Holding for "Five year technical maintenance of Series 10 Diesel Multiple Units and Series 30 and 31 Electrical Multiple Units" with an estimated procurement value of BGN 137,001,704 and on the successful appeal of the Bulgarian National Railway Holding's decision to disqualify Alstom from the tender.	EUR 70 million	Bulgaria
29-Jan	Hogan Lovells; Schoenherr; Wolf Theiss	Schoenherr and Hogan Lovells advised Ares Management on financing for Kohlberg & Company's acquisition of the K2 Sports and Marker Dalbello Volkl (MDV) winter sports brands in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria. Wolf Theiss advised the collateral providers in Bulgaria.	EUR 75 million	Bulgaria; Czech Republic
26-Feb	Allen & Overy; CMS; Spasov & Bratanov	CMS advised PPF Group on the acquisition of Bulgaria's Nova Broadcasting Group, with 95% of the shares acquired from the Modern Times Group - advised by Allen & Overy and Spasov & Bratanov - and the remaining 5% from Eastern European Media Holdings S.A.	N/A	Bulgaria; Czech Republic
26-Mar	Allen & Overy; BDK Advokati; Boyanov & Co; Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov & Velichkov; Latham & Watkins; Karanovic & Partners; Schoenherr; White & Case;	Latham & Watkins and Schoenherr advised Telenor on its agreement to sell its assets in Central and Eastern Europe to the PPF Group for EUR 2.8 billion. White and Case (as lead counsel), DGKV, and Karanovic & Partners advised PPF Group on the deal. Allen & Overy, BDK Advokati, and Boyanov & Co. advised Societe Generale, as agent, and a syndicate of banks on a EUR 3.05 billion credit facility provided to PPF Group for the acquisition.	EUR 3.05 billion	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Hungary; Montenegro; Serbia
23-Jul	CMS	A German-Czech CMS team advised Munich-based Leonhard Moll Betonwerke GmbH & Co KG on its acquisition of ZPSV a.s., together with its subsidiaries and production sites in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and Slovakia, from the Spanish OHL Group.	N/A	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Slovakia
10-May	Allen & Overy; Boyanov & Co; Gedik Eraksoy; Kocian Solc Balastik; Linklaters; Paksoy; Tsvetkova Bebov Komarevski	Kocian Solc Balastik, Linklaters, BLC Law Office, Paksoy, and Tsvetkova Bebov Komarevski acted as legal counsels to Energo-Pro a.s. in its EUR 250 million Eurobond issue in London. The Joint bookrunners and the trustee were advised by Allen & Overy, Tbilisi-based BGI Legal, Boyanov & Co. in Sofia, and Istanbul's Gedik & Eraksoy.	EUR 250 million	Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Turkey
14-Nov	Milbank; White & Case	White & Case advised Piraeus Bank SA on the sale of its 99.98 percent shareholding in Piraeus Bank Bulgaria AD to Eurobank Bulgaria AD. The buyer was advised by Milbank.	N/A	Bulgaria; Greece
20-Sep	CMS	CMS advised ING Bank on financing provided to two companies from the Ukrainian agribusiness sector.	USD 100 million	Bulgaria; Poland; Ukraine
24-May	Divjak, Topic & Bahtijarevic	Divjak, Topic & Bahtijarevic advised Sazka Group on its acquisition of a controlling stake in Super Sport, a Croatian online and land-based sports betting operator.	N/A	Croatia
31-Jul	Allen & Overy; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised both Hotelbeds and TUI on Hotelbeds' sale of Gulliver Travel d.o.o., the Croatian-based travel company, to TUI AG subsidiary Leibnitz Service GmbH. Allen & Overy advised TUI AG while Freshfields assisted Hotelbeds.	N/A	Croatia
1-Aug	Alrud; Schoenherr; Vukic & Partners	Schoenherr Croatia and Alrud advised Cassowary Investments Ltd on its acquisition of Croatian shipping and freight agency Transagent. Vukic & Partners advised the seller.	N/A	Croatia
31-Aug	Alrud; Schoenherr; Vukic & Partners	Schoenherr Croatia and the Alrud law firm advised Russian LC Locomotive Technology on its acquisition of 51% share capital in the Croatian company Transagent from the majority shareholder. Vukic & Partners advised the seller.	N/A	Croatia
1-Nov	Divjak, Topic & Bahtijarevic	Divjak, Topic & Bahtijarevic advised Prvo Plinarsko Drustvo on its October 31, 2018 investment, made along with Croatia's state-owned oil company INA, into the Capital Increase Agreement of regional fertilizer manufacturer Petrokemija.	EUR 40 million	Croatia
30-Jun	Savoric & Partners; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Mr. Josip Milavic, the founder and owner of Croatia's Studenac grocery stores, on the sale of a 100% stake in the business to a Polish private equity fund managed by Enterprise Investors. Savoric & Partners advised the buyer.	N/A	Croatia, Serbia, Poland
15-Jun	Dentons; DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Revetas on its acquisition of the TriGranit platform from TPG Real Estate. The closing was simultaneous in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Croatia. Dentons advised TPG Real Estate.	EUR 450 million	Croatia; Hungary; Poland; Slovakia
28-Sep	Allen & Overy; White & Case; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss assisted SIA S.p.A with the acquisition of First Data's card processing businesses in Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, and Romania. White & Case was lead counsel for SIA, and First Data was advised by Allen & Overy.	EUR 375 million	Croatia; Hungary; Romania; Serbia
19-Jan	JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	JPM advised Constellation Software Inc. on the acquisition by its Vela Operating Group division and subsidiary Aquila Software of the IN2 Group.	N/A	Croatia; Serbia
28-Dec	Deloitte Legal; Petrovic & Glogonjac	Deloitte Legal Serbia advised Mondo Inc. on its acquisition of the Adria Media Group and several of its subsidiaries in Serbia and Croatia. Petrovic & Glogonjac advised the seller.	N/A	Croatia; Serbia



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5-Dec	Anela Troskot; ODI Law	ODI advised Sberbank on its acquisition of a multi-apartment complex in Vrsar, Croatia, from ART-DEPO d.o.o. The transaction also included a debt-to-equity swap, eliminating the NPL, and establishing a cross-border joint venture. Anela Troskot advised the buyers on the deal.	EUR 4 million	Croatia; Slovenia
8-Jan	Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented the shareholders of Turf Holding, a.s., which operates Prague's Velka Chuchle racecourse, on the sale of the company to an unnamed investor.	N/A	Czech Republic
12-Jan	PwC Legal; Act Legal (Randa Havel Legal)	Randa Havel Legal represented the Jufa Investment Group in the acquisition of two large Czech solar power plants with a total capacity of 17 megawatts. The seller was advised by PwC.	N/A	Czech Republic
16-Jan	CMS; Noerr	CMS Prague advised Czech metal processing conglomerate Metal Trade Comax Group on its acquisition of the German Oetinger Aluminium Group from Orlando Management AG. Orlando was represented by Noerr's Munich office.	N/A	Czech Republic
29-Jan	DLA Piper; Giese & Partners; Taylor Wessing	DLA Piper advised Luxembourg-based private equity firm ASC Investment on its acquisition of Vitrablok, the Czech-based glass block division of the Seves Group, and on obtaining financing from RiverRock for the transaction. The sellers were advised by Giese & Partners in the Czech Republic and by LMS Studio Legale in Italy, and RiverRock was advised by Taylor Wessing.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-Jan	Dvorak Hager & Partners; Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland and Dvorak Hager & Partners represented Raisio, a Finnish food company, on the EUR 100 million sale of its confectionary division to Valeo Foods.	EUR 100 million	Czech Republic
7-Feb	Havel & Partners; JSK	The JSK law firm advised Czech engineering company Toshulin on its acquisition of TOS Kurim and CKD Blansko from ALTA a.s. Havel & Partners advised ALTA in the sale.	N/A	Czech Republic
14-Feb	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised B2 Kapital on the acquisition of the EUR 119 billion unsecured retail nonperforming loan portfolio from Moneta Money Bank.	EUR 119 million	Czech Republic
16-Feb	Kocian Solc Balastik	Kocian Solc Balastik advised Czech game development studio Warhorse on the initial crowdfunding for the launch of its "Kingdom Come: Deliverance" video game and on legal aspects of the game's development, including licensing arrangements with the software developers.	N/A	Czech Republic
23-Feb	Kocian Solc Balastik	KSB advised Skoda Auto DigiLab on its HoppyGo project, a car-sharing application developed by CreativeDock. Novalia advised the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic
1-Mar	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised UniCredit Bank as lead manager and security agent on a notes issue by a project development SPV (a joint venture of developers FINEP and RSJ) worth up to CZK 300 million. The notes were secured by a guarantee issued by FINEP Holding and by the pledge of plots designated for development of residential housing in Prague.	CZK 300 million	Czech Republic
15-Mar	PRK Partners	PRK Partners assisted Galerie Butovice s.r.o., an SPV belonging to Cromwell Property Group, on the construction and long-term lease of a new three-storey retail building in Prague to be fully let to Kika, a member of the Steinhoff group.	N/A	Czech Republic
16-Mar	CEE Attorneys	CEE Attorneys advised PZL Sedziszow S.A., a Polish automotive, industrial, and agricultural filter producer, in its acquisition of a 69% stake in Bohm Plast-Technik a.s., a Czech producer and service provider in the area of plastic injection moulding technologies and metallization.	N/A	Czech Republic
19-Mar	Allen & Overy	Allen & Overy advised International Campus Group, a Munich-based specialist for micro-living products, on its expansion to the Czech Republic.	N/A	Czech Republic
28-Mar	Kocian Solc Balastik; PWC Legal	A consortium of Kocian Solc Balastik, PWC Legal Germany, PWC Legal Czech Republic, and Heuking Kuhn Luer Wojtek won a tender to advise the European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency on public procurement law, competition law, and contract management issues.	N/A	Czech Republic
29-Mar	Act Legal (WMWP)	Act Legal (WMWP) advised Immofinanz on the sale of the Brno Business Park office buildings via a share deal to the Infond investment fund.	N/A	Czech Republic
29-Mar	Deloitte Legal; Krivanek Tomasek	Deloitte Legal advised Trinecke Zelezarny, a. s. on its acquisition of Bohemia Rings s.r.o. Advokatni Kancelar Krivanek, Tomasek spol. s r.o. advised the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic
6-Apr	Dunovska & Partners	Dunovska & Partners advised Serge Grimaux, a promoter of the Rolling Stones concert in Prague, on securing financing for the concert's costs, as well as on negotiating and executing contracts with financing partner Bestsport, with Rolling Stones management, and with other partners and service providers.	N/A	Czech Republic
6-Apr	Mikulas & Partners; Act Legal (Randa Havel Legal)	Randa Havel Legal represented the owners of Astratex in the sale of the majority of their stake in the company to the Hartenberg Holding investment group, which is owned by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis. Hartenberg Holding was advised by Mikulas & Partners.	N/A	Czech Republic
11-Apr	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance advised CPI Property Group on its acquisition of the Futurum Hradec Kralove shopping center from Meyer Bergman, a privately held real estate investment management firm. Meyer Bergman was represented by Tomsa & Spol.	N/A	Czech Republic
24-Apr	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised Canada's Canopy Growth Corporation, a diversified cannabis and hemp company, on the acquisition of Czech medical cannabis company Annabis Medical.	CAD 2 million	Czech Republic
27-Apr	Latham & Watkins; Delta Legal; Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners and Latham & Watkins advised ZF TRW in connection with the sale of Global Body Control Systems business unit to Luxshare Ltd. Delta Legal advised the buyer.	N/A	Czech Republic
2-May	Dvorak Hager & Partners; Rohrich	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented Algotech in the purchase of a 100% ownership interest in SugarFactory s.r.o. The sellers were represented by the Rohrich law firm.	N/A	Czech Republic
10-May	CMS	CMS Prague advised the New-Zealand listed Scott Group on its acquisition of Alvey, a specialist provider of palletizing, conveying, and warehouse automation. Alvey was represented by Liska & Sobolova.	N/A	Czech Republic
14-May	Latham & Watkins; White & Case	White & Case advised cybersecurity provider Avast on its USD 816.6 million initial public offering. The joint bookrunners - UBS, MS, BAML, Jeffries, Credit Suisse, Key Banc, and Barclays - were represented by Latham & Watkins.	USD 816.6 million	Czech Republic
15-May	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised Fillamentum a.s. on its incorporation (by way of non-monetary contributions to the registered capital) and listing of its shares on the non-regulated SMEs (start-up) market organized by the Prague Stock Exchange -- the first initial public offering by an SME firm on the new START market/selling platform.	CZK 38 million	Czech Republic

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15-May	Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised Zdenek Rinth on the sale of 90% of Kara Trutnov a.s. shares to the C2H group, which belongs to Czech investor Michal Micka. Rinth retains the remaining 10%.	N/A	Czech Republic
17-May	Schoenherr; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Schoenherr Prague advised EVO Payments International on the creation of a long-term strategic alliance with Moneta Money Bank for payment acceptance services to the bank's retail customers. Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised Moneta Money Bank on the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic
17-May	Clifford Chance; Wilsons	Clifford Chance advised the Cromwell Property Group on its entrance into a strategic partnership with Linkcity to invest in the roll-out of a portfolio of logistics and light industrial assets in Central and Eastern Europe. Linkcity was advised by Wilsons.	N/A	Czech Republic
25-May	Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised Cryptelo on the preparation and successful implementation of the issue of its own cryptographic CRL via an initial coin offer.	N/A	Czech Republic
28-May	Dentons; Wachtell Lipton, Rosen & Katz	Dentons advised PFNonwovens Inc., a member of the Prague-based R2G Rohan nonwovens group, in connection with its agreement to acquire First Quality Nonwovens Inc. and First Quality Nonwovens (Wuxi) Co., Ltd., an American and a Chinese manufacturer of nonwovens for consumer, health care, and industrial products. The seller, First Quality Enterprises, was represented by Wachtell Lipton, Rosen & Katz.	N/A	Czech Republic
28-May	Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented Cool Credit, s.r.o. in its registration in the register of non-bank consumer credit providers with the Czech National Bank.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-May	Deloitte Legal; KPMG Legal	Deloitte Legal advised Paul Stricker, S.A. on its acquisition of 100% of shares in REDA a.s. KPMG Legal advised the sellers.	N/A	Czech Republic
31-May	Act Legal (WMWP); Havel & Partners; Latham & Watkins; Mayer Brown	Havel & Partners and the Frankfurt office of Latham & Watkins advised a consortium of banks as initial purchasers of 3% senior secured notes in an aggregate principal amount of EUR 450 million due in 2026 issued by Progroup AG and a second consortium of banks in relation to several facilities agreements in an aggregate of more than EUR 600 million (equivalent). Mayer Brown's Dusseldorf office and Act Legal (WMWP) advised Progroup on German law and Czech law, respectively.	EUR 1.05 billion	Czech Republic
31-May	PRK Partners	PRK Partners provided legal and tax advice to Concerto AI on the undertaking of business in the Czech Republic.	N/A	Czech Republic
1-Jun	Dorda; Herbst Kinsky	Dorda advised Czech private equity and venture capital firm Enern on the Series A financing of Vienna-based online sport booking service Eversports.	N/A	Czech Republic
13-Jun	Act Legal (Randa Havel Legal)	Randa Havel Legal advised four stakeholders of New Presence Jewels s.r.o., which operates the Presence chain of jewelry stores in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, in their sale of the company to the Poland's Polish Luxury Group.	N/A	Czech Republic
15-Jun	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised Prabos plus a.s. in the process of a partial exit through the non-regulated SMEs (startup) market organized by the Prague Stock Exchange and listing of its shares on that market, making it the first secondary public offering by an SME firm on the new START market/selling platform.	CZK 90 million	Czech Republic
15-Jun	CEE Attorneys	CEE Attorneys helped LeaderFin s.r.o obtain a non-bank consumer credit provider license and a listing in the Czech National Bank register of non-bank consumer credit providers.	N/A	Czech Republic
18-Jun	Act Legal (WMWP)	Act Legal (WMWP) assisted PREmereni, a subsidiary of Prazske Energetika, on the purchase of family-owned Solarinvest-Green Energy.	N/A	Czech Republic
19-Jun	PRK Partners; Weinhold Legal	PRK Partners provided legal advice to agent UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s., and Ceska Sportelna, a.s. on the acquisition financing for the agricultural group Tekro, spol. s r.o. Weinhold Legal advised Tekro.	CZK 1.6 billion	Czech Republic
26-Jun	Baker McKenzie; PRK Partners; Strnad Joch Lokajicek advokati	PRK Partners assisted J&T Group in connection with enforcement of security against CEFC Group, a major Chinese investor group in the Czech Republic and Central Europe, including a takeover of Czech assets of CEFC Group and resolution of J&T Group's receivables by way of agreement with CITIC, a Chinese state controlled entity. Baker McKenzie advised CITIC. Strnad Joch Lokajicek advokati also advised J&T.	EUR 420 million	Czech Republic
27-Jun	PRK Partners	PRK Partners provided legal advice to Komerční banka, a.s. on financing the preparation and implementation of residential house construction in the Kaskady Barrandov project realized by FINEP, the leading property developer in the Czech Republic. Ganado Advocates advised on Maltese law.	EUR 8 million	Czech Republic
28-Jun	Cravath, Swaine & Moore; Kirkland & Ellis; Latham & Watkins; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and Kirkland & Ellis advised Smurfit Kappa on its issuance of EUR 600 million senior secured notes for purpose of refinancing certain existing debt and financing the acquisition of Reparencio Holding B.V. Cravath, Swaine & Moore advised the consortium of initial purchasers (banks) and Latham & Watkins assisted the trustee.	EUR 600 million	Czech Republic
29-Jun	CMS; Dentons	CMS advised Reico on its CZK 2.3 billion acquisition of the Metronome office building in Prague from HB Reavis. Dentons advised HB Reavis on the sale.	CZK 2.3 billion	Czech Republic
2-Jul	Clifford Chance; Dentons	Clifford Chance advised CA Immobilien Anlagen AG on its acquisition of Visionary, an A-class office building in Prague. The seller, Skanska, was represented by Dentons.	EUR 68 million	Czech Republic
2-Jul	Glatzova & Co	Glatzova & Co successfully represented WPB Capital in a dispute against the Czech National Bank.	N/A	Czech Republic
2-Jul	Dentons; Schoenherr	Schoenherr assisted Continental AG on the acquisition of VUK spol. s r.o., a Czech producer of machinery for the rubber industry. Dentons advised the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic
3-Jul	CMS	CMS advised Wells Fargo as lead arranger, together with Credit Agricole, ING, Mizuho, Commerzbank, BNP Paribas, Citibank, LBBW, Standard Chartered, and First Abu Dhabi Bank, on a EUR 1.05 billion facility for Bank of China, Luxembourg Branch, for refinancing its existing debt and other general corporate purposes.	EUR 1.05 billion	Czech Republic
9-Jul	White & Case	White & Case advised Piraeus Bank, S.A. on the sale and transfer of a portfolio of non-performing, denounced unsecured retail consumer and credit cards exposures equivalent to EUR 2.238 billion total legal claims or EUR 385 million on-balance sheet gross book value to APS Investments S.a.r.l.	EUR 385 million	Czech Republic
18-Jul	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance advised Indorama Ventures Public Company Limited, a producer in the intermediate petrochemicals industry and a manufacturer of wool yarns, on its acquisition of Kordarna Plus, a Czech-based industrial textile and tire cord fabrics producer.	N/A	Czech Republic
18-Jul	Deloitte Legal; Dentons	Dentons advised the shareholders of VUK, spol. s.r.o., on the company's sale to global automotive supplier Continental. Deloitte Legal advised Continental.	N/A	Czech Republic
19-Jul	CMS; Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised Obrascon Huarte Lain on the sale of its majority stake in ZPSV a.s. to the German group of Leonhard Moll AG. The buyers were advised by CMS.	N/A	Czech Republic

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25-Jul	Clifford Chance; PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised Komerční Banka, a.s. (as facility and security agent, coordinator, arranger and original lender), Ceska sporitelna, a.s., ceskoslovenska obchodni banka, a. s. and UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s. (as arrangers and original lenders) and Sberbank CZ, a.s. (as original lender) on a syndicated loan facility up to CZK 7.5 billion for Sazka a.s., the leading Czech betting company. Clifford Chance advised the debtor.	CZK 7.5 billion	Czech Republic
26-Jul	Allen & Overy; White & Case	Allen & Overy advised Ceska Sporitelna, the dealer manager, lead manager, delivery agent, listing agent, fiscal agent, and paying agent, on exchange and tender offers and the issuance of Czech koruna-denominated and Czech law-governed domestic bonds by Czech gas transmission operator NET4GAS. White & Case advised NET4GAS on the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic
26-Jul	Havel & Partners; Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised the shareholders of the Ventos s.r.o. engineering company on the sale of 60% of their stake to the SkyLimit Industry investment fund. Havel & Partners advised SkyLimit on the acquisition.	N/A	Czech Republic
26-Jul	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised Zhejiang Huajie Investment Development Group on the leasing of 25,000 square meters of logistics space at the Panattoni Park Prague Airport II near the village of Pavlov in the Czech Republic.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-Jul	JSK; Rowan Legal	JSK, working in cooperation with solo practitioner Pavel Suser, advised the shareholders of James Cook Languages on the sale of 100% of the company to Vladimir Schmalz and his EDUA Group. Rowan Legal advised the EDUA Group on the acquisition.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-Jul	Havel & Partners; JSK	JSK advised investment fund BHS Private Equity Fund on the acquisition of engineering company Boco Pardubice Machines from private individuals Jan Dostal, Petr Pilny, and Jan Dotzauer, with Dotzauer staying on as a minority partner and co-investor. Havel & Partners advised the sellers in the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic
2-Aug	Kocian Solc Balastik	KSB assisted Carthamus obtain clearance to operate a biomass heating plant in Cesky Krumlov, in the Czech Republic.	N/A	Czech Republic
6-Aug	Kocian Solc Balastik	Kocian Solc Balastik advised Skoda Auto DigiLab on its Care-Driver Project: a German service based on combining transportation and home care services for children, seniors, and disabled citizens.	N/A	Czech Republic
13-Aug	Havel & Partners; Kocian Solc Balastik	Kocian Solc Balastik advised Continuum Search Fund on its acquisition of exhibition stand manufacturers Best Expo and IRE - the first acquisition by a search fund in the Czech Republic. The sellers - entrepreneurs Hellen Berends and Petr Kotvas - were advised by Havel & Partners.	N/A	Czech Republic
14-Aug	CMS; Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented Raiffeisen Realitni Fond in its acquisition of Retail Park Pisek, s.r.o. from Czech developer CSPP. CMS advised the sellers.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-Aug	Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised LEEL Electricals on the sale of Janka Engineering s.r.o. to the Ostrava-based Multicraft Group.	N/A	Czech Republic
3-Sep	KSD Legal; Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised Austrian building contractor PORR on its acquisition of all shares in Alpine Bau CZ from PSJ Holding. The seller was represented by KSD Legal.	N/A	Czech Republic
4-Sep	CEE Attorneys	CEE Attorneys assisted the founders of the Vnimave Hracky/Toyeto toy stores on a joint venture with an unidentified new investor.	N/A	Czech Republic
15-Oct	Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented a group of shareholders on the sale of their majority stake in Czech agricultural producer Zeas Podorlicko.	N/A	Czech Republic
24-Oct	Weinhold Legal; Wolf Theiss	Weinhold Legal advised Momentum on the sale of Jansen Display Group, a Czech manufacturer of promotional display hardware and signage systems, to the Sign-Zone, LLC. Wolf Theiss advised Sign-Zone on the acquisition.	N/A	Czech Republic
26-Oct	K.Law; Masek, Koci, Aujezdsky; Mikulas & Partners; Strnad Joch Lokajicek	Masek, Koci, Aujezdsky advised Livesport Invest s.r.o. on its acquisition of a significant stake in Liftago, a.s. from 15 shareholders in the company and by means of a subscription of newly-issued shares in connection with the increase of the company's registered capital. Some of the selling shareholders were advised by Strnad Joch Lokajicek, K.Law advised another of them. Liftago was advised by Mikulas & Partners.	CZK 100 million	Czech Republic
30-Oct	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance Prague provided pro bono assistance to Den'k N on the official commencement of its activities.	N/A	Czech Republic
1-Nov	Clifford Chance; Dvorak Hager & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners assisted investment group Opifer with its acquisition of the Futurum Brno shopping mall from Euro Mall Brno Real Estate, s.r.o. and Bainbridge Czech Republic Brno Videnska Hyper s.r.o. The sellers were represented by Clifford Chance.	EUR 38.5 million	Czech Republic
5-Nov	Act Legal (Randa Havel Legal); Weinhold Legal	Randa Havel Legal - the Czech member of the Act Legal alliance - represented the owners of Janus spol. s r.o., a distributor of Kyocera brand products in the Czech Republic and Slovakia on the sale of 100% of their shares to Dutch company Kyocera Document Solutions Europe B.V. The buyer was represented by Weinhold Legal.	N/A	Czech Republic
12-Nov	Deloitte Legal	Deloitte Legal advised on the merger of two insurance companies in the Czech Republic resulting in the new Kooperativa Pojistovna, a.s., Vienna Insurance Group.	N/A	Czech Republic
14-Nov	Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised GZ Media, a.s., the largest producer of vinyl record players in the world, on its CZK 85 million acquisition of a 67% stake in the PB Tisk.	N/A	Czech Republic
19-Nov	CMS; White & Case	CMS advised Deka Immobilien GmbH on its acquisition of a Czech logistics portfolio from the CTP Group.	EUR 460 million	Czech Republic
25-Nov	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised Czech stock company UDI CEE a.s. on the listing of its shares on the non-regulated SMEs (start-up) market START organized by the Prague Stock Exchange. UDI CEE a.s., a member of Czech developer group UDI Group, issued a total of 587,000 shares at CZK 440 per share, raising a total of CZK 258.3 million.	CZK 258.3 million	Czech Republic
4-Dec	Novalia	Novalia advised tech start-up Sapho on its sale to Citrix.	USD 200 million	Czech Republic
5-Dec	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised EuroManganese Inc. in connection with the initial public offering and listing of its shares in Canada and Australia.	CZK 150 million	Czech Republic
5-Dec	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised UDI CEE a.s. in the process of listing of its shares on the non-regulated Start market organized by the Prague Stock Exchange.	N/A	Czech Republic
12-Dec	PRK Partners; Wilsons	Wilsons advised European warehouse developer P3 on its sale of Green Tower, an office building located in Prague, to a private Czech investor. PRK Partners advised the buyer on the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic
13-Dec	Havel & Partners; PRK Partners	PRK Partners assisted Publicis Groupe with its acquisition of Kindred Group, the largest independent digital communications group in the Czech Republic from CEO and founder Michal Nydrle and other investors. Havel & Partners advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic

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15-Dec	PRK Partners	PRK Partners assisted Moneta Money Bank, a.s. on the relocation of its headquarters to a newly refurbished 21,500 sqm premises in BB Centrum's Building A in Prague 4 owned by the investment and development company Passerinvest Group.	N/A	Czech Republic
30-Apr	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised UniCredit Bank as issuer in updating the base prospectus of its offering programme of mortgage bonds and adding the possibility to issue notes under Slovak law under the programme. This was the first banking prospectus allowing for issuing mortgage bonds under the laws of two jurisdictions - Czech and Slovak.	CZK 100 billion	Czech Republic, Slovakia
4-Jun	Bowman Giffillan; Cobalt; Ellex (Raidla); Jeantet; Njord; Noerr; Sorainen	Noerr, Ellex Raidla, Jeantet, and Bowman Giffillan advised Daimler AG on a USD 175 million investment in Estonian startup Taxify. Sorainen Estonia advised Taxify on the successfully concluded funding round that brought its valuation to the USD 1 billion mark. Cobalt's Estonian office advised Taxify shareholder DiDi Chuxing, on the investment round. Njord advised Taxify's first business angel Peaksjah OU	USD 175 million	Czech Republic; Estonia; Poland; Romania
1-Mar	Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Szecskay Law Firm; White & Case; Wolf Theiss	LKT, working alongside White & Case, advised Czech based energy company Energeticky a prumyslovy holding, a.s. ("EPH") as lead member in a consortium with Hungarian company Status Power in connection with the acquisition by the consortium vehicle Status Power from German energy companies RWE and EnBW shares in a company operating a lignite-fired power plant (Matrai Eromu), two adjacent lignite mines and solar power plant in Hungary. Szecskay Law Firm has advised EnBW and Wolf Theiss has advised RWE as sellers.	EUR 30 million	Czech Republic; Hungary
2-May	CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Kirkland & Ellis	CMS and Freshfields advised global private equity firm Cinven on the acquisition of Partner in Pet Food, a European pet food manufacturer, from Pamplona Capital Management. Kirkland & Ellis advised Pamplona on the sale.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary
11-May	CMS	CMS Prague advised private equity-backed Waterlogic, a designer, manufacturer, distributor, and servicer of purified drinking water dispensers, on the acquisition of Lux Aqua Czech s.r.o. and Lux Aqua Hungaria Kft. The sellers reportedly were represented by Hogan Lovells.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary
7-Nov	Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Tenk Law office	LKT advised Czech investor Z-Group in association with the acquisition of an RTB (ready to build) photovoltaic project, along with land and licences, from Kappa Energy. Tenk Law office represented the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary
7-Dec	Ashurst; Clifford Chance; Kinstellar; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT advised Blackstone on the Hungarian aspects of a new EUR 337 million debt financing for Varde's Dedic Anthology luxury hotel brand. Kinstellar acted for Varde on the Hungarian aspects of the financing. Blackstone's legal team was coordinated by Clifford Chance's Milan office and Varde's legal team was coordinated by Ashurst.	EUR 337 million	Czech Republic; Hungary
14-Nov	Bird & Bird; Karanovic & Partners; Kinstellar; Maravela & Asociatii; Osborne Clarke	Bird & Bird was lead counsel to Precision for Medicine on its multi-jurisdictional acquisition of contract research organization Argint International. Maravela Asociatii assisted Precision for Medicine on Romanian matters and Karanovic & Partners advised on Serbian matters. Kinstellar's advised the sellers on Romanian, Czech, and Hungarian aspects of the deal, working with lead counsel Osborne Clarke.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary; Poland; Romania; Serbia; Slovakia
4-Oct	CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Kirkland & Ellis; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	CMS, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, and Kirkland & Ellis advised Advent International on the acquisition of Zentiva, Sanofi's European generics business. Weil Gotshal & Manges advised Sanofi on the sale. Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Sanofi on the Romanian legal aspects of the deal.	EUR 1.9 billion	Czech Republic; Hungary; Poland; Romania; Slovakia
10-May	CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Ropes & Gray; Slaughter And May; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Slaughter and May advised Vodafone on its acquisition of Liberty Global's operations in Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Romania. Vodafone was advised by Lakatos, Koves and Partners on Hungarian legal aspects of the acquisition. Liberty Global was represented by Freshfields, with US support from Ropes & Gray. CMS advised Liberty Global on the Czech, Hungarian, and Romanian aspects of the transaction. Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Vodafone Romania on the Romanian legal aspects.	EUR 18.4 billion	Czech Republic; Hungary; Romania
26-Feb	Baker McKenzie; Kocian Solc Balastik; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	KSB and Lakatos, Koves & Partners advised Karlovarske Mineralni Vody on its purchase of PepsiCo's Czech, Slovak, and Hungarian operations. Pepsi was advised by Baker McKenzie.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary; Slovakia
8-Nov	Cechova & Partners; Clifford Chance; Kocian Solc Balastik	Clifford Chance advised Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka, a. s., as mandated lead arranger, facility agent, security agent, and underwriter on the initial finance documentation and in relation to subsequent syndication and transactional closing with Ceska Sportelna, a.s. and the EBRD on financing provided to Karlovarske Mineralni Vody for its acquisition of PepsiCo's assets and operations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. Kocian Solc Balastik advised KMV on the financing and on the underlying acquisition, and represented KMV in proceedings before the Czech Competition Authority. Cechova & Partners advised KMV on Slovakian aspects of the deal.	N/A	Czech Republic; Hungary; Slovakia
9-May	Squire Patton Boggs	Squire Patton Boggs successfully defended the Republic of Kosovo against a EUR 380 million investment treaty claim brought by German investor ACP Axos Capital GmbH.	EUR 380 million	Czech Republic; Kosovo
1-Jan	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Venture Inc S.A. as transactional counsel on its initial public offering and introduction of shares to the trading market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange.	EUR 12 million	Czech Republic; Poland
1-Mar	DLA Piper; K&L Gates; TGS Baltic	K&L Gates, together with TGS Baltic as counsel on Lithuanian law, advised Novatura on its initial public offering and introduction of shares to the trading market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange. DLA Piper advised bookrunners PKO, BP, and Trigon.	EUR 22 million	Czech Republic; Poland
2-Mar	Havel & Partners; K&L Gates; Kinstellar; Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	Kinstellar advised Genesis Private Equity Fund III and the Poland-based Avallon MBO Fund II on the acquisition of EQOS Energie Polska Sp. z o.o. and EQOS Energie Cesko spol. s r.o. WKB and Havel & Partners advised EQOS Energie Holding on the process of divesting 100% of its shares in subsidiaries EQOS Energie Polska Sp. z o.o. and EQOS Energie Ceskospol. s r.o. to Polish-based Avallon MBO Fund II and Czech-based Genesis Private Equity Fund III.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland
30-May	Dvorak Hager & Partners; Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland advised Parker Hannifin on the cross-border merger of Parker's Polish and Czech entities and the moving of the business to a legal entity organized in the Czech Republic. Dvorak Hager & Partners (now part of Eversheds Sutherland) advised Parker Hannifin in the Czech Republic.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland
31-Aug	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance lawyers from Prague and Warsaw were on the multi-jurisdictional team advising FlaktGroup, a portfolio company of Triton, on the sale of DELBAG, a specialist for air filtration, to Hengst SE.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland
1-Oct	DLA Piper; Kinstellar; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	DLA Piper advised arrangers Wood & Company and Erste Group Bank on the sale of a substantial stake in Kofola Ceskoslovensko by a shareholder by way of accelerated book-building. Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Kinstellar advised the issuer.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland

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6-Aug	CMS	CMS advised Kreditech Holding SSL GmbH on the sale of 100% shares in its Czech subsidiary, Kreditech Ceska Republika, to Kancelaria Medius S.A.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland;
29-Mar	Allen & Overy	Allen & Overy advised the EBRD and ING Bank Romania on a EUR 96 million financing for CTPark Bucharest - a logistics park located on the A1 Bucharest-Pitesti motorway, owned by CTP Group.	EUR 96 million	Czech Republic; Poland; Romania
25-Apr	Clifford Chance; Herbert Smith Freehills; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss and Herbert Smith Freehills advised French media and publishing group Lagardere on the EUR 73 million sale of its central European radio businesses to Czech Media Invest. Clifford Chance advised Czech Media Invest on the acquisition.	EUR 73 million	Czech Republic; Poland; Romania; Slovakia
1-Aug	CEE Attorneys; Havel & Partners	CEE Attorneys advised Detska Galaxie, a company belonging to the Ags 92 group, on the acquisition of Feedo e-shop from Windeln.de. Havel & Partners advised Windeln.de.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland; Slovakia
24-Aug	Herbert Smith Freehills; Schoenherr; Tetra Law	Schoenherr and Herbert Smith Freehills advised French thermal solutions provider Atlantic in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Poland on the acquisition of Belgian space heating producer ACV International. Tetra Law advised the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic; Poland; Slovakia
27-Mar	Gessel; Mrowiec Fialek; NautaDutilh Avocats; PRK Partners; Schoenherr; Selih & Partners	PRK Partners provided legal advice to Komercni Banka, a.s. in connection with financing provided to Avia Prime, a.s. for the acquisition of interests in Linetech S.A. and Adria Airways Technika d.d. Mrowiec Fialek acted as legal counsel to the lender and Gessel advised the debtor on Polish law. Selih & Partners advised the lender and Schoenherr assisted the debtor on Slovenian law. NautaDutilh Avocats advised on Luxembourg Law.	EUR 15 million	Czech Republic; Poland; Slovenia
1-May	Dentons; Oncescu & Asociatii	Dentons advised VGP on the acquisition of land for envisaged logistics/industrial development in Romania. Oncescu & Asociatii advised the seller	N/A	Czech Republic; Romania
11-Jan	Nozdrovicky, Suvert & Co.; Taylor Wessing	Taylor Wessing Bratislava advised Martinus, s.r.o., the largest online book retailer and the second largest book retailer in Slovakia, on the acquisition of e-shop Gorila.sk and Czech e-shop arara.cz from Beyond Media, s.r.o. Nozdrovicky, Suvert & Co. advised the seller.	N/A	Czech Republic; Slovakia
18-Jan	Kinstellar; Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised the Sarantis Group on its EUR 8.5 million acquisition of Slovak and Czech cosmetic brand Indulona. The sellers were advised by Kinstellar Bratislava.	EUR 8.5 million	Czech Republic; Slovakia
21-Aug	Allen & Overy; Kinstellar	Allen & Overy advised Aegon on the EUR 155 million divestment of its insurance businesses in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the NN Group. The buyer was advised by Kinstellar.	EUR 155 million	Czech Republic; Slovakia
27-Mar	Kavcic Bracun & Partners; Kirm Perpar	Kirm Perpar advised Czech Banka Credits on the establishment of securities for a loan provided for financing the purchase of assets in Slovenia. Kavcic Bracun & Partners advised the borrower.	EUR 2.25 million	Czech Republic; Slovenia
22-Nov	Kavcic Bracun & Partners; Kirm Perpar	Kirm Perpar advised Czech Banka Credits on the establishment of securities for a loan provided for financing the purchase of assets in Slovenia. Kavcic Bracun & Partners advised the borrower.	EUR 13.5 million	Czech Republic; Slovenia
8-Jan	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia successfully represented the City of Tartu in disputes relating to Estonia's largest bus transport procurement, which resulted in awarding a public contract worth EUR 66 million to AS GoBus over 10 years.	EUR 66 million	Estonia
10-Jan	Ellex (Raidla); Sorainen	Ellex Raidla advised Nordic Trustee & Agency AB on its role in Future Gaming Group International AB's bond issuance to finance its acquisition of ViisTek Media in Estonia and Unlimited Media in Malta. Sorainen Estonia advised ViisTek Media and its shareholders on that subsequent acquisition.	SEK 200 million	Estonia
11-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic's banking and finance team advised online trading provider Admiral Markets on a public bond issue.	EUR 1.8 million	Estonia
11-Jan	Sorainen	Sorainen counseled Rogue Wave Software in the acquisition of ZeroTurnaround, the company behind JRebel, XRebel, and XRebel Hub.	N/A	Estonia
16-Jan	Cobalt; Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised Swedish real estate investor CA Fastigheter AB on the sale of the Postimaja Shopping Center to the Baltic Horizon Fund, advised by Cobalt	N/A	Estonia
19-Jan	Cobalt; Nove	Nove advised the shareholders of electricity and communication networks construction company Corle on the company's BPM Mezzanine Fund-financed sale to Network Assets. BPM Capital was represented by Cobalt Estonia.	N/A	Estonia
5-Feb	Cobalt; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Euroapteek, a subsidiary of Euroapotheca group, on its acquisition of the Ulikooli Apteek pharmacy chain in Estonia from Yliopiston Apteekki OY, a Finnish state company, which was advised by Cobalt.	N/A	Estonia
6-Feb	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia successfully represented the non-profit association Puskini Instituut and its manager in relation to the charge of embezzlement of money allocated to support the non-profit association by the Narva City Government.	N/A	Estonia
7-Feb	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia is advising the Tartu City Government on legal matters related to the potential construction of a biorefinery plant by the Emajogi river proposed by EST-FOR Invest OU and the Estonian Government. The value of the contemplated plant is of approximately EUR 1 billion.	EUR 1 billion	Estonia
12-Feb	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised seed investment company Ambient Sound Investment and other sellers on the sale of Ecofleet Holding to Fleet Complete, a global provider of mission-critical fleet, asset, and mobile workforce management solutions.	N/A	Estonia
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16-Feb	Leadell (Pilv)	Leadell Pilv successfully represented Aigar Lepp, the manager of Tartu Valla Kommunaal OU and Miljon Motet OU, against charges of corruption brought by the Public Prosecutor's Office including the falsification of and use of a falsified procurement document.	N/A	Estonia
19-Feb	Fort Legal	Fort's Tallinn office successfully represented a subsidiary of Baltic real estate fund EFTEN in a dispute against a former lessee.	N/A	Estonia
22-Feb	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Alexela Energia on a transaction involving its acquisition of Adven Eesti's natural gas portfolio, and Adven Eesti's acquisition of the natural gas distribution company Gaasienergia AS from Alexela.	N/A	Estonia
26-Feb	Cobalt; Fort Legal	Fort Legal advised Eften Kinnisvarafond II AS, the closed-end core real estate fund of Eften Capital, in its acquisition of the Marienthal commercial center in Tallinn. The seller, real estate investment company AS Gildhall, was advised by Cobalt Estonia.	N/A	Estonia

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1-Mar	PwC Legal	PwC Legal advised the Amber Beverage Group on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Aktsiaselts Remedia by the Amber Beverage Group.	N/A	Estonia
5-Mar	Cobalt	Cobalt has advised technology investment fund Rubylight on its investment in London-based Sweatcoin as part of a recently completed USD 5.7-million initial seed stage round of financing.	USD 5.7 million	Estonia
14-Mar	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic's Estonian office advised property lender EstateGuru on its EUR 1.6 million loan to Finnish-based printing house Libris Oy for the purchase of real estate.	EUR 1.6 million	Estonia
14-Mar	Cobalt	Cobalt advised SmartCap on its investment of EUR 4.2 million into accelerator fund Superangel.	EUR 4.2 million	Estonia
22-Mar	Cobalt; Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised pension funds managed by AS LHV Varahaldus and Swedbank Investeerimisfondid AS on their EUR 25 million investment in the bonds of Alexela Tanklad OU to finance the purchase of the Euro Oil petrol station chain. Alexela Tanklad OU was advised by Cobalt.	EUR 25 million	Estonia
26-Mar	Ellex (Raidla); Sorainen	Ellex Raidla advised BaltCap and Unimed Clinics on the purchase of the Eurodent Dental Clinic from Kristjan Gutmann, who was advised by Sorainen.	N/A	Estonia
26-Mar	Cobalt	Cobalt advised BPM Mezzanine Fund on its backing of the acquisition of 100% of DenEsti OU by an unidentified buyer.	N/A	Estonia
1-Apr	Primus Derling; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised major construction materials producer Framm (formerly Talot) on its acquisition of concrete manufacturer Lasbet. Primus Derling provided assistance to Lasbet.	N/A	Estonia
1-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Estonia advised Sanatoorius Tervis on contractual matters, including the drafting of a long-term lease contract for a heating pipeline.	N/A	Estonia
4-Apr	Cobalt; Derling	Cobalt advised Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG on its acquisition of Estonian terminal operator Transiidikeskuse AS from Kantauro OU, which was represented by Derling.	N/A	Estonia
6-Apr	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Eesti Uhistukapital on its acquisition of a 5% stake in Coop Pank from Inbank.	N/A	Estonia
6-Apr	Njord	Njord assisted Kopikas Entertainment OU in its successful application for a permit to organize remote gambling.	N/A	Estonia
11-Apr	Applex Attorneys; JV Lakiasiat; Njord	Njord, working with Finland's Applex Attorneys, advised AQ Group AB on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of Mecanova Oy from Nivala, Finland, and its Mecanova OU subsidiary in Estonia. JV Lakiasiat advised the Mecanova shareholders on the sale.	N/A	Estonia
12-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised the Ferratum Group on the verification and updating of its AML / CFT internal documentation regarding implementation of AMLD4.	N/A	Estonia
19-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Crowdfund in the evaluation of legal risks related to financing for a sale advance for the Aduvahi 9 real estate development project.	N/A	Estonia
27-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Crowdfund in the evaluation of legal risks related to bridge financing for Kiviloo Manor.	N/A	Estonia
30-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Coop in its preparations for the GDPR.	N/A	Estonia
30-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised R-Kiosk in its preparations for the GDPR.	N/A	Estonia
3-May	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Baltic Horizon Fund, managed by Northern Horizon Capital, on its issuance of five-year unsecured bonds.	EUR 30 million	Estonia
4-May	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic has assisted Cryptus in obtaining virtual currency handling authorization from Estonia's Financial Intelligence Unit to provide services exchanging a virtual currency against a fiat currency as well as virtual currency wallet services.	N/A	Estonia
7-May	Sorainen	Sorainen Estonia advised Estonian electricity and gas transmission system operator Elering on its EUR 225 million Eurobond issue.	EUR 225 million	Estonia
9-May	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised AS Alexela Varahaldus on the investment by Wartsila Corporation to Hamina LNG terminal.	N/A	Estonia
11-May	BNT Attorneys; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised TKC on the sale of IntelliVENT to Zehnder Group, a multinational group producing, developing and selling ventilation and radiator solutions under different brands. BNT Attorneys acted as legal adviser to Zehnder Group.	N/A	Estonia
14-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Estonian-based asset management service provider AS Kawe Kapital on obtaining a license to operate as an investment firm from the Estonian Financial Supervision Authority.	N/A	Estonia
15-May	Eversheds Sutherland; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised EstateGuru on the establishment of its first institutional credit line with Germany's Varegold Bank AG. The bank was represented by Eversheds Sutherland.	N/A	Estonia
18-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Estonian software company Helmes AS on its launch of an option program that will enable 70 of its employees to become shareholders of the company.	N/A	Estonia
25-May	Cobalt; Pohla & Hallmagi; Thommessen Bergen	Pohla & Hallmagi, working in cooperation with Norwegian law firm Thommessen Bergen, advised Norwegian hotel operator Citybox on its agreement with Estonian company Porto Franco OU to establish a Citybox hotel in Tallin. Cobalt advised Porto Franco on the deal.	N/A	Estonia
28-May	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised Endover Kinnisvara on a EUR 7.5 million bond issuance.	EUR 7.5 million	Estonia
30-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Estonian venture capital firm Karma Ventures on its investment in Realeyes, a tech company that uses A.I. and computer vision to help computers read people's emotions.	N/A	Estonia
30-May	HPP Attorneys; Pohla & Hallmagi	Pohla & Hallmagi advised Hansapost on its merger with Finnish company Hobby Hall. HPP Attorneys advised Hobby Hall Oy and its Finnish shareholders SGN Group Oy and Four P&P Consulting Oy on the merger.	N/A	Estonia
31-May	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Endover in its preparations for the GDPR.	N/A	Estonia
1-Jun	Deloitte Legal; Pohla & Hallmagi	Pohla & Homagi advised France's Oberthur Technologies on its agreement with Estonia's Police and Border Guard Board to produce ID cards in the country. The Police & Border Guard Board was represented by Deloitte Legal.	N/A	Estonia

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1-Jun	Ellex (Raidla); TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Rondam Grupp on its acquisition of a high-rise office building that is currently leased to Luminor Bank and serves as its headquarters. The deal, which included additional financing of the seller's mother company, was structured as a share deal -- and was also a part of a larger deal whereby Nordic Contractor, the financial investor of the seller's mother company, exited the venture. Raidla Ellex advised the seller.	N/A	Estonia
1-Jun	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Capfield on the drafting and negotiating of a construction agreement for the expansion of one of its shopping centers.	N/A	Estonia
1-Jun	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Tervis Spa Group in its preparations for the GDPR.	N/A	Estonia
11-Jun	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex represented Estonia's Inbank on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of UAB Mokilizingas from shareholders LHV Group and UAB Inovatyvus Prekybos.	N/A	Estonia
11-Jun	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Eurovia, a subsidiary of VINCI, on the acquisition of a 75% stake in Estonian infrastructure construction company TREV2 Grupp from BaltCap.	N/A	Estonia
12-Jun	Sorainen	Sorainen advised a working group of the Tallinn City government on the development of an anti-corruption strategy for the city.	N/A	Estonia
13-Jun	Sorainen	Sorainen Estonia advised Hobbiton, the Estonian handicraft log home producer, on its merger with another Estonian log house producer, Saulerman.	N/A	Estonia
15-Jun	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia comprehensively assisted auto24 - the administrator of the largest portal for advertisements for the sale of vehicles in Estonia - in their preparations for the GDPR.	N/A	Estonia
22-Jun	Baker McKenzie; Cobalt	Cobalt and Baker McKenzie advised on the initial public offering of the shares of Estonian state-owned company AS Tallinna Sadam, the Port of Tallinn.	N/A	Estonia
25-Jun	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised European Lingerie Group AB in the acquisition of French online lingerie seller Dessus-Dessous.	N/A	Estonia
26-Jun	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Keskkonnainspektsioon, the Estonian Environmental Inspectorate, on the possibility of recovering the costs of substitutive enforcement in the case of the disposal and recycling of the Tartu Raadi tire heap.	N/A	Estonia
27-Jun	Leppik & Partnerid; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Estonian e-cigarette seller Nicorex Baltic, which - together with retailer Veipland - acquired competitor the Elgery Group. Leppik & Partnerid advised the Elgery Group on the transaction.	N/A	Estonia
1-Jul	PwC Legal	PwC Estonia successfully represented the Estonian Ministry of the Environment in a major public procurement dispute related to a tender to clean up pollution in the area covering the Purtse River, the Kohtla River, and a phenol swamp in Northern Estonia. The courts agreed with the Ministry of the Environment that a tenderer having provided false data could be excluded due to loss of confidence, even if it could qualify otherwise.	EUR 16 million	Estonia
5-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented AS Ragn-Sells in a dispute against the City of Tallinn. The case involved the unlawful activities of the city in the waste transport area of Tallinn's Kesklinn borough.	N/A	Estonia
10-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Karma Ventures on its investment in MeetFrank, a recruitment startup founded in September 2017.	EUR 1 million	Estonia
16-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia successfully represented the Port of Tallinn in a dispute against Vesta Terminal Tallinn OU.	N/A	Estonia
18-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised the EBRD on its investment of EUR 20 million into the BaltCap Infrastructure Fund.	EUR 20 million	Estonia
20-Jul	Njord	Njord advised SafeEnt Ltd (the Estonian subsidiary of Global Gaming) on its entrance into the Estonian market, and its successful application to the Estonian Tax and Customs Board for a gambling license.	N/A	Estonia
29-Jul	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia successfully represented Estonian Railways in an important public procurement process for the modernization of traffic management systems on the Laane-Harju railway line. After the procurement process and resolution of procurement disputes at the Public Procurement Review Committee, the Tallinn Administrative Court, the Tallinn Circuit Court, and finally the Supreme Court, Estonian Railways awarded the public contract to Mipro Oy.	EUR 16.5 million	Estonia
2-Aug	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex successfully represented personal transportation company Segway Inc. in a dispute with Estonian company Lara Invest concerning Segway's registered product design rights.	N/A	Estonia
7-Aug	Cobalt; Sorainen	Cobalt advised Alexela Oil on the acquisition of 220 Energia, an Estonian private-capital-based electricity sales company. The seller, Home of Smart Energy, was represented by Sorainen.	N/A	Estonia
14-Aug	Cobalt	Cobalt advised the shareholders of the TMB Group on the sale of their business to the Consolis Group, a company dealing with suppliers of precast concrete solutions.	N/A	Estonia
29-Aug	Ellex (Raidla); Eversheds Sutherland	Ellex Raidla advised GrECo JLT, a risk and insurance manager in Central and Eastern Europe, on the acquisition of a stake of over 57% in IIZI Group AS.	N/A	Estonia
31-Aug	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Estonian electricity and gas system operator Elering on agreements worth approximately EUR 60 million for the construction of the Paldiski compressor station, which will serve the Estonia-Finland Balticconnector gas link, and for the Puiatu compressor station, which will serve the Estonia-Latvia connection.	EUR 60 million	Estonia
6-Sep	Sorainen	Sorainen advised the Baltic Horizon Fund on listing its 5-year unsecured bonds on the Nasdaq Baltic Bond List.	EUR 30 million	Estonia
11-Sep	Ellex (Raidla); PwC Legal	Ellex Raidla advised AS Infortar, the majority owner of Estonian shipper Tallink Grupp, on the sale of Pirita Spa Hotel to Purje Vara OU, which was advised by PwC Legal.	N/A	Estonia
12-Sep	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised Alexela Kuumasinkitys Oy, a subsidiary of Alexela Group, on the acquisition of Finland's Helon Kuumasinkitys Oy.	N/A	Estonia
13-Sep	Sorainen	Sorainen advised the Kaamos Group on the sale of its majority stake in Estonian veneer producer Valmos to Poland's Paged Group.	N/A	Estonia
18-Sep	Ilyashev & Partners	The Tallinn office of Ilyashev & Partners advised Cryptagio, a licensed Estonian platform for cryptocurrency exchange, on business operations and business development-related matters.	N/A	Estonia
24-Sep	Derling; Pohla & Hallmagi	Pohla & Hallmagi advised Kunda Sadam AS, a company owned by the Baltic Maritime Logistics Group, on the acquisition of Kunda Port from Kunda Nordic Tsement AS, owned by the HeidelbergCement Group. Derling advised the sellers on the sale.	N/A	Estonia

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25-Sep	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia advised Baltic Real Estate OU on the acquisition of real estate from TopSpa Kinnisvara OU in Estonia.	N/A	Estonia
25-Sep	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Estonia helped SupplierPlus OU, an Estonian fintech company providing a cloud-based supplier financing solution based on blockchain technology, draft its client agreements.	N/A	Estonia
27-Sep	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Denmark's Sjolund Group on the acquisition of Estonian metal works company Cutform OU.	N/A	Estonia
1-Oct	Lexia; TGC Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Plastone, a subsidiary of Finland's Plastone, on Estonian law aspects on acquiring Enstek's injection moulding machinery. Lexia (Finland) was Plaston's main advisor.	EUR 1 million	Estonia
4-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised AKA Investment OU on its acquisition of 95.5% of the shares of AS Wris from Holostovi Kinnisvarahalduse OU.	N/A	Estonia
8-Oct	Jones Day; Sorainen	Sorainen and Jones Day are representing Windoor in arbitration proceedings at the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington, D.C., in its EUR 23 million claim against the Republic of Kazakhstan.	EUR 23 million	Estonia
8-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen advised CTS Engtec on the purchase of SystemTest, an Estonian company supplying industrial and infrastructure projects with industrial automation systems.	N/A	Estonia
8-Oct	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Posti on Estonian law aspects of its acquisition of the Suomen Transval Group.	N/A	Estonia
17-Oct	Ellex (Raidla); Triniti	Ellex Raidla advised BaltCap, acting through its DenCap Investments holding company, on the acquisition of Estonian dental care provider Kaarli Hambapoliiklinik OU from OU Magnum & Co, OU SILLEVER, and Patre Investeeringud OU. The sellers were advised by Triniti.	N/A	Estonia
25-Oct	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla successfully represented Estonia's Environmental Board in a dispute over the damming of a Natura 2000 water body.	N/A	Estonia
25-Oct	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised the Graanul Invest Group on the sale of its boiler plants, Pelletikute AS, to Estonian energy producer Adven Eesti.	N/A	Estonia
26-Oct	PwC Legal; Rask Law Firm	The Rask law firm represented joint bidders Artes Terrae and Alkranel and PwC Legal represented joint bidders OU Keskkonnaprojekt, AS Maves and AS Kobras in their challenge of a decision by Riga's State Support Center to approve the bid by another company - Skepast & Puhkim - to serve as consultant for the Est-For pulp mill special plan.	N/A	Estonia
26-Oct	Rask Law Firm	The Rask law firm successfully represented Tamsalu Uus Apteek OU in Estonia's Supreme Court, gaining what it describes as "a landmark victory in the field of pharmacies owned by pharmacists."	N/A	Estonia
29-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Visma on the acquisition of Merit Tarkvara from its shareholders.	N/A	Estonia
29-Oct	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Livonia Partners and its portfolio company Ha Serv on its merger with wood manufacturing company Thermory. Cobalt advised the founders and management of Ha Serv on the merger.	N/A	Estonia
30-Oct	Cobalt; Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex advised the Consolis Group on the acquisition of Estonian company TMB AS. The sellers, TMB's shareholders, were represented by Cobalt.	N/A	Estonia
30-Oct	Rask Law Firm	Rask advised Elle Capital on its exit from real estate development and management company Arealis.	N/A	Estonia
9-Nov	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla successfully represented the BLRT Group in a dispute against motorcycle racer Anastassia Kovalenko regarding the accuracy of allegations she published in the media and in her master's thesis.	N/A	Estonia
12-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia successfully represented Lennuabi, a company specializing in obtaining compensation for flight delays or cancellations, in a dispute with the Smartlynx airline in the Harju County Court.	N/A	Estonia
12-Nov	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised LHV Group AS on the public offer, listing, and admission to trading of subordinated bonds.	N/A	Estonia
12-Nov	TGS Baltic	The Estonian office of TGS Baltic advised the Astel Group on its acquisition of a 95% shareholding in Rakvere Metsamajand, the oldest timber log house manufacturer in the Baltics, from Viru Puit.	N/A	Estonia
13-Nov	Eversheds Sutherland; Sorainen	Eversheds Sutherland Ots & Co advised Estonian software company Scoro in a EUR 4.4 million Series A funding round involving venture capital fund Livonia Partners and existing investors, Inventure and Tera Ventures. Sorainen advised Livonia Partners on the round.	EUR 6.1 million	Estonia
13-Nov	Integrites	The Estonian office of Cobalt advised and successfully represented long-term client AS Ragn-Sells against a monetary claim made against it.	N/A	Estonia
16-Nov	Nove	Nove successfully represented Nasdaq Tallinn AS in a Tallinn Stock Exchange Arbitration against Olympic Entertainment Group AS involving a decision of Nasdaq Tallinn's Listing and the Surveillance Committee.	N/A	Estonia
20-Nov	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla assisted Luminor with the establishment of a European Medium Term Note program in the amount of EUR 3 billion.	EUR 3 billion	Estonia
20-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt Estonia advised real estate management company Piritä Tee Development OU on the sale of Kadrioru Arikeskus, Kadrioru's business center in Tallinn, to EFTEN Real Estate Fund 4.	N/A	Estonia
20-Nov	Cobalt; Eversheds Sutherland	Cobalt successfully represented AS Poohtech and Activity OU in litigation before the Supreme Court in a dispute concerning approval of annual reports. The defendant was advised by Eversheds Sutherland.	N/A	Estonia
20-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented the European Commission in a dispute with the Republic of Estonia in the Court of Justice of the European Union regarding the amount to be charged for surplus sugar stocks.	N/A	Estonia
22-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented AS Ragn-Sells in a dispute with the City of Tallinn regarding waste transport in the city's Nõmme and Lasnamäe neighborhoods.	N/A	Estonia
28-Nov	Sorainen	Sorainen advised A-Ulevaatus on its acquisition of Rael's inspection stations.	N/A	Estonia
28-Nov	Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland's teams in Estonia and the US advised Click & Grow, the producer of smart indoor gardens, in the closing of a financing round through which the company raised over USD 11 million.	USD 11 million	Estonia
4-Dec	Cobalt; Triniti	Cobalt Estonia advised European Diversified Infrastructure Fund II SPSC, a long-term infrastructure fund managed by First State Investments, on its acquisition of 85% of shares in Utilitas. Triniti advised the sellers.	EUR 320 million	Estonia
11-Dec	Ellex (Raidla)	Ellex Raidla advised Tallink on its public offering on Nasdaq Helsinki.	N/A	Estonia
12-Dec	Sorainen	Sorainen was appointed as legal advisor to the FinEst Bay Area Development tunnel project, designed to enable a safe, high-speed connection between Helsinki Vantaa Airport and Tallinn Airport.	N/A	Estonia

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12-Dec	Sorainen	Sorainen Estonia acted as Estonian adviser to a syndicate of banks consisting of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, and HSH Nordbank in financing the investment of European Diversified Infrastructure Fund II SPSc in Utilitas.	N/A	Estonia
14-Dec	Cobalt	Cobalt advised MCF Group Estonia on the development of a data center to be built in the Estonian city of Saue in 2019.	EUR 100 million	Estonia
8-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic represented Credit Value Investments and the funds managed by it during an investment procedure in bonds of AB Civinity.	EUR 11 million	Estonia; Latvia
4-May	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Swedish company Bergs Timber on its acquisition of Vika Wood and Byko-lat (Latvia), EWP AS and Laesti AS (Estonia), and Norvik Shipping (United Kingdom) from Icelandic Norvik hf.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia
5-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt advised A-Katsastus and Bridgepoint on the sale of the A-Katsastus Group's business operations in Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, and Poland to pan-European private equity advisory group IK Investment Partners.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia
19-Oct	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted Kapital with the reorganization of ELL Buve SIA by spinning-off the newly-established SK 23 SIA.	EUR 2 million	Estonia; Latvia
10-Jan	Ellex (Klavins); Ellex (Raidla); Ellex (Valiunas); Motieka & Audzevicius; Skrastins & Dzenis; Tark	Ellex advised OP Financial Group on its sale of all shares of non-life insurance company Seesam Insurance AS to Vienna Insurance Group. Skrastins & Dzenis in Latvia, Tark in Estonia, and Motieka & Audzevicius in Lithuania advised VIG on the acquisition.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
16-Jan	DLA Piper; Glimstedt; Sorainen	Sorainen, working with DLA Piper, advised insurance broker company Aon Baltic on its acquisition of Balto Link. The sellers were advised by Glimstedt.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
22-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised the Fluid Handling Solutions business group of Axel Johnson International on its acquisition of Bahr Pump OU in Estonia, Pumptechnique SIA in Latvia, and Flow Technologies UAB in Lithuania.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
14-Mar	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Luminor on the company's management structure reorganization.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
6-Jun	Ellex (Klavins); Ellex (Raidla); Ellex (Valiunas); Thommessen Bergen	Ellex advised Eesti Energia subsidiary Enefit Green AS on its acquisition of 100% the shares in Nelja Energia AS from Vardar Eurus AS and Nelja Energia's minority shareholders. The sellers were represented by Norway's Thomessen law firm.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
12-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Luminor on its successful application to the European Central Bank for permission to merge all its banks in the Baltics.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
14-Aug	Cobalt; TGS Baltic	Cobalt, in cooperation with Setterwalls, advised SEB and Swedbank on their extension of EUR 185 million syndicated loan facilities to the Euroapothea pharmacy chain. Euroapothea was assisted by TGS Baltic.	EUR 185 million	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
31-Aug	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic provided legal support to the Moller group on asset restructuring in the Baltics in relation to the intended sale of the group's real property portfolio.	EUR 11 million	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
20-Sep	Allen & Overy; Cobalt; Ellex (Klavins); Ellex (Raidla); Ellex (Valiunas); Hamilton	Ellex, Allen & Overy, and Hamilton advised Blackstone on the EUR 1 billion acquisition by a consortium of private equity funds it manages of a 60% stake in Luminor from Nordea Bank AB and DNB Bank ASA. Cobalt advised Luminor on the sale.	EUR 1 billion	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
10-Oct	Kronbergs Cukste Levin; Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius advised Kesko Senukai on the acquisition of the "1A" e-commerce business in all three Baltic States from SIA MZ Investments, SIA GS, and SIA KP Investments. Kronbergs Cukste Levin advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
17-Dec	Cobalt; Ellex (Valiunas); Motieka & Audzevicius; Sorainen	Motieka & Audzevicius advised the Publicum Group and Cobalt advised the Idea Group in joining forces to create the largest integrated communications group in the Baltic States and on their entrance into a joint venture with worldwide communications group Havas. Havas acquired 51% of Baltic Media Holding OU -- the controlling entity of operating companies which were part of the Publicum and Idea groups. Ellex Valiunas advised the shareholders of UAB Good One and UAB Socialus Marketingas which have been bought by Publicum Group and Sorainen advised Havas.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania
10-Sep	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised mBank Spolka Akcyjna on financing it provided, along with MCI.Creditventures 2.0 Fundusz Inwestycyjny Zamkniety, to the Morele group, in the form of a credit facility and bond issue.	PLN 16 million and PLN 40 million	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Poland
17-Sep	Cobalt; Roschier; TGS Baltic; Vinge; Wolf Theiss	TGS Baltic and Sweden's Vinge Law Firm advised IK Investment Partners on the acquisition of A-Katsastus Group's operations in the Baltics, Sweden, and Poland. Sweden's Roschier Law Firm and Cobalt advised A-Katsastus Group and its subsidiary A-Katsastus.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Poland
26-Feb	Ellex; Nobles; Noerr; Stelios Americanos	Noerr was lead counsel to Union Tank Eckstein in relation to its acquisition of 51% of the shares of Polish company Timex Card, a franchisee and distributor of UTA service cards for car fleets issued by Union Tank Eckstein. Ellex advised UTA on Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian matters, Nobles advised UTA on Ukrainian law, and Stelios Americanos advised it on Cypriot law issues.	N/A	Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania; Ukraine
10-Jan	Cobalt; Ellex (Valiunas)	Cobalt Estonia advised BaltCap on the sale of 100% of its shares in Magnetic MRO to Guangzhou Hangxin Aviation Technology. The buyer was advised by Ellex.	EUR 43 million	Estonia; Lithuania
21-Mar	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised joint bookrunners Dom Maklerski PKO Banku Polskiego, Swedbank, and Trigon Dom Maklerski on the IPO of Baltic tour operator AB Novaturas in Lithuania and Estonia.	N/A	Estonia; Lithuania
28-May	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex Valiunas advised Estonia's Inbank on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of UAB Mokilizingas from shareholders AS LHV Group and UAB Inovatyvus Prekybos Sprendimai.	EUR 15 million	Estonia; Lithuania
10-Jul	Cobalt; TGS Baltic	Cobalt advised Mylnvest Estonia on its sale of the Bauhof hardware store chain to Lithuanian hardware store chain Ermitazas, a subsidiary of the Vilniaus Prekyba Group. TGS Baltic advised Ermitazas.	N/A	Estonia; Lithuania
11-Dec	Norton Rose Fulbright; Sorainen; TGS Baltic	Sorainen advised Pigu.lt and its shareholders on its merger with Morele.net. Polish private equity group MCI, an investor in both Pigu.lt and Morele.net., was advised by Norton Rose Fulbright and TGS Baltic on the deal.	EUR 30 million	Estonia; Lithuania; Poland
1-Aug	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Brightgrove with respect to customer contracts and labor law issues.	N/A	Germany; Ukraine

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5-Jan	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos, acting on behalf of JetAir, conducted a legal due diligence project on the real estate assets owned by a hotel resort in Rhodes, Greece, pursuant to enforcement proceedings to be initiated by JetAir against the resort.	N/A	Greece
12-Jan	Alexiou-Kosmopoulos; DLA Piper;	DLA Piper advised the Marguerite Fund on its acquisition of a 10% stake in Fraport Greece, the owner and operator of 14 regional airports in Greece. Greek counsel was provided by Alexiou-Kosmopoulos.	N/A	Greece
22-Jan	Drakopoulos; Squire Patton Boggs	Drakopoulos, together with Squire Patton Boggs, helped Voiceweb settle a breach of contract case against Sonatel (Orange Senegal), with respect to a Mega Promo SMS campaign project.	N/A	Greece
30-Jan	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos advised AIM-listed Secure Property Development & Investment on the collection of an unspecified amount under a loan agreement concluded in a convertible structure for the purposes of partially funding the acquisition of Romanian logistics assets.	EUR 4 million	Greece
6-Mar	Ince & Co.; Orrick; Seward & Kissel	Orrick's London team advised Precitox Holdings, Oratosio Holdings, and Humberto Finance on the USD 367 million sale of 100% of the share capital of H.E.C. Europe Limited to Aegean Marine Petroleum Network. Aegean was advised by Ince & Co and Seward & Kissel.	USD 367 million	Greece
29-Mar	Watson Farley & Williams; White & Case	White & Case advised Energean on a USD 180 million reserve-based lending facility in relation to its Greek assets provided by the EBRD, the Black Sea Trade Development Bank, Romanian Ex-Im Bank, Banca Comerciala Intesa Sanpaolo Romania, and HSBC (acting as agent and security agent). Watson Farley & Williams advised the lenders on financing designed for the development of the Prinos Basin offshore of Greece. The new facility is an amendment, restatement, and extension to an existing USD 75 million facility granted to Energean by the EBRD in 2016.	USD 180 million	Greece
18-Jun	Karatzas & Partners	Karatzas & Partners advised B2Holding on its acquisition of a portfolio of under-performing and non-performing consumer and small business loans worth EUR 3.6 billion from Alpha Bank.	EUR 3.6 billion	Greece
19-Jun	Karatzas & Partners; Zepos & Yannopoulos	Karatzas & Partners advised Bain Capital on the acquisition of a secured corporate NPE portfolio from Piraeus Bank equivalent to EUR 1.95 million of legal claims or EUR 1.45 million gross book value. Piraeus Bank was advised by Zepos & Yannopoulos.	EUR 1.95 million	Greece
13-Jul	Anna Panagou and Nektarios Makrystathis Law Office; Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos represented TUI France before the Court of First Instance of Athens in a case of hotelier agent's compensation and alleged damages. The Anna Panagou and Nektarios Makrystathis Law Office represented the claimant.	EUR 3.1 million	Greece
26-Jul	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos advised Alpha Bank on financing the acquisition of Golf Residencies SA, which owns and operates five luxury hotels and resorts formerly belonging to the Sbokos Hotel Group.	N/A	Greece
26-Jul	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos advised the European Investment Bank and Alpha Bank A.E. on the financing of two wind parks in northern Greece.	N/A	Greece
3-Aug	Norton Rose Fulbright; Watson Farley & Williams	Norton Rose Fulbright advised Alpha Bank on the EUR 30 million non-recourse financing of a greenfield onshore wind power project developed by Eoliki Energiaki Achladotopos S.A., a Greek subsidiary of Total Eren, in Evia, Greece. Watson, Farley & Williams advised the sponsor.	EUR 30 million	Greece
14-Aug	Karatzas & Partners	Karatzas & Partners advised AutoHellas S.A., an independent car leasing company in Greece, and StormHarbour, as the arranger, on the securitization of automotive leases for small and medium-sized enterprises originated by Autohellas. The transaction was funded by the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, KfW, and the EBRD.	N/A	Greece
18-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	The KG Law Firm advised Senfluga Energy Infrastructure Holding on the debt financing of 64.22% of the cost of the acquisition by the company of 66% of the shares of Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator S.A.	N/A	Greece
19-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos advised Sinsin Europe Solar Asset Limited Partnership on the acquisition of a portfolio of 15MW photovoltaic projects from an unidentified seller.	N/A	Greece
20-Sep	Drakopoulos; Osborne Clarke	Drakopoulos, coordinated by Osborne Clarke, advised Leaseplan Corporation, a Dutch fleet management company, with respect to the terms and conditions of its sales agreement related to the use of Leaseplan's online e-auction platform.	N/A	Greece
21-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos advised Alpha Bank in relation to the financing of two Sumec Clean Energy Ltd. wind parks.	N/A	Greece
24-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos helped Xpo Trading AG obtain a Gas Supply License and Electricity Trading License in Greece.	N/A	Greece
24-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos assisted Blue Grid Gas and Power S.A. with the formulation of a proposed contract to be used with customers.	N/A	Greece
24-Sep	Kyriakides Georgopoulos	Kyriakides Georgopoulos advised Public Power Corporation Renewables on the formulation of tender rules for the selection of a strategic partner to participate in the Biomass CHP Plant Company as an equity partner with a 51% stake.	N/A	Greece
15-Oct	Bernitsas; Koutalidis; White & Case	White & Case, working with Greece's Koutalidis Law Firm, advised the four systemic Greek banks - Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece, and Piraeus Bank - on their entry into a servicing agreement with Italian credit institution doBank S.p.A. Bernitsas advised doBank on Greek law matters.	N/A	Greece
18-Oct	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos represented Samsung Electronics in criminal court of Thessaloniki against a counterfeit trader, who was ultimately convicted and sentenced to 11 years of imprisonment plus a penalty of EUR 32,000 and a 3-year deprivation of political rights.	N/A	Greece
28-Nov	KG Law	KG Law advised EDPR S.U.L. in the first call for RES Tenders.	N/A	Greece
3-Dec	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos advised Vitaria, an Oracle Systems integrator incorporated and registered in Cyprus, with respect to the incorporation of a Greek branch and its registration with the Greek tax authorities.	N/A	Greece
30-Oct	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos advised Gradista, a Greek-Cypriot real estate fund, on its participation in a joint venture for the management and development of certain special purpose vehicles owning real estate assets in Greece. Both Gradista and the remaining investors participated in the financing of the joint venture through equity in the form of shareholders loans.	EUR 5 million	Greece; Romania

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1-Jan	Clifford Chance; Hengeler Mueller; Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners; Norton Rose Fulbright; Schoenherr	LKT, working with Clifford Chance China, conducted a due diligence on the operation of the Hungarian subsidiary of Bosch's starters and generators business as part of Zhengzhou Coal Mining Machinery (Group) Co., Ltd's acquisition of Bosch's starters and generators business in a global transaction. Schoenherr advised Robert Bosch GmbH on the sale. Norton Rose Fulbright advised the buyer. Hengeler Mueller advised the seller as local counsel.	EUR 500 million	Hungary
1-Jan	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Technikum Yhtiot Oy on the acquisition of a 25.6% stake to add to its existing 24.9% stake in T-Plasztik Kft, a Hungarian family-established enterprise engaged in rubber and plastic production and foam processing.	N/A	Hungary
1-Jan	DLA Piper	DLA Piper acted as Hungarian legal counsel to the production of a theatrical motion picture with the working title "Marble", starring Jennifer Lawrence.	N/A	Hungary
4-Jan	Deloitte Legal; Dentons	Dentons advised Enterprise Investors on the sale by its Polish Enterprise Fund VI of 100% of shares in Netrisk.hu to MCI.EuroVentures of MCI Capital Group. Deloitte Legal advised the buyers on the transaction.	EUR 56.5 million	Hungary
9-Jan	DLA Piper; Kinstellar	DLA Piper advised Eni regarding the disposal its shares in Tigaz Group. The buyer, MET Holding, was advised by Kinstellar.	N/A	Hungary
11-Jan	CMS; Dentons	Dentons advised the London branch of UniCredit Bank AG and MUFG as coordinators on a EUR 750 million revolving credit facility provided by a group of 13 banks to MOL Plc, the Hungarian multinational oil and gas company. CMS advised MOL on the deal.	EUR 750 million	Hungary
23-Jan	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; CMS	CHSH advised CA Immobilien Anlagen AG on the sale of the Infopark Building A office complex in Budapest from the Magyar Posta Takarek Ingatlan Befektetesi Alap real estate fund, owned by Magyar Posta and managed by Diofa Alapkezelő Zrt. CMS advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Hungary
1-Feb	Dentons; Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners	LKT advised Care Park on its acquisition of six underground car parks in central Budapest. Dentons advised the seller.	EUR 19 million	Hungary
1-Feb	Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners; Peter Metzinger law office	LKT advised CG Power on the sale of its Hungarian industrial transformation business to Ganz Villamosági Zrt. The Peter Metzinger law office advised the buyer.	N/A	Hungary
8-Feb	EY Law; Kinstellar	EY Law Hungary advised Magyar Takarekszövetkezeti Bank Zrt. on the EUR 12.5 million refinancing of Korda Studios, located in Etyek, Hungary. The borrower was represented by Kinstellar.	EUR 12.5 million	Hungary
15-Feb	CMS	CMS advised Goodman, an Australian integrated commercial and industrial property group, on the development of an 87,200 square meter greenfield logistics facility in Hungary.	N/A	Hungary
16-Feb	Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners; Szecsenyi & Partners	Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners advised Atrium Properties on its sale of the EuroCenter Obuda Shopping Center in Budapest and the Family Center Shopping Center and the Praktiker Department Store in Szombathely, Hungary, to Hungarian real estate developer Wing Zrt. The buyer was advised by Szecsenyi & Partners.	N/A	Hungary
1-Mar	DLA Piper	DLA Piper acted as Hungarian legal counsel on the production of "Blade Runner 2", a multi-million dollar sequel to the eighties movie "Blade Runner".	N/A	Hungary
1-Mar	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Colette Film Holdings Ltd / Colette Film Productions Limited on the production of the motion picture "Colette," starring Keira Knightley and Dominic West.	N/A	Hungary
9-Mar	CMS	CMS Budapest advised Belgian real estate developer Atenor on the sale of Building D of the Vacı Greens complex to an unnamed Hungarian fund.	N/A	Hungary
18-Mar	DLA Piper; Kalo Kicska Law Firm	DLA Piper advised Hydro Extrusion Hungary Kft. in connection with a lease agreement entered into with Science Office Complex Kft. for various premises in Science Park, a class A office building located in the 11th district of Budapest. The Kalo Kicska Law Firm advised the landlord.	N/A	Hungary
19-Mar	Deloitte Legal; Noerr	Noerr advised Prologis on the sale of Prologis Park Hegyeshalom, in Hungary, to Horvath Rudolf Intertransport Kft. The buyer was represented by Deloitte Hungary.	N/A	Hungary
21-Mar	EY Law	Solo practitioner Andrea Szuzsanna Kovacs advised Austrian investor List Group on the sale of its Austria House office building to a Hong Kong-based company backed by overseas investors. The buyers were advised by EY Law Hungary.	N/A	Hungary
21-Mar	Kovacs Reti Szegheo; Oppenheim	KRS Kovacs Reti Szegheo successfully represented the liquidator of Buda-Cash against Saxo Bank in the Metropolitan Regional Court in Hungary. Saxo Bank was advised by Oppenheim.	N/A	Hungary
26-Mar	Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati; Hogan Lovells	CHSH advised GalGap Europe on its acquisition of a mixed-purpose property named "Central Udvar" in the heart of Budapest that is administered on behalf of a separate account for a German pension scheme by Institutional Investment Partners. Partos & Noblet in cooperation with Hogan Lovells advised the seller.	N/A	Hungary
1-Apr	Deloitte Legal; Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners	LKT advised Stonehill and IC Campus in connection with all Hungarian legal aspects of its acquisition of real properties to be used for development of major student housing facilities in a university district in Budapest. Deloitte Legal advised the sellers.	N/A	Hungary
1-Apr	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Atlantic 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc./ Pioneer Stilling Genius Kft on the production of season 2 of the "Genius aka Picasso" television series.	N/A	Hungary
1-Apr	Kardos, Peto and Torocsik Law Firm; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Citoxlab on its acquisition of Solvo Biotechnology. Kardos, Peto, and Torocsik Law Firm advised the sellers.	N/A	Hungary
16-Apr	Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners	Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners advised Waberer's throughout the buyout of its minority partner, Lorand Szemerey. Szemerey was represented by the Botos Law Office.	N/A	Hungary
17-Apr	HBK Partners; Sarhegyi And Partners	HBK Partners advised MKB Bank on the sale of its non-performing retail mortgage loan portfolio, secured mostly by residential mortgages, to MKK Hungarian Debt Management Company. Sarhegyi and Partners advised MKK Zrt. on the acquisition.	EUR 300 million	Hungary
25-Apr	Kertesz es Tarsa Law Office; Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners	LKT advised the Mattoni Group on the sale of its luxury real estate portfolio in Budapest, consisting of 41 residential and five retail units in 21 different buildings and 16 other properties. Kertesz es Tarsa Law Office advised the buyer.	N/A	Hungary
1-May	Nagy es Trocsanyi	Nagy es Trocsanyi successfully represented FBZ, the business leader in the Hungarian feather industry, in a tax dispute regarding diverse VAT claims.	N/A	Hungary
2-May	HBK Partners; Kertesz And Partners; Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners	HBK Partners and Kertesz & Partners advised Status Power Invest Zrt. on its acquisition of an additional 36% stake in Matrai Power Plant from EP Power Europe A.S., a Czech energy holding company. The seller was represented by Lakatos, Kovacs & Partners.	N/A	Hungary

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7-May	Sar & Partners	Sar & Partners represented Herend Porcelain Manufactory in litigation against ZARA Home Ltd. on intellectual property rights related to an alleged infringement of the Herend Porcelain Manufactory collection.	N/A	Hungary
14-May	Hogan Lovells; Partos & Noblet	Partos & Noblet in co-operation with Hogan Lovells advised KPMG Global Services on negotiations for a new lease agreement for space in the Advance Tower Office Buildings on the Vaci corridor in Budapest. The landlord, Futureal, was advised by solo practitioner Roland Jabronka.	N/A	Hungary
23-May	Bekes Partners; Dentons; HBK Partners; Jeantet	HBK Partners and Bekes Partners advised Novohot Kft. on the acquisition of Hotel Novotel Szegeed from Accor Hotels. Jeantet and Dentons advised Accor Hotels in the sale.	N/A	Hungary
28-May	CMS; Oppenheim	Oppenheim advised IAD Investments, an independent Slovak asset management company, on the acquisition of the Dunaharaszti industrial park on behalf of its Prvy Reality fond. The seller, IPD, was advised by CMS.	N/A	Hungary
9-Jun	Gabor Molnar attorney at law; George Y. Yiangou; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Ospelt & Partner Attorneys at Law; Specht & Partners	LKT advised VTB Bank (Europe) SE on the refinancing of Immobilia Zrt.. Also advising VTB were George Y. Yiangou LLC (on Cyprus law) and Ospelt & Partner Attorneys at Law (on Liechtenstein law). Benisch Meszaros Specht & Partner Attorneys at Law and Gabor Molnar Attorney at Law advised the borrowers.	EUR 40.5 million	Hungary
28-Jun	Clifford Chance; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; McCann FitzGerald; Schoenherr	LKT and Clifford Chance (on English law) advised DVB Bank SE on the financing of the acquisition of a railcar portfolio by Touax Group. The borrowers were advised by Schoenherr Budapest and McCann FitzGerald.	EUR 76.92 million	Hungary
1-Jul	CMS; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT advised JP Morgan in relation to the redemption of its facility to Lone Star/Hudson granted in relation to the acquisition of Hungarian shopping centers. CMS advised the borrower.	EUR 500 million	Hungary
1-Jul	Nagy es Trocsanyi	Nagy es Trocsanyi represented Hungary, an intervener, before the General Court of the European Union in the Austria v Commission case launched in 2015, the subject matter of which was the Commission's resolution permitting state aid from the UK to the Hinkley Point C atomic energy plant project. The judgement approving the Commission's decision was released in July 2018	N/A	Hungary
1-Jul	DLA Piper	DLA Piper Hungary successfully represented WHB Befektetesi Kft. and Epito-es Epeletkarbantarto Zrt. (both active in Hungary's construction industry) in a merger clearance proceeding.	N/A	Hungary
5-Jul	Oppenheim; Szecsenyi & Partners	Oppenheim advised Triuva on the sale of the Infopark D Office Building in the South Buda area of the Hungarian capital to property development and investment company Wing Zrt. The buyer was represented by Szecsenyi and Partners.	N/A	Hungary
9-Jul	Dentons	The Budapest office of Dentons advised ARX Equity Partners on the acquisition of a majority stake in TMX Mobile Solutions from Kekbegy Property Kft. Solo practitioner Ivan Varga advised Kekbegy Property.	N/A	Hungary
26-Jul	Kirkland & Ellis; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Wolf Theiss	LKT and Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised Barclays Bank plc, as to Hungarian and English law, respectively, on the financing of the acquisition of the Vita Group. The borrowers were advised by Wolf Theiss Budapest and Kirkland & Ellis.	EUR 130 million	Hungary
1-Aug	Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT advised Indotek in relation to the acquisition of an NPL portfolio from Szanalasi Koveteleskezelesi Zrt. It also advised Indotek on the financing for the acquisition	N/A	Hungary
1-Sep	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Radical Mars Ltd / Pioneer Stilling Mars 2 Kft on the second production season of the episodic "MARS" television series.	N/A	Hungary
19-Sep	CMS; Dentons	CMS Budapest advised private equity firm Lone Star on selling the Mammut shopping centre to NEPI Rockcastle, which was advised by Dentons.	EUR 254 million	Hungary
19-Sep	Akin Gump; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Linklaters; RSM Legal	LKT advised Mercuria Energy Trading SA on financing provided to Aspect Holdings, LLC. Linklaters advised the lender on English law and the borrowers were advised by RSM Legal and Akin Gump.	EUR 55.825 million	Hungary
21-Sep	Kinstellar; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT advised Indotek Group on the acquisition of three significant shopping malls across Hungary -- the Duna Plaza (Budapest), Alba Plaza (Szekesfehervar), and Nyir Plaza (Nyiregyhaza) -- from French real estate investor Klepierre. Kinstellar advised the seller.	N/A	Hungary
25-Sep	Clifford Chance; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Zsolt Szita Law Office	LKT provided Hungarian law advice to Deutsche Bank AG, Erste Group and JP Morgan Securities (as joint lead managers) of a EUR 1 billion sovereign bond issuance by Hungary. Clifford Chance advised the lead managers on English law and the issuer was advised by the Zsolt Szita Law Office.	EUR 1 billion	Hungary
25-Sep	Dentons; Tenk Law Firm	Dentons advised the Globe Trade Centre S.A. real estate company on its 100% acquisition of a real property located on the Vaci Corridor in Budapest. The seller, Masped Zrt., was represented by the Tenk Law Firm.	N/A	Hungary
1-Oct	Clifford Chance; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT advised Patrizia Gewerbeinvest Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, acting on behalf of Patrizia Buro-Invest Europa I, on the sale of a Hungarian office building. Clifford Chance Frankfurt was the global advisor.	N/A	Hungary
19-Oct	EY Law; Szecsenyi & Partners	EY Hungary advised a Hong Kong-based private investment fund partnering with Wigan Acquisitions as local co-investment partner on the acquisition of the K6 office building in downtown Budapest. The seller, a US-based real estate investment company, was represented by Szecsenyi & Partners.	N/A	Hungary
31-Oct	Dentons; NGYL Partners	Dentons advised Skanska on its sale of Mill Park, a two-building office project in Budapest, to the real estate fund of Erste Alapkezelő Zrt., a subsidiary of Erste Asset Management GmbH. The buyer was represented by NGYL Partners.	N/A	Hungary
16-Nov	Clifford Chance; CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Lakatos, Koves & Partners	LKT and Clifford Chance advised a syndicate of banks consisting of Bank of America Merrill Lynch International Limited, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch, ING Bank N.V., London Branch, Societe Generale S.A. Frankfurt Branch, and Raiffeisen Bank International AG, as lenders, Global Loan Agency Services Limited as agent, Glas Trust Corporation Limited as security agent, and Artemis Group as borrower and guarantors regarding Hungarian aspects of the provision of a EUR 310 million senior secured facility for the purpose of acquiring PHM Topco 27 S.a.r.l. and its subsidiaries. CMS Budapest and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised the borrowers.	EUR 310 million	Hungary
28-Nov	Clifford Chance; Gleiss Lutz; Lakatos, Koves & Partners; Schoenherr	LKT and Clifford Chance advised a syndicate of banks consisting of Barclays Bank PLC, HSBC Bank plc, HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG, Morgan Stanley Bank International Limited, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Unicredit Bank AG, on Hungarian and English law, respectively, on a loan to the Atlas Group as original borrowers for the purposes of acquiring the Coveris Group in the amount of EUR 437 million. The borrowers were advised by Schoenherr Budapest and Gleiss Lutz.	EUR 437 million	Hungary

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6-Dec	CMS; DLA Piper	CMS Budapest advised the Futereal Group on the sale of its six existing office buildings and two office buildings currently under construction in Budapest, together referred to as the Corvin Office Portfolio, to OTP Real Estate Investment Fund Management. DLA Piper represented the OTP Group on the acquisition.	N/A	Hungary
17-Dec	CMS; DLA Piper; Noerr	CMS Budapest advised Siemens on the sale and leaseback of its nearly 40,000 square meter site on Gizella Road in Budapest. DLA Piper advised Wing, the buyer, and Noerr advised K&H Bank on the financing for the deal.	N/A	Hungary
1-Apr	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Spinel Productions and Spinel Films Ltd. (Hungary) on the production of the theatrical motion picture "The Spy Who Dumped Me".	N/A	Hungary, England, Wales
1-Jun	DLA Piper; Sunjka Law Firm	The Sunjka Law Firm advised Falkensteiner Hotels & Residences on its long-term lease of a hotel resort in Budva, Montenegro. DLA Piper advised the lessor.	N/A	Hungary, Montenegro
10-Jan	Cvetkovic, Skoko & Jovicic; Deloitte Legal	Deloitte Legal Serbia provided local advice to the OTP Group in relation to the EUR 32.5 million refinancing of a shopping mall project in Serbia. The borrowers were advised by Cvetkovic, Skoko & Jovicic.	N/A	Hungary; Montenegro; Serbia
1-Mar	HCB Solicitors; Kinstellar; K&L Gates	K&L Gates and Kinstellar advised Innovation Nest on its investment in Antavo, which was advised by HCB Solicitors.	N/A	Hungary; Poland
4-Dec	Dentons	Dentons advised Enlight Renewable Energy on contract negotiations for the construction of three solar power plants in Hungary, with an aggregate capacity of approximately 57 MW. The firm also assisted Enlight in obtaining HUF 15 billion (around EUR 45 million) in financing for the project.	EUR 45 million	Hungary; Poland
8-Oct	Dvorak Hager & Partners; Law Firm MCL; Specht & Partners	Dvorak Hager & Partners and Benisch Meszaros Specht & Partners represented the Max Aicher Group on its acquisition of a part of a steel mill enterprise through an international tender conducted by Slovakia Steel Mills, a.s. v konkurze (in a bankruptcy proceeding) in Strazske, Slovakia, and the subsequent integration of the acquired part of the enterprise into the Max Aicher Group. Law Firm MCL advised the seller.	N/A	Hungary; Slovakia
10-May	Deloitte Legal; Hill Dickinson	Deloitte Legal, working in collaboration with Hill Dickinson, assisted NKL Limited on its takeover of 100% of the share capital in NewCo Ferronikelii Complex LLC from Cunico Resources N.V.	N/A	Kosovo
11-Jan	Cobalt	On 16 November 2017 the Supreme Court of Latvia recognized the right of SIA Reaton, Ltd., which was represented by Cobalt, to choose the most suitable form of business restructuring.	N/A	Latvia
11-Jan	Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland Bitans provided assistance to the City Development Department of the Riga City Council on the development of a city spatial plan for 2019-2030 that was recently brought up for public discussion.	N/A	Latvia
12-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic, acting as part of a consortium led by Rothschild, advised Latvia's Ministry of Economics on the acquisition by Latvian electricity transmission system operator AS Augstsprieguma Tikls of 16.05% of the shares of the natural gas transmission and storage system operator AS Conexus Baltic Grid from SIA ITERA Latvija.	N/A	Latvia
15-Jan	Cobalt	Cobalt advised B2Kapital SIA on the acquisition of a non-performing loan portfolio from SIA Hiponia in Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
18-Jan	Sorainen; Vinson & Elkins	Sorainen Latvia and Vinson & Elkins successfully represented the energy group E-energija in an investment dispute against the Republic of Latvia.	EUR 3.7 million	Latvia
18-Jan	Meitar; Primus Derling; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted KnowledgePrice with the sale of 100% of its shares to Sapiens International Corporation. Primus Derling and Israel's Meitar law firm advised Sapiens on the deal.	N/A	Latvia
26-Jan	Eversheds Sutherland; Sorainen	Eversheds Sutherland Bitans assisted BaltCap Infrastructure Fund with its EUR 9.45 million acquisition of shares in Latvian biogas businesses SIA AD Biogazes Stacija and SIA Aizkalnu Tehnika. Sorainen represented SIA Augstkalnu Druvas, the seller of the shares.	EUR 9.45 million	Latvia
2-Feb	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised BENU Aptieka Latvija SIA, a medicine retail chain in the Baltics, with the acquisition of 100% shares of SIA Pils Zala Aptieka, a privately owned pharmacy in Jelgava, Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
7-Feb	Clifford Chance; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic and Clifford Chance Poland advised the European Investment Bank on financing the acquisition of rolling stock and construction of a maintenance center by AS Pasazieru Vilciens, a state-owned joint stock company engaged in the provision of passenger services.	EUR 110 million	Latvia
12-Feb	Ellex (Klavins); Fort Legal	Ellex Klavins advised Swedish investment company Eastnine on its EUR 24.8 million acquisition of Alojzas Biznesa Centrs and its EUR 4.8 million acquisition of two adjacent properties from the LNK Group. The seller was advised by Fort Legal.	EUR 29.6 million	Latvia
12-Feb	Ellex (Klavins); Fort Legal	Ellex Klavins advised Swedish investment company Eastnine on its EUR 24.8 million acquisition of Alojzas Biznesa Centrs and its EUR 4.8 million acquisition of two adjacent properties from the LNK Group. The seller was advised by Fort Legal.	EUR 29.6 million	Latvia
13-Mar	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised the University of Latvia regarding a EUR 11.5 million loan agreement with the Council of Europe Development Bank for the further development of an Academic Centre.	EUR 11.5 million	Latvia
28-Mar	Cobalt; Glimstedt	Cobalt advised John Joseph McDermott on the sale of the Latvian American Eye Center to the MFD Healthcare Group. Glimstedt represented SIA Dziedings, the owner of the MFD health group, on the acquisition.	N/A	Latvia
16-Apr	Sorainen	Sorainen advised mobile telecommunications operator BITE Latvija on its acquisition of Stream Networks and its LATNET Serviss subsidiary.	N/A	Latvia
19-Apr	Cobalt	Cobalt represented AS Cits Medijs pro bono in a trademark dispute with SIA Zurnals Ir Nauda involving the registration of the "Ir Nauda" mark.	N/A	Latvia
30-Apr	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted golf course construction company Modo Golf with drafting, negotiating, concluding, and implementing a contract to construct the Tbilisi Hills golf course in Georgia commissioned by Primera Residence Development and Construction LLC.	EUR 20 million	Latvia
3-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Bisnode on the acquisition of Datu Serviss, the Dun & Bradstreet franchise partner in Latvia for more than 20 years.	N/A	Latvia
7-May	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted Overkill Venture AIFP acquire the status of a registered alternative investment manager and with the registration of the Overkill Ventures Fund I and Overkill Ventures Fund II funds.	N/A	Latvia
25-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised BaltCap, Dasha Group AS, and others on the sale of their majority shareholding in Runway BPO to Webhelp, a global business process outsourcing and customer experience company.	N/A	Latvia
28-May	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Stockholm-listed gaming operator MRG on the acquisition of a majority stake in Latvia-licensed operator 11.lv.	N/A	Latvia

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29-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Kartesia on its acquisition of Groglass - its first investment in the Baltics from NCH Capital - which reportedly was represented by Ellex Klavins.	N/A	Latvia
20-Jun	Fort Legal	Fort Legal helped Latvia's Cabinet of Ministers win in legal proceedings concerning the layout of the Rail Baltica route in Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
26-Jun	BDO Law	BDO Law won a tender for the legal due diligence of lease agreements between Latvia's state-owned joint stock company State Real Estate and Latvian state authorities and private individuals.	N/A	Latvia
2-Jul	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance; Cobalt	Cobalt and Clifford Chance's London office advised J.P. Morgan, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, and Natixis as the joint lead managers on an issue of dual-tranche Eurobonds by the Republic of Latvia in a total amount of EUR 650 million. Allen & Overy advised the Republic of Latvia on the deal.	EUR 650 million	Latvia
4-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Storent Investments AS on the issuance of EUR 10 million bonds and the listing of the bonds on the Baltic Bond List of Nasdaq Riga.	EUR 10 million	Latvia
16-Jul	Ellex (Klavins); Vilgerts	Ellex Klavins represented commercial real estate fund SG Capital Partners Fund I on the acquisition of the Dantes Nami office building in Riga from East Capital Baltic Property Fund AB. The seller was advised by Vilgerts.	N/A	Latvia
16-Jul	BDO law	BDO Law successfully assisted the Akers VKS ventilation and conditioning systems company in a lawsuit against Euro Luxe Trading Latvia, the developer of the Vernisaza recreational complex, which had refused to pay Akers for construction work it had performed.	N/A	Latvia
17-Jul	Ellex (Klavins); Fort Legal	Ellex Klavins advised Baltic Horizon Fund on the acquisition of the LNK Center office building from SIA LNK Properties and SIA FIN.LV. The sellers were advised by Fort Legal.	EUR 17 million	Latvia
24-Jul	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised the European Investment Bank on the financing of the electrification of the Latvian railway network in 25kV 50 Hz maintained by AS Latvijas Dzelzceļš, the state-owned joint stock company holding the assets of the railway network.	EUR 420 million	Latvia
14-Aug	Arquis; Cobalt	Cobalt, in cooperation with German law firm Arquis, advised AVS Verkehrssicherung GmbH on the acquisition of KMK Projekts, a provider of traffic safety products and permanent road marking in Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
24-Aug	Sorainen	Sorainen Partner Eva Berlaus was appointed one of the four liquidators of ABLV Bank, following the European Central Bank's February, 23, 2017 determination that ABLV was failing or likely to fail in accordance with the Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation.	N/A	Latvia
4-Sep	Ellex (Klavins)	Ellex Klavins advised Baltic Retail Properties Latvia on its merger with its three subsidiaries, on related reorganizational matters, and on the registration of the resulting changes in relevant public registers.	N/A	Latvia
10-Sep	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Medilink, a medicine and laboratory product supplier in Latvia, on the sale of its product distribution businesses - Roche diagnostics solutions and Sysmex haematology solutions - to Roche Latvija. Cobalt advised the buyers	N/A	Latvia
12-Sep	Primus Derling	Primus successfully represented the interests of Latvia's "I support sports!" sports federation initiative at the meeting of the Sports Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Commission for Education, Culture, and Science.	N/A	Latvia
14-Sep	Primus Derling	Primus represented Novira Capital, an Estonian real estate financing and development company, on its financing of a real estate and company share acquisition in relation to undeveloped property in the central part of Riga.	N/A	Latvia
8-Oct	Primus Derling	Primus successfully represented AS Luminor Bank in several disputes after borrowers and guarantors, unable to meet their obligations towards the bank, disposed of their properties to relatives or friends to avoid recovery measures.	N/A	Latvia
10-Oct	Ellex (Klavins); Manheimer Swartling; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised the shareholders owning 51% of the shares in SIA S.B.C. on the sale of their shares to Norway's Contiga Holding AS, which already held the other 49%. Sweden's Manheimer Swartling and Ellex Klavins advised Contiga Holding on the acquisition.	N/A	Latvia
17-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen Latvia advised Estonian company Baltic Bioethanol on the construction of a production facility in the Bauska industrial park, where it will invest up to EUR 150 million.	EUR 150 million	Latvia
18-Oct	Baiba Strupisa Law Office; Primus Derling	Primus Derling represented the shareholders of a new concept service station KOOL Latvija in a deal for attracting new investors, including BaltCap Growth Fund EuVECA usaldusfond, an investment fund registered in Estonia. Baiba Strupisa Law Office advised BaltCap Growth Fund EuVECA usaldusfond.	N/A	Latvia
24-Oct	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic represented Ltd. 2B Capital AIFP before Latvia's Financial and Capital Market Commission in its successful application to become a registered alternative investment fund manager and in its registration of the Equilibrium Fund closed alternative investment fund, with five sub-funds.	N/A	Latvia
26-Oct	Primus Derling	Primus Derling advised VGP Latvia on the development of the new VGP Park Kekava industrial park.	N/A	Latvia
26-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Primekss, a Latvian company in the building industry, on a patent litigation case.	N/A	Latvia
31-Oct	Cobalt; Primus Derling	Cobalt advised BaltCap Infrastructure Fund on its acquisition of 70% of the shares in SIA Energia Verde, a biomass combined heat and power plant near Riga, from Latvian company AS Energoeco, advised by Primus Derling.	N/A	Latvia
1-Nov	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted Novartis Pharma AG with the termination of Novartis Pharma Services Inc.'s representative office in Latvia after all operations of Novartis Pharma in Latvia had been transferred to Novartis Baltics SIA, following the establishment of that company.	N/A	Latvia
5-Nov	Primus Derling	Primus Derling advised VGP Latvia on matters related to the opening of its new industrial park outside Riga.	N/A	Latvia
8-Nov	Cobalt; Sorainen; TGS Baltic	Cobalt advised the Astor Group on its acquisition of the capital shares of SIA Polar BEK Daugava, the owner of the Radisson Blu Daugava hotel on the Daugava river. The seller PBR Hotel at the time of M&A transaction was represented by Sorainen. TGS Baltic assisted Expobank CZ a.s. with financing of acquisition.	EUR 28 million	Latvia
8-Nov	Orrick; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic, working alongside Orrick, assisted US camera company Snap Inc. with opening and closing its subsidiary in Latvia, SIA Snap Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
12-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented the Central Election Commission of Latvia in a claim before the Department of Administrative Cases of the Supreme Court of Latvia.	N/A	Latvia
22-Nov	Fort; Sorainen	Sorainen represented Swedish company Bergvik Skog in the EUR 324 million sale of its forest properties in Latvia to another Swedish company, Sodra. The sale was carried out by divesting Bergvik Skog of its subsidiaries in Latvia, which own 111,100 hectares of land, of which 80,300 are covered by productive forest. Fort advised Sodra ekonomisk forening.	EUR 324 million	Latvia

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3-Dec	Cobalt; Eversheds Sutherland	Cobalt advised the European Investment Bank on its provision of a EUR 10 million financing facility to electronic system development and manufacturing company AS HansaMatrix, which was advised by Eversheds Sutherland.	EUR 10 million	Latvia
5-Dec	Skrastins & Dzenis	Skrastins & Dzenis successfully represented the interests of LLC Mile Auto - Citroen's official dealer in Latvia - in a challenge to an open tender for purchase of vehicles worth in excess of EUR 300,000.	EUR 300,000	Latvia
5-Dec	Skrastins & Dzenis	Skrastins & Dzenis successfully represented the interests of DLV and provided legal assistance in a dispute between shareholders of the company, helping the founders regain full control.	N/A	Latvia
11-Dec	Vilgerts	Vilgerts successfully represented the Moller group companies in Latvia's Administrative Regional Court in a challenge to a EUR 7.4 million fine levied on the company by Latvia's Competition Council.	EUR 7.4 million	Latvia
13-Dec	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted AS Augstsprieguma Tikls, the only electricity transmission system provider in Latvia, with obtaining clearance by the Latvian Competition Council for its potential acquisition of a decisive influence over AS Conexus Baltic Grid, the only natural gas transmission and storage system provider in Latvia.	EUR 57.39 million	Latvia
18-Jan	PwC Legal; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic represented Credit Value Investments and the funds managed by it on their investment in bonds of AB Civity. AB Civity was reportedly advised by PwC.	EUR 11 million	Latvia; Lithuania
4-May	Sorainen	Sorainen advised the Marketing Investment Group on its acquisition of more than ten stores in Lithuania and Latvia from retailer Bogvila. The seller was represented by SGKA Legal.	N/A	Latvia; Lithuania
28-Sep	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Lords LB Special Fund V on its agreement with the InterContinental Hotels Group regarding the management of the Holiday Inn hotel in Riga.	N/A	Latvia; Lithuania
14-Nov	Manheimer Swartling; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic, working alongside Manheimer Swartling, assisted Nordea Bank Abp (Finland) with registering the change of the pledgee of the commercial pledge provided by OneMed from Nordea Bank AB (publ) (Sweden) to Nordea Bank Abp (Finland).	EUR 154.4 million	Latvia; Lithuania
28-Dec	Addlaw; Cobalt; Glimstedt	Glimstedt advised UAB APL fast food, which belongs to Estonia's Apollo Group, on the acquisition of Cibus Restaurants UAB, which owns KFC restaurants in Lithuania and Latvia. Cobalt and Addlaw advised the seller.	N/A	Latvia; Lithuania
5-Oct	SSW Pragmatic Solutions; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic and SSW Solutions advised CVI regarding unitranche funding in the sum of EUR 5.2 million to Arsenal Industrial.	EUR 5.2 million	Latvia; Poland
7-Mar	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic assisted Apek Alliance B.V., Agile Finance S.A., Gemini Grupe UAB;, and Invefina UAB with drafting and submitting merger notification and represented the four companies during pre-consultations with Latvia's Competition Council in proceedings relating to the acquisition by four holding companies of joint control over companies developing hotels in Romania.	N/A	Latvia; Romania
1-Jun	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised VIA SMS Group, a Latvian online lending platform, on its acquisition of Romania's Netcredit IFN SA, a non-banking financial institution.	N/A	Latvia; Romania
3-Jan	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Trustcom Financial on its obtaining of an e-money institution license from the Bank of Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
8-Jan	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Elektrobalt and the Wurth Group on the acquisition of Gaudre, a company in the lighting solutions market in Lithuania, from Practica Venture Capital. Cobalt advised the seller on the deal.	N/A	Lithuania
11-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic and Sweden's Hammarskiold & Co advised UAB Euroapothea, a Baltic and CEE pharmacy retail and wholesale group, on its purchase of Swedish pharmacy chain Apoteksgruppen from the Kingdom of Sweden. The seller was advised by the Lindahl and Cederquist law firms.	EUR 171 million	Lithuania
12-Jan	Cobalt; Motieka & Audzevicius	Cobalt represented the shareholders of UAB ILSanta, a Lithuanian company installing and distributing medical devices and equipment, on the sale of 100% of the company's shares to UAB ILS Holding. ILS Holding, which is part of the ZIA Valda investment company, was represented by Motieka & Audzevicius.	N/A	Lithuania
17-Jan	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Agrosfera UAB and its Estonia-based shareholder Agromeril on the purchase of an additional share issue of Agrosfera UAB by ICOR.	N/A	Lithuania
30-Jan	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic represented the interests of Jonaiciai Ir Ko, a private gynecology clinic, in litigation against Lithuania's State Tax Inspectorate after the clinic was ordered to prepare patients' health files for a period of three years for tax inspection purposes.	N/A	Lithuania
31-Jan	Ellex (Valiunas); Primus Derling	Primus represented the AUGA Group in its acquisition of 100% shares of UAB Arginta Engineering. Arginta Engineering was represented by Ellex Valiunas.	EUR 6.4 million	Lithuania
7-Feb	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented and defended German company Danpower in a case against the Lithuanian Ministry of Energy. In ruling for Danpower, the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania held that the Ministry of Energy had illegally suspended the German company's investments in a new bio-fuel plant in Vilnius.	EUR 30 million	Lithuania
7-Feb	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Orion RE Income Fund I, managed by real estate development company Orion Asset Management, on the acquisition of the B66 business center in Kaunas, Lithuania, from developer YIT Kausta Bustas.	N/A	Lithuania
7-Feb	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised the Modus Group on the merger of its UniPark brand with Parkdema, which is managed by the Energy and Infrastructure SME Fund of investment company Lords LB Asset Management. Lords was advised by Cobalt on the deal.	N/A	Lithuania
8-Feb	Tvins	Tvins advised the shareholders of the Mundus UAB asset management company on the sale of 51% of their shares to INVL Asset Management UAB.	N/A	Lithuania
9-Feb	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex advised Cognizant Worldwide Limited on its acquisition of the remaining 34% of shares in Cognizant Technology Solutions Lithuania from Storebrand, giving it full ownership of the company.	N/A	Lithuania
14-Feb	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex consulted Baltpool, the Lithuanian Energy Exchange operator, on launching the BiomassPool Aps biofuel exchange in Denmark with Kenneth Lykkedal, a Danish energy entrepreneur.	N/A	Lithuania
2-Mar	Sorainen	Sorainen Lithuania became a Certified Adviser on First North, entitling the firm to advise Lithuanian companies on admission to the exchange.	N/A	Lithuania
5-Mar	Sorainen	Sorainen advised the Modus Group on entering the Nasdaq Baltic First North alternative market. The total nominal value of the Modus Group issue is EUR 4,999,900, with an annual interest rate of five percent.	EUR 5 million	Lithuania
8-Mar	TGS Baltic; Tvins	Tvins advised UAB Easy Debt Service on a loan portfolio purchase from Ukio Bankas. Ukio Bankas was advised by TGS Baltic.	N/A	Lithuania

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14-Mar	Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius advised Wisdom Events, an event and business meetings organizer, on a cross-border swap of shares that involved partners splitting into different jurisdictions.	N/A	Lithuania
22-Mar	Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius defended the interests of Uzstato Sistemos Administratorius, a public non-profit deposit system administration institution, in a contractual dispute before the Court of the Appeals in Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
22-Mar	Sorainen	Sorainen Lithuania advised satellite manufacturer NanoAvionics on securing an investment from Avellan Space Technology & Science to support the expansion of the company's global operations.	N/A	Lithuania
3-Apr	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Valyuz on establishing a company in Lithuania and obtaining an e-money institution license from the Bank of Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
4-Apr	Tvins; ZRG	Tvins advised Easy Debt Service on a EUR 95 million loan portfolio purchase from the bankruptcy administrator of four credit unions: Vilniaus Taupomoji Kasa, Nacionaline Kredito Unija, Laikinosios Sostines Kreditas, and Svyturio Taupomoji Kasa. The seller was represented by ZRG.	EUR 95 million	Lithuania
9-Apr	Sorainen	Sorainen successfully represented former board members of Investment and Business Guarantees - a company subordinate to the Lithuanian Ministry of Economy - in a case concerning a bonus payment to a former manager of the company.	N/A	Lithuania
9-Apr	Glimstedt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Henkell & Co.-Gruppe, a Germany-based international producer and distributor of alcoholic beverages that belongs to the Oetker Group, on the acquisition of a majority stake in Filipopolis, an importer and distributor of alcoholic drinks in Lithuania. Glimstedt advised Filipopolis on the deal.	N/A	Lithuania
24-Apr	SpC Legal	SPC Legal advised the GATAS Group on its acquisition of 99.74% of shares in JSC Zemaitijos Keliai, a Lithuanian company that carries out civil engineering work.	N/A	Lithuania
25-Apr	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised Koinvesticinis Fondas on its investment in UAB Gusania.	Eur 880,000	Lithuania
26-Apr	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised KS Investicija on its acquisition of 100% of Vilijos Parkas from the Ogmios Grupe.	N/A	Lithuania
27-Apr	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised the four investors in Apex Holding Limited on shareholders' and investment agreements related to its indirect management of Romanian companies that will be developing a four-hotel complex in Bucharest.	N/A	Lithuania
11-May	Glimstedt; Sorainen	Glimstedt advised on the construction of the extension of the Radisson Blue Hotel in Vilnius. Sorainen advised the owners of the neighboring land plot.	N/A	Lithuania
14-May	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Wallter in obtaining an electronic money institution license for non-limited activity.	N/A	Lithuania
15-May	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex Valiunas assisted both Urban Inventors and the Lithuanian branch of the US-information technologies company Intermedix on a lease agreement between the two in Kaunas, Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
16-May	Tvins	Tvins successfully represented the interests of the BTA Baltic Insurance Company in a dispute.	N/A	Lithuania
29-May	Sorainen	Sorainen successfully represented dairy products producer Luksiu Pienine in a dispute against Pieno Zvaigzdes, a Lithuanian manufacturer of milk and dairy products, over the use of the Liliputas brand.	N/A	Lithuania
13-Jun	Fort Legal; Vilnius Law Firm No 9	The Vilnius office of Fort Legal represented EFTEN Real Estate Fund III AS on its acquisition, made through subsidiary EFTEN Evolution UAB, of the Evolution business center in Vilnius from Evolution Office System UAB, owned by Audrone Petraitiene ir Nordija UAB. The sellers were advised by Vilnius Law Firm No 9.	EUR 9 million	Lithuania
15-Jun	CEE Attorneys; Magnusson	The Vilnius office of CEE Attorneys advised a shareholder on the sale of his shares in OrtopedijosTechnika, a manufacturer of orthopedic products in the Baltic States, to Ortofina, another shareholder, which was advised by Magnusson.	N/A	Lithuania
18-Jun	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised real estate management and development company MG Valda on the sale of the Verslo Trikampis business complex. The buyer, real estate fund LIM Verslo Trikampio NT Fondas, controlled by fund management company Lewben Investment Management (which in turn is owned by the Lewben Group), was represented by Cobalt.	N/A	Lithuania
19-Jun	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex Valiunas assisted Swedbank in the Lithuanian Competition Authority's investigation of charges that Swedbank had abused its dominant position by including certain provisions in Bank Link service agreements concluded with undertakings providing online payment collection services to e-shops.	N/A	Lithuania
20-Jun	Cobalt; Ellex (Valiunas); Sorainen	Cobalt and Sorainen advised NEPI Rockcastle on its acquisition of 100% of shares in JSC Ozantis from Arena Zweite Verwaltungs GmbH, a company in the Hamburg-based ECE group. Ellex advised Arena Zweite Verwaltungs on the sale.	EUR 124.6 million	Lithuania
26-Jun	Sorainen; TGS Baltic; Trinit	TGS Baltic advised Koinvesticinis Fondas on an investment of over EUR 300,000 in Millo Appliances, a start-up represented by Trinit. SBA, a business group from Lithuania, also invested in the start-up. SBA was represented by Sorainen.	EUR 300,000	Lithuania
26-Jun	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Esco Micro on its acquisition of AT Medical.	N/A	Lithuania
3-Jul	Cobalt	Cobalt helped Kevin EU, UAB obtain a license as a payment institution from the Bank of Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
11-Jul	Ellex (Valiunas)	The Vilnius office of Ellex advised Bazaarvoice on its lease of space in the Technopolis Penta business center in Vilnius.	N/A	Lithuania
16-Jul	Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius successfully represented flyLAL in a dispute against Air Baltic Corporation involving private competition enforcement in Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
17-Jul	Clifford Chance; Dentons; Ellex (Valiunas); TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic, working in cooperation with Dentons' UK and Middle East offices, advised UAB Lietuvos Energija in approving a medium term note program upsized to EUR 1.5 billion, and issuing a EUR 300 million bond issue under the same program. Banking groups BNP Paribas, J.P. Morgan, and SEB Bank acted as intermediaries for placement of the issue. BNP Paribas and SEB were represented by Ellex Valiunas, while J.P. Morgan was advised by Clifford Chance.	EUR 300 million	Lithuania
18-Jul	Eversheds Sutherland; Sorainen	Sorainen advised BaltCap on the sale of Kelprojektas to Swedish technical consultancy firm Tyrens. Eversheds Sutherland advised Tyrens on the deal.	N/A	Lithuania
23-Jul	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex helped Nayax, an Israel-based company which sells cashless, telemetry, management, monitoring, and business intelligence products for the vending and unattended sales industries, obtain a payment institution license.	N/A	Lithuania

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26-Jul	Cobalt; Ellex (Valiunas)	Cobalt represented UAB Imlitex Holdings on the sale of the Arka business center in Kaunas, Lithuania from an unidentified buyer, represented by Ellex Valiunas.	N/A	Lithuania
30-Jul	Primus Derling	Primus advised international real estate consultancy company Newsec on the launch of an auction platform called Newsecaukcionai.lt.	N/A	Lithuania
31-Jul	Primus Derling	Primus advised Lithuanian company UAB Hekon on its EUR 8.7 million acquisition of a newly constructed Ibis hotel in Vilnius from Lithuanian construction company Merko.	EUR 8.7 million	Lithuania
1-Aug	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex successfully represented Avibaltika before the Court of Justice of the European Union, after Ukio Bankas demanded that Aviabaltika should pay, again, an amount already paid to it as financial collateral under the Law on Financial Collateral Arrangements.	N/A	Lithuania
1-Aug	Cobalt	Cobalt advised UAB Parkdema on its acquisition of a 100% stake in OU Europark Estonia and SIA Europark Latvia from Baltic Park AS.	N/A	Lithuania
2-Aug	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised UAB Medicinos Bankas on approving a subordinated bond program of up to EUR 10 million and placing the first ever bond emission exceeding EUR 2.2 million under the program. UAB FMI Orion securities acted as the bank's intermediary for placement of the issue.	EUR 10 million	Lithuania
3-Aug	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic helped TBF Finance obtain a payment institution license from the Bank of Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
8-Aug	Sorainen; TGS Baltic	Sorainen advised Audimas and its major shareholders on the sale of 60% of the company's shares to investment management company LC invest. TGS Baltic advised the purchaser.	N/A	Lithuania
14-Aug	Cobalt; Sorainen; TGS Baltic	Sorainen assisted Freor LT and its majority shareholder Rytis Bernatonis on Mezzanine Management's sale of a block of Freor LT shares to Baltics-based private equity fund Livonia Partners. Mezzanine Management was advised by Cobalt on the sale, and Livonia Partners was advised by TGS Baltic.	EUR 36 million	Lithuania
15-Aug	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic represented Lithuanian waste management company UAB Ecoservice on its acquisition of a controlling 66.31% interest in UAB Marijampoles Svara from UAB Alga. The remaining shares are held by the Marijampole Municipality of Lithuania and a private individual.	N/A	Lithuania
23-Aug	Sorainen	Sorainen advised Mobilieji Mokejimai, a company founded by three competitors in the Lithuanian telecommunications sector - Telia Lietuva, Tele2, and Bite Lietuva - on launching and managing MoQ, the first mobile payment platform in the Baltics.	N/A	Lithuania
27-Aug	Tvins	Tvins assisted Domestique Asset Management UAB with its successful application for an asset management company license under the Law on Collective Investment Schemes Designed for Qualified Investors of the Republic of Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania
29-Aug	Cobalt	Cobalt advised the Stemma Group on the sale of 100% of shares in private limited liability companies Vejo Vatas and Vejo Gusis, which operate three wind farms, to Lietuvos Energija.	N/A	Lithuania
31-Aug	Sorainen	Sorainen assisted retail footwear chain Batu Kalnas in a case involving the company's claim that its trademark had been fraudulently used on Instagram to set up a fake Batu Kalnas profile and invite people to become influencers for the footwear brand.	N/A	Lithuania
3-Sep	Glimstedt	Glimstedt assisted with the incorporation and licensing of UAB Verslo Angelu Fondo Valdymasith with the financial supervisory authority (the Bank of Lithuania).	N/A	Lithuania
6-Sep	Eoedl & Partner; Sorainen	Sorainen advised travel planning tools provider Kayak on the acquisition of a business unit from software development company NFQ Technologies in Lithuania. The seller was represented by Roedl and Partner.	N/A	Lithuania
10-Sep	Ellex (Valiunas); Schoenherr; Sorainen	Sorainen and Schoenherr helped the Vienna Insurance Group obtain Lithuanian Competition Council approval for its acquisition of 100% of Seesam Insurance shares from Finnish financial services company OP Financial Group. Ellex Valiunas advised the OP Financial Group on the underlying sale.	N/A	Lithuania
12-Sep	Cobalt; Deloitte Legal	Cobalt advised Furniture1, UAB, a company operating in Lithuania under the Baldai1.lt trademark, on the sale of 30% of its shares to the Bygghemma Group. The buyers were advised by Deloitte Legal.	N/A	Lithuania
14-Sep	Dominas Levin	Dominas Levin advised the limited liability company Misku Zeme on its share emission.	N/A	Lithuania
17-Sep	Clifford Chance; Ellex (Valiunas); Linklaters; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic's Vilnius office and Clifford Chance advised Maxima Grupe on its EUR 1 billion medium-term note program and issuance of EUR 300 million of 5-year bonds. BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank, and SEB Bankas, which acted as intermediaries, were advised by Linklaters and Ellex Valiunas.	EUR 1.3 billion	Lithuania
20-Sep	Cobalt; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Pardavimo Automatai and its shareholders on the sale of 100% of the company's shares to BCH Lithuania, managed by Latvia's Baltic Coffee Holding. BCH Lithuania was advised by Cobalt.	N/A	Lithuania
24-Sep	Sorainen	Sorainen advised real estate management and development company MG Valda on the sale of the Park Town office complex in Vilnius.	N/A	Lithuania
30-Sep	Dominas Levin; Grant Thornton	Dominas Levin advised Familien Ramel Godsforvaltning Aktiebolag on the sale of forestry development company UAB Ramelis. Grant Thornton Baltic advised the buyers.	EUR 3.2 million	Lithuania
2-Oct	Primus; Sorainen	Sorainen Vilnius advised venture capital fund Open Circle Capital on its EUR 400,000 investment, made with the Blue Bridge Group's managing company, into Blue Ridge Group member and CRM solutions developer Teamgate. Primus advised Blue Bridge group on the deal.	EUR 400,000	Lithuania
2-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt's Vilnius office advised BaltCap Infrastructure Fund on its investment in a real estate development to be leased to the Queen Morta School and Childhood Garden pre-school, both privately run by Austeja Landsbergiene. The prime contractor in the project is UAB Merko Statyba.	N/A	Lithuania
3-Oct	Sorainen	Sorainen advised venture capital fund Open Circle Capital on its investment, made along with technology company iTo, of EUR 300,000 in business process management tool Tasker.	EUR 300,000	Lithuania
10-Oct	Deloitte Legal; PwC Legal	Deloitte Legal Lithuania advised Aurora Cannabis Inc. on its acquisition of 100% of the issued and outstanding shares in Agropro UAB and Borela UAB. PwC Legal advised Agropro and Borela.	EUR 5.5 million	Lithuania
10-Oct	Cobalt	Cobalt advised the Norwegian company Reitan Convenience AS in its acquisition of 100% of shares in the coffee shop chain Caffeine from BaltCap and the founders of the Four Rooms company.	N/A	Lithuania
12-Oct	Ellex (Valiunas)	Ellex helped Mano Bankas obtain a specialized bank license to operate in Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania

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12-Oct	Cobalt; TGS Baltic	Cobalt advised the INVL Baltic Sea Growth Fund on its acquisition by its wholly-owned subsidiary BSGF Sanus of a 70% stake in the InMedica health care clinics chain from the Lithuania SME Fund. TGS Baltic advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Lithuania
22-Oct	Glimstedt	Glimstedt assisted with the incorporation and licensing of Business Angels Fund II, a closed-end investment fund, with the financial supervisory authority (the Bank of Lithuania). The matter included negotiations with EBRD (advising the local business support agency) on the fund documentation.	EUR 10.5 million	Lithuania
1-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt advised UAB SUEK Baltic on the acquisition of all shares in Barter Coal Sp. z o.o.	N/A	Lithuania
1-Nov	Glimstedt	Glimstedt assisted with the incorporation and licensing of Iron Wolf Capital Management with the supervisory authority (the Bank of Lithuania).	N/A	Lithuania
5-Nov	Sorainen	Sorainen successfully defended Valdas Sarunas, a former director of Lithuania's Kedainiy Aruodai grain producer and seller, against a claim brought by the company.	N/A	Lithuania
27-Nov	Cobalt	Cobalt successfully represented Luxembourg-based East West Bank S.A. in a civil case against AB Bank SNORAS for termination of contracts, refund, and damages.	N/A	Lithuania
5-Dec	Ellex (Valiunas); Sorainen	Ellex Valiunas mediated a transaction between SEB and UAB Technopolis concerning leased space in the new Nova office building in Vilnius.	N/A	Lithuania
6-Dec	Ellex (Valiunas); Sorainen	Sorainen advised Inchcape International Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Inchcape plc, on the acquisition of BMW's distribution business in Lithuania from UAB Modus Group, which was advised by Ellex Valiunas.	N/A	Lithuania
10-Dec	Ellex (Valiunas); Glimstedt; Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius advised UAB Publicum Group in its acquisition of Good One, UAB. Ellex Valiunas advised some of the sellers - shareholders of UAB Good One - and Glimstedt a different seller (UAB Media Klubas).	N/A	Lithuania
10-Dec	Ellex (Valiunas); Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius advised UAB Publicum Group in its acquisition of digital marketing agency Socialus Marketingas. Ellex Valiunas the selling shareholders of UAB Socialus Marketingas.	N/A	Lithuania
11-Dec	TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic advised AB Siauliu Bankas on its admission of a EUR 20 million bond issue to trading on AB Nasdaq Vilnius.	EUR 20 million	Lithuania
12-Dec	Fort Legal; Sorainen	Sorainen Lithuania assisted Pontos Group and its Estonian subsidiary, Pontos Baltic, on the EUR 47 million sale of the RYO shopping center in the city of Panevezys, in northern Lithuania, to EFTEN Real Estate Fund 4, managed by EFTEN Capital. Fort Legal advised the buyers on the deal.	EUR 47 million	Lithuania
14-Dec	Primus Derling	Primus Derling advised the Tipro Group, which owns more than 40 online portals in Lithuania, on the sale of the All Media Digital Company to All Media Lithuania, which is the owner of Lithuania's TV channel TV3.	N/A	Lithuania
18-Dec	Cobalt	Cobalt advised Practica Capital on the launch of new venture capital fund, Practica Capital Venture II, which will invest in the Baltic innovation- and technology-driven ventures.	N/A	Lithuania
27-Dec	Glimstedt	Glimstedt assisted with the incorporation of LcX Opportunity Fund, a closed-end investment fund. The matter included negotiations with EBRD (advising the local business support agency) on the fund documentation.	EUR 25 million	Lithuania
28-Dec	Cobalt	Cobalt represented UAB Prosperus Real Estate Fund III in the acquisition of a shopping center in Palanga from Venturecorp Property Holdings Limited and UAB Capital City Group.	N/A	Lithuania
1-Mar	Glimstedt; Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius advised the buyers (Akola ApS and AB Linas Agro Group) on the acquisition of shares in three companies - Akola ApS, UAB Mestilla and AB Linas Agro Group - from one of the shareholders. Glimstedt advised the seller.	N/A	Lithuania; Denmark
11-Jan	CMS	CMS advised Poland's PFR TFI on an investment in Lithuania's UAB EMP recycling.	N/A	Lithuania; Poland
6-Apr	Bird & Bird; White & Case	Bird & Bird advised a joint venture of two private Lithuanian energy groups, E-Energija and Sun Investment Group, on the acquisition of a 42 MWp portfolio of solar projects. The seller, Polish solar developer R.Power Renewables, was represented by White & Case.	N/A	Lithuania; Poland
31-Aug	Dentons; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic and Dentons Warsaw advised AUGA group AB and shareholder Baltic Champs Group UAB on implementing a secondary public offering of shares in the company in Lithuania.	N/A	Lithuania; Poland
31-Jan	DLA Piper; Sulija Partners Law Firm Vilnius	Sulija Partners Law Firm Vilnius advised a subsidiary of AviaAM Leasing on the sale of an Airbus A321-211 aircraft from its fleet with an operating lease contract with Yamal Airlines to a subsidiary of GTLK Europe. GTLK Europe Ltd. was advised by DLA Piper.	N/A	Lithuania; Russia
8-May	Motieka & Audzevicius	Motieka & Audzevicius assisted Serbian state company JP Srbijagas secure enforcement of four ICC and VIAC awards in the Republic of Lithuania against the Lithuanian corporation Arvi.	EUR 50 million	Lithuania; Serbia
10-May	Avellum; Sorainen	Sorainen advised Nordcurrent, a Baltic game development studio, on its acquisition of Blam! Games Studios, a Ukrainian game development and animation studio. Avellum acted as a Ukrainian legal counsel to Nordcurrent.	N/A	Lithuania; Ukraine
5-Oct	CMS; Efrim Rosca & Associates; Gladei & Partners	Gladei & Partners advised the EBRD and private equity firms AB Invalda INVL and Horizon Capital on Moldovan law matters related to their acquisition of a 41.09% stake in B.C. Moldova Agroindbank S.A. at an auction held by Moldova's Public Property Agency. The EBRD was advised on English-law matters by CMS. Moldova Agroindbank and Moldova's Government was represented by Efrim, Rosca & Associates.	N/A	Moldova
1-Nov	CMS	CMS Kyiv advised a consortium consisting of the EBRD and private equity firms AB Invalda INVL and Horizon Capital on their acquisition of a 41.09% stake in B.C. Moldova Agroindbank S.A., Moldova's largest commercial bank, at auction.	N/A	Moldova
26-Jan	CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Turcan & Cazac; Vernon David & Associates	Turcan & Cazac and Vernon David & Associates advised Banca Transilvania and the EBRD on Moldovan matters related to their joint acquisition of a stake of over 66% in Victoriabank. In the Netherlands and UK, the EBRD was advised by CMS and Banca Transilvania by Freshfields.	N/A	Moldova; Romania
22-Feb	Allen & Overy; CMS; Leroy Si Asociatii	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Purcari Wineries Public Company Limited on its IPO and admission to trading on the Bucharest Stock Exchange under the WINE symbol. Leroy si Asociatii advised the IFC on the listing, representing 49% of the Purcari Wineries share capital. The offer was managed by Raiffeisen Bank and Swiss Capital, advised by CMS.	N/A	Moldova; Romania

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6-Apr	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii; Turcan & Cazac	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii and Turcan Cazac advised Eurotransgaz SRL, a company established by Transgaz in Chisinau, on the full acquisition of S.E. Vestmoldtransgaz, a company that manages the Moldovan side of the Iasi-Ungheni gas transmission pipeline, from the Public Property Agency of the Republic of Moldova.	N/A	Moldova; Romania
1-Jan	BDK Advokati; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised New Fjord Developments d.o.o on its acquisition by Boka Bay Investment Ltd. BDK advised the buyer.	N/A	Montenegro
26-Mar	Dragoljub Dukanovic Law Office; Harrison Solicitors; Reed Smith; Kinstellar	Harrison and Reed Smith advised the EBRD on a EUR 20 million loan to support the development of the Port of Bar, the main Montenegrin sea port. Kinstellar, working with the Dragoljub Dukanovic Law Office as special Montenegrin counsel, advised the Port of Adria (the borrower), Global Port Holding Plc (the guarantor) and Global Liman Isletmeleri A.S. (the shareholder of the borrower) on the financing.	EUR 20 million	Montenegro
12-Jan	Harrison Solicitors	Harrison provided Serbian advice to the EBRD related to its EUR 35 million loan to the Serbia and Montenegro Air Traffic Services LLC.	EUR 35 million	Montenegro; Serbia
31-Oct	NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised INA, part of the MOL group, on competition law issues relating to its acquisition of Croatian state-owned fertilizer manufacturer Petrokemija, through a joint venture with Croatia's Prvo Plinarsko Drustvo.	EUR 40.3 million	Montenegro; Serbia
16-Nov	NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised INA, part of the MOL group, on competition law issues related to its acquisition of ENI Croatia, the operator of the Northern Adriatic and Marica offshore gas fields.	N/A	Montenegro; Serbia
1-Jul	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Black Sea Trade and Development Bank on a EUR 15.4 million medium term secured loan made available to a Ukrainian borrower for the purposes of construction and operation of a Radisson branded hotel in the city of Odessa, Ukraine.	EUR 15 million	N/A
1-Jan	K&L Gates	K&L Gates represented Polish engineering company Prochem in a construction dispute resulting from the rescission of a contract for the construction of a 300 kilometer oil pipeline in Poland.	EUR 40 million	Poland
2-Jan	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners	RKKW advised Fit Invest sp. z o.o. (a subsidiary of Benefit Systems SA) on the PLN 12 million acquisition of the remaining 33.94% of shares in Fabryka Formy SA.	N/A	Poland
2-Jan	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised PFR Ventures on the setting-up of the Starter, CVC, Open Innovations, Koffi, and Biznest funds.	N/A	Poland
3-Jan	CMS; Greenberg Traurig	CMS advised a consortium of mBank S.A., Santander Bank Polska S.A, and Bank Ochrony Srodowiska S.A. on financing of the construction of the Mennica Legacy Tower office complex in Warsaw, with a value of EUR 131 million and PLN 28 million. The investment is carried out jointly by Golub GetHouse and Mennica Polska S.A. Greenberg Traurig advised the borrower.	EUR 131 million and PLN 28 million	Poland
3-Jan	SSW Pragmatic Solutions; TGS Baltic	SSW Pragmatic Solutions assisted Capital Park S.A. on its approximately EUR 15 million bonds issuance.	EUR 15 million	Poland
3-Jan	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised GetBack S.A. on its bond issuance with a nominal value of about EUR 7 million.	EUR 7 million	Poland
3-Jan	Jara Drapala & Partners	Jara Drapala & Partners successfully represented ILF Consulting Engineers Polska in an international commercial arbitration conducted under the ICC Rules in London.	N/A	Poland
4-Jan	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto	CDZ advised 24/7 Communication public relations agency on a merger with the Headlines-Porter Novelli PR agency.	N/A	Poland
5-Jan	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act Legal Poland, BSWW, advised Rank Progress S.A. on a joint venture agreement and subsequent investment contract with Vantage Development S.A. covering the implementation of a development project on a 14-hectare land plot in Wroclaw.	N/A	Poland
8-Jan	Kochanski Zieba & Partners; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Weil advised Echo Investment on the EUR 49 million sale of the O3 Business Campus II office building in Krakow to Echo Polska Properties N.V. Kochanski Zieba & Partners advised the buyers on the transaction, which was part of a greater transaction in 2016 involving a portfolio of real estate assets in Poland.	EUR 49 million	Poland
10-Jan	Dentons; EY Law	Dentons represented Indykpol S.A. on its sale of a chicken abattoir in Lublin and a chicken hatchery in Turka to SuperDrob. The buyer was advised by EY.	EUR 45 million	Poland
10-Jan	Linklaters	Linklaters advised SDIC Zhonglu Fruit Juice on the acquisition of Polish juice producer Appol Group from its Polish shareholders.	N/A	Poland
11-Jan	Magnusson	Magnusson advised A-R-A Retail Centers on the previously-reported sale of 28 shopping centers to Chariot Top Group BV.	EUR 1 billion	Poland
11-Jan	SMM Legal	SMM Legal is advising Poland's National Centre for Research and Development on a tender for a public contract to develop and deliver innovative emission-free public transport vehicles.	N/A	Poland
12-Jan	Gide Loyrette Nouel; Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	Gide advised MEDI-system on the acquisitions of the Angel Care elderly care facility from the Angel Poland Group and the Ostoya Care Facility from the Allenort Capital Fund. SPCG advised the Angel Poland Group and Everberg advised the Allenort Capital Fund.	N/A	Poland
17-Jan	Lesnodorski Slusarek I Wspolnicy	LSW advised Golub GetHouse on the purchase of property for the construction of the 140-meter "Liberty Tower" - a skyscraper which will include flats for rent and a hotel area.	N/A	Poland
18-Jan	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised a company from the Holiday Park & Resort capital group to obtain PLN 60 million in financing from the Credit Value Investment group for construction of new holiday and recreation facilities.	PLN 60 million	Poland
22-Jan	Dentons	Dentons assisted GPW Benchmark in preparing documentation for the new Warsaw Interbank Offer Bid Rate and Warsaw Interbank Offered Rate reference rates, which will become effective on February 1, 2018.	N/A	Poland
26-Jan	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG advised an Angel Group Poland company on the acquisition of a 8.5 hectare property in the center of Krakow for the development of a commercial-residential area.	N/A	Poland
30-Jan	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak	SK&S assisted ING Bank Slaski S.A. in obtaining of a permit from Poland's Financial Supervision Authority to create a mortgage bank.	N/A	Poland
31-Jan	Jara Drapala & Partners	Jara Drapala & Partners advised Belgium's Ontex Group, a supplier of disposable personal hygiene products, on the construction of a new plant in the Lodz Special Economic Zone in Radomsko, Poland.	N/A	Poland
1-Feb	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance	A&O advised Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets on its acquisition of INEA group from funds managed by Warburg Pincus and founders. Clifford Chance advised Warburg Pincus.	N/A	Poland

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1-Feb	Cuatrecasas; K&L Gates; Morais Leitao, Galvao Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados	K&L Gates advised Innovation Nest on its investment in Prodsmart, a company offering real-time tracking for production lines. Cuatrecasas advised Innovation Nest on Spanish law and Morais Leitao, Galvao Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados advised Prodsmart on Portuguese law.	N/A	Poland
2-Feb	Kurzynski Kosinski Lyszyk Wierzbicki	KKLW represented the auxiliary prosecutor of PKP PLK in criminal proceedings related to a 2012 train crash near the the Polish town of Szczekociny that killed 16 people and left 58 more injured.	N/A	Poland
2-Feb	BSJP; Greenberg Traurig; SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised Aerium on the sale of a portfolio of three shopping centers in Poland to Newbridge, an affiliate of Somerston Group. The buyer was assisted by Greenberg Traurig on the acquisition and on financing for the acquisition from Deutsche Pfandbriefbank. The BSJP firm advised DPB on the financing.	N/A	Poland
5-Feb	Greenberg Traurig; Linklaters	Linklaters advised Austrian developer UBM Development AG on its EUR 38 million sale and lease-back of a new Holiday Inn hotel to an institutional investment fund managed by German Union Investment Real Estate GmbH. The buyer was advised by Greenberg Traurig.	EUR 38 million	Poland
6-Feb	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised Brand24 on its IPO and entry onto Poland's NewConnect stock exchange.	N/A	Poland
7-Feb	Dentons	Dentons supported Polish power contractor Rafako in a tender procedure and a contract to build two coal-fired power units on the Indonesian island of Lombok.	EUR 200 million	Poland
7-Feb	Dentons; Linklaters	Dentons' Real Estate team in Warsaw advised Skanska on the sale of two buildings in Krakow's HighFive office complex to Niam. The buyer was advised by Linklaters.	N/A	Poland
8-Feb	Dentons	Dentons represented Stadler Poland, a manufacturer of rolling stocks, in two public tender procedures with a combined value of more than EUR 600 million.	EUR 600 million	Poland
8-Feb	Bird & Bird	Bird & Bird's Warsaw office supported Energa S.A. on the planned hybrid bond issuance by Energa-Operator S.A..	PLN 1 billion	Poland
9-Feb	CMS; DLA Piper	CMS advised ZFP Investments on its acquisition of the Kotlarska 11 office project in Krakow from UBM Development AG, which was advised by DLA Piper.	EUR 30 million	Poland
12-Feb	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised Fortuna Online Zaklady Bukmacherskie sp. z o.o. on an internal merger of its subsidiaries.	N/A	Poland
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14-Feb	Bird & Bird; Dentons	Dentons Warsaw advised the Cromwell Property Group on the sale of the Warsaw Corporate Center office building to Raiffeisen Immobilien Kapitalanlage-Gesellschaft. The buyer was advised by Bird & Bird.	N/A	Poland
15-Feb	Dentons	Dentons successfully represented DZ Polska in three cases before the Polish Supreme Court.	N/A	Poland
16-Feb	Act Legal (BSWW); Jezolkowski	Act BSWW advised Buma Group on its lease agreement of space at the DOT Office in Krakow to Shell. Shell was assisted by the Jezolkowski law firm	N/A	Poland
16-Feb	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised Kulczyk Silverstein Properties on its lease agreement negotiations with the tenants of the Ethos office and retail building in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
22-Feb	Dentons	A Dentons-led consortium won a government tender to provide assistance to Poland's Ministry of Investment and Development and the Ministry of Sports and Tourism in selecting a private-sector partner for a PPP project to develop the common grounds adjacent to Warsaw's National Stadium.	N/A	Poland
22-Feb	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak advised Sokolow S.A., a company belonging to the Danish Crown A.S. group, on the acquisition of a range of companies making up the meat group Gzella.	N/A	Poland
22-Feb	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised the Inwest Group, a group of Polish property developer companies, on its obtaining of PLN 35 million in mezzanine debt financing in the form of bonds for an unspecified project.	PLN 35 million	Poland
23-Feb	Dentons	Dentons was part of a consortium winning a public tender to provide consulting services on a PPP project regarding the construction of kindergartens in Warsaw organized by the Ministry of Investment and Development in Poland.	N/A	Poland
23-Feb	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW assisted the Immoel Group on lease agreement negotiations with retail space tenants in the CEDET project in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
27-Feb	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto advised Capital Partners on a multi-stage equity restructuring of Ekoplast S.A. and its group companies.	N/A	Poland
1-Mar	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance	A&O advised the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Poland on its Green Bond issue. Clifford Chance advised the managers.	EUR 1 billion	Poland
1-Mar	Allen & Overy	A&O secured a phase I clearance for the Asmodee Group in merger control proceedings before the Polish Competition Authority related to Asmodee's acquisition of Rebel Polska Sp. z o.o.	GBP 30 million	Poland
1-Mar	Gunderson Dettmer; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised TFI PZU S.A. on its acquisition of a partnership interest in the Khosla Ventures VI LP venture capital firm. Gunderson Dettmer advised the fund with respect to US law.	N/A	Poland
1-Mar	DLA Piper; Legal Care Legal Advisors	DLA Piper advised Bank Polska Kasa Opieki on amendments to existing financing. Legal Care Legal Advisors represented the borrower.	PLN 500 million	Poland
2-Mar	Kancelaria Adwokacka; Kurzynski Kosinski Lyszyk Wierzbicki; Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners advised Benefit Systems SA and its subsidiary Fit Invest sp. Z o.O on their agreement to purchase the Calypso Fitness SA chain from Glastonbury Ventures Limited in a multi-stage procedure. The seller was advised by Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki.	N/A	Poland
9-Mar	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto	Chajec Don-Siemion & Zyto advised a private equity fund managed by Value Quest on the acquisition of 100% shares in TTComm S.A., a satellite services provider in Central and Eastern Europe.	N/A	Poland
9-Mar	Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki	KKLW Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki advised Robyg S.A on the acquisition of four limited partnerships which have legal title to real properties located in Warsaw's Ursus district.	PLN 82 million	Poland
13-Mar	Lesnodorski Slusarek I Wspolnicy; Mrowiec Fialek	Mrowiec Fialek & Partners advised Centrum Rozliczen Elektronicznych Polskie ePlatnosci S.A., a portfolio company of Innova Capital, on its acquisition of 100% of shares in PayLane Sp. z o.o. LSW represented the sellers, two private individuals, on the deal.	N/A	Poland

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14-Mar	Jara Drapala & Partners	Jara Drapala & Partners persuaded Poland's National Appeals Chamber to grant the appeal of a Polish-French consortium of Constructions Industrielles de la Mediterranee S.A., CNIM Poznan Sp. z o.o., and PORR S.A., regarding its rejected tender for the development of a municipal waste treatment plant in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
14-Mar	Gessel; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised VLET Holdings S. a r. l., a subsidiary Abris Capital Partners, on its acquisition of the Velvet Care paper hygiene product manufacturer from Avallon MBO II BV. Gessel assisted Avallon on the transaction.	N/A	Poland
14-Mar	Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki	Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki advised Poland's Museum of Modern Art on its construction of a new headquarters in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
14-Mar	Deloitte Legal; Gessel	Deloitte Legal advised Nettle S.A., a member of the Ortie group, on the investment by Accession Mezzanine Capital of PLN 100 million into the company. Gessel advised Accession Mezzanine Capital on the funding.	PLN 100 million	Poland
14-Mar	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG represented WPO ALBA S.A, a European waste management company, in a dispute involving the pick-up and management of municipal waste in a municipality in the lower Silesian voivodeship of Poland.	PLN 15 million	Poland
19-Mar	DWF; Kochanski Zieba & Partners; Ropes & Gray; Stolarek & Grabalski	Kochanski Zieba & Partners and Ropes & Gray International advised the US investment firm Davidson Kempner Capital Management on the GBP 180 million financing granted to Pepkor Europe of the Steinhoff Group. Pepkor Europe was represented by DWF and Stolarek & Grabalski.	GBP 180 million	Poland
19-Mar	Mrowiec Fialek; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Mrowiec Fialek and Partners advised the Argus Capital private equity fund on the sale of its minority stake in KCR S.A. to an unnamed buyer. KCR was advised by Weil, Gotshal & Manges.	N/A	Poland
21-Mar	Dentons; Linklaters	Denton Warsaw advised Skanska on the EUR 52 million sale of the Nowa Fabryczna office building in Lodz, Poland to fund manager Niam. The buyer was assisted by Linklaters.	EUR 52 million	Poland
22-Mar	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto; Dentons	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto advised Nevu Sp. z o.o. on the acquisition of Eubioco S.A., a producer of pharmaceuticals and dietary supplements, from Pelion S.A. Pelion was advised by Dentons.	N/A	Poland
26-Mar	Clifford Chance; Dentons	Dentons advised Statoil Group on the acquisition of 50% of shares in two offshore projects from Polenergia. Polenergia was advised by Clifford Chance.	N/A	Poland
27-Mar	Allen & Overy; Nowakowski i Wspolnicy	A&O, working with co-counsel Nowakowski i Wspolnicy, persuaded the Polish Court of Appeal — in an appeal of the judgment of the Polish Court of Competition and Consumer Protection — to reduce a fine levied against Cemex Polska by the Polish Competition Authority in cartel proceedings against five cement producers.	N/A	Poland
27-Mar	BSJP	BSJP represented Dyckerhoff Polska Sp. z o.o. in competition court proceedings related to an appeal of a fine in the cement cartel case. BSJP succeeded in the Court of Appeals and saw the fine reduced from PLN 64 million to PLN 30 million.	PLN 64 million	Poland
28-Mar	Eversheds Sutherland	Wierzbowski Eversheds Sutherland advised the Polish Ministry of Economic Development on the establishment of the Polish Aviation Group, a joint-stock company founded with a capital of PLN 1.2 billion.	PLN 1.2 billion	Poland
28-Mar	Jacek Kosinski Adwokaci i Radcowie Prawni	Jacek Kosinski Adwokaci i Radcowie Prawni advised Bank Zachodni WBK Santander Group on financing in excess of PLN 40 million granted an unnamed joint stock company for the purchase of its own shares for the release and inflow of working capital.	PLN 40 million	Poland
29-Mar	Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki	The Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki law firm advised Polish start-up Szumisie sp. z o.o. and its German partner Daglo Vertriebs GmbH in a cross-border consolidation of business entities.	N/A	Poland
30-Mar	Mrowiec Fialek	Mrowiec Fialek advised Fabryka Pizzy Sp. z o.o. on the transition into Phase 2 of the investment agreement with Sfinks Polska S.A., followed by further development of the brand and, ultimately, the sale of 100% shares of Fabryka Pizzy Sp. z o.o. to Sfinks Polska S.A.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Innovation Nest on its investment in HCM Deck sp. z o.o., a developer of an innovative product for employee performance management.	EUR 0.5 million	Poland
1-Apr	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised OncoArendi Therapeutics S.A. on Polish law and on EU legal regulations effective in Poland and on the conduct of public offerings, as well as on internal regulations concerning the regulated market operated by the Warsaw Stock Exchange in Warsaw.	EUR 14 million	Poland
1-Apr	Allen & Overy	A&O advised Bank Zachodni WBK on a PLN 1 billion subordinated bonds (Tier II) issuance.	EUR230 million	Poland
1-Apr	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance; White and Case	A&O advised Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund, Inea S.A., and other companies from the INEA group on the refinancing of the group's existing indebtedness, the financing of the group's capital expenditure requirements, and the group's general corporate and working capital purposes. White and Case advised the lenders and Clifford Chance advised the existing lenders.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	Cuatrecasas; K&L Gates	K&L Gates and Cuatrecasas (on Portuguese law) advised Innovation Nest on an investment in Climber.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Innovation Nest on its investment in Versum, a company providing innovative solutions for beauty salon management.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	K&L Gates; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	K&L Gates advised venture capital platform Target Global on its investment in Surge Ventures Inc., a company developing online booking software. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius advised Surge Ventures.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Dirlango in connection with the purchase of shares in ContextLogic, Inc., doing business as Wish.	N/A	Poland
1-Apr	Capital Law Limited; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Alfabeat Alfa sp. z o.o. sp.k in connection with an investment in a company established in Poland in cooperation with Andiamo Ltd. Capital Law Limited was the UK law counsel to Andiamo Ltd.	N/A	Poland
3-Apr	CMS	CMS advised Polski Fundusz Rozwoju on the planning for a new power unit with a capacity of 910 MW to be constructed at the Jaworzno Power Plant, which is owned by the Tauron Group. The Tauron Group was advised by DZP.	N/A	Poland
3-Apr	Linklaters	Linklaters advised Panattoni Europe, a branch of the Panattoni Development Company, on the construction of the largest parcel distribution center for the GLS Poland courier company.	N/A	Poland
4-Apr	Greenberg Traurig; K&L Gates	Greenberg Traurig advised OTB Ventures on a seed funding transaction relating to Cosmose Inc., an American company specializing in new technologies. Cosmose was represented by K&L Gates.	N/A	Poland
6-Apr	DLK Legal	DLK Legal advised Polish company England.pl on the acquisition of Gadu-Gadu, a Polish instant messaging platform, from Xevin Consulting Limited.	N/A	Poland

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6-Apr	CMS	CMS advised Clinmed Pharma's owner, Wojciech Kula, on a sale of a 100% stake in the company to Neuca, a Polish wholesaler of pharmaceutical products.	N/A	Poland
11-Apr	Argon Legal; Dentons	Argon Legal advised HB Reavis on the lease of the Varso 2 office building in Warsaw to the Cambridge Innovation Center. Dentons advised the lessee.	N/A	Poland
11-Apr	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised ECC Real Estate Sp. z o.o., a developer of the Nowa Stacja shopping center in Pruszkow, on financing it received from Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego.	N/A	Poland
11-Apr	Crido Legal; Noerr; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Noerr advised Work Service S.A. on the PLN 178.6 million sale of all its shares in Exact Systems companies to funds managed by Cornerstone Partners and Oaktree Capital Management. Crido Legal assisted Exact Systems Management Board members Leslaw Walaszczyk and Pawel Gos, and Weil, Gotshal and Manges office advised both Cornerstone Partners and Oaktree Capital Management on the acquisition.	PLN 200 million	Poland
12-Apr	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance advised Credit Agricole CIB/Credit Agricole Bank Polska S.A. on a refinancing facility for Multimedia Polska S.A. Allen & Overy represented Multimedia Polska.	EUR 515 million	Poland
12-Apr	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised BNP Paribas Group on its acquisition of the core banking operations of Raiffeisen Bank Polska from Raiffeisen Bank International. RBI was advised by Weil, Gotshal & Manges on the transaction.	PLN 3.25 billion	Poland
16-Apr	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised Ten Square Games S.A., a producer and developer of mobile and browser games in Poland, on its preparation of a prospectus for approval by Poland's Financial Supervision Commission.	N/A	Poland
18-Apr	CMS; SSW Pragmatic Solutions	CMS advised Visdal Investments Sp. z o.o., controlled by Kuwait Projects Company Holding, on its acquisition of a controlling stake in Mlekoma sp. z o.o. and its subsidiaries Foodexo sp. z o.o and Mlekoma Dairy z o.o. from AMIZG Invest sp. z o.o. SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised AMIZG Invest.	N/A	Poland
19-Apr	Noerr; White & Case	Noerr advised PFR Life Science, a subsidiary of the Polish Development Fund, on its PLN 38.3 million investment in Mabion S.A., a biotechnology company in Poland. Mabion was represented by White & Case.	PLN 38.3 million	Poland
20-Apr	BSJP	BSJP advised Polaqua Sp. z o.o. in connection with a public procurement proceeding entitled "Reconstruction and extension of municipal wastewater treatment plant in Deblin" as part of the "Modernization and extension of the sewage disposal and water supply system in Dęblin agglomeration - Stage II" project. BSJP prepared an appeal and represented Polaqua before the National Chamber of Appeal.	EUR 14.7 million	Poland
20-Apr	Dentons; Linklaters	Dentons advised Skanska on the sale of the Wroclaw Green2Day office building to Niam. The buyers were advised by Linklaters.	N/A	Poland
23-Apr	Act Legal (BSWW); Michalowski Stefanski	Act BSWW advised the CPI Property Group on its acquisition of five Polish retail parks from Polish developer Katharsis Development. The Michalowski Stefanski law firm advised Katharsis Development on the sale.	N/A	Poland
26-Apr	Magnusson	Magnusson advised Immoel Poland on its entrance into a contract with Warbud S.A. for the first stage of construction of an office building in the center of Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
26-Apr	CMS; Greenberg Traurig	CMS advised Maxima Grupe UAB on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Emperia Holding S.A., the owner of the Stokrotka supermarket chain. Greenberg Traurig advised Emperia Holding on the sale.	N/A	Poland
26-Apr	SMM Legal	SMM Legal advised the Polish National Centre for Science and Research on a project designed to boost the development of the electric transportation sector in Poland.	PLN 2 billion	Poland
1-May	Carey Olsen; K&L Gates; Proskauer Rose; Van Campen Liem	K&L Gates advised TFI PZU on the transfer of its interest in venture capital funds Atomico, Evolution Equity Partners, and DN Capital. Van Campen Liem was the counsel to Evolution Equity Partners with respect to Luxembourg law. Carey Olsen advised Atomico with respect to law of the Island of Guernsey. Proskauer Rose advised DN Capital with respect to English law and counseled Atomico with respect to US law.	N/A	Poland
8-May	Rkkw Law Office	The RKKW Law Office successfully represented Warsaw-based Emperia Holding SA in proceedings initiated by one of the company's minority shareholders to preclude Emperia from enforcing a resolution concerning changes to its articles of incorporation.	N/A	Poland
9-May	Dentons; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised Madison International Realty on the acquisition of 50% of the Warsaw Spire A office building and on signing a joint-venture agreement with the seller, Ghelamco Group, which was represented by Dentons.	N/A	Poland
14-May	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto	CDZ advised Parkdema UAB, an SPV of the Lithuanian-based Energy and Infrastructure SME Fund managed by Lords LB Asset Management, on its acquisition of a 100% stake in City Parking Group S.A. from, among others, Royalton Partners.	N/A	Poland
16-May	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised Ten Square Games S.A. on its debut at the Warsaw Stock Exchange.	PLN 94 million	Poland
18-May	Brockhuis Jurczak Prusak Sroka Nilsson	Brockhuis Jurczak Prusak Sroka Nilsson advised Schnee Polska Sp. z o.o. on the construction of a manufacturing plant in Sieradz, Poland, on the territory of the Lodz Special Economic Zone.	EUR 15 million	Poland
18-May	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners	RKKW Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners successfully represented Emperia Holding SA in proceedings initiated by minority shareholder Eurocash contesting a resolution relating to a change of one of the provisions of its articles of incorporation.	N/A	Poland
21-May	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised GPRE Management Sp. z o.o., on the process of preparing and negotiating agreements related to the implementation of SAP Business One software.	N/A	Poland
23-May	SMM Legal; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	SMM Legal is advising PKN Orlen on its merger with Grupa Lotos S.A., which is advised by the Warsaw office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.	N/A	Poland
24-May	Jedwabny & Brzozowska	Jedwabny & Brzozowska advised Less Mess Storage on negotiating PLN 210 million of loan facility commitments from Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A.	PLN 210 million	Poland
25-May	BSJP; DLA Piper	BSJP advised Ideal Automotive on legal issues connected with the construction of a new manufacturing plant in Swidnica, on the territory of the Wabrzych Special Economic Zone. DLA Piper advised the general contractor, Panattoni Development Europe.	EUR 15 million	Poland
25-May	Schoenherr; Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	WKB advised BC Bavarian Candles Expansion GmbH on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Korona Candles, a private label manufacturers of candles. The sellers - the company's founder and primary shareholders - were advised by Weil, Gotshal & Manges. Schoenherr acted as local counsel for Bayerische Landesbank on Facilities Agreement and financing for the acquisition.	N/A	Poland

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28-May	Kondracki & Celej; Orrick	Kondracki & Celej and the London office of Orrick advised Black Pearls VC on PLN 3 million financing as part of Deep.BI seed round, which resulted in a total of PLM 4.8 million (EUR 1.1 million). The remaining 1.8 million PLN was raised from Polish business angels related to the media industry: Piotr Walter, Tomasz Jozefacki, Krzysztof Debowski, and Adam Sawicki.	EUR 1.1 million	Poland
28-May	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski successfully represented T-Mobile Polska S.A. in a dispute with Poland's President of the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection before the country's Court of Competition and Consumer Protection regarding a subscription price increase and the obligation to pay public compensation.	N/A	Poland
28-May	Allen & Overy; Greenberg Traurig	A&O secured a phase I clearance for Abris CEE Mid-Market Fund III LP by the Polish Competition Authority for Abris's acquisition of sole control over Velvet Care sp. z o.o., a Polish producer of tissue consumer products. Greenberg Traurig acted as corporate legal advisor of Abris CEE Mid-Market Fund III LP.	N/A	Poland
29-May	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Wardynski & Partners; Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB and Skadden advised Joyson Electronics on Polish aspects of its USD 1.6 billion acquisition of the global assets of Takata Corporation. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised the sellers, with Wardynski & Partners acting as local Polish counsel.	USD 1.6 billion	Poland
30-May	Lawmore; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Speedinvest II EuVECA GmbH&Co KG on its investment in Polish start-up Packhelp sp. z o.o. Lawmore advised Packhelp.	N/A	Poland
31-May	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Carmel Investments sp. z o.o. on the Polish law aspects of a Facility Agreement amendment.	N/A	Poland
1-Jun	Allen & Overy; Hogan Lovells	A&O advised Vue and its Polish subsidiary Multikino on the acquisition of CINEMA 3D S.A., a company operating several cinema sites in Poland. Hogan Lovells advised the seller.	EUR 16 million	Poland
1-Jun	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised i2 Development S.A. on the public bond issue program. Under the program, i2 Development S.A. may issue unsecured bearer bonds with a total nominal value of up to PLN 100 million. The company intends to introduce the bonds into trading on a regulated market run by the Warsaw Stock Exchange.	N/A	Poland
1-Jun	K&L Gates; Slaughter and May	K&L Gates advised GPW S.A. on the sale of a 20.3% stake in Aquis Exchange during its initial public offering and admission to listing on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. Slaughter and May advised the issuer.	N/A	Poland
6-Jun	SMM Legal	SMM Legal assisted Poland's National Centre for Research and Development on a program to incentivize the creation of new hydrogen storage technology.	EUR 7 million	Poland
6-Jun	Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB helped the Ryanair Group establish Ryanair Sun, a new business unit in Poland.	N/A	Poland
7-Jun	SMM Legal	SMM Legal advised the National Center for Research and Development in the preparation and execution of a pre-commercial procurement procedure for creating innovative technology for changing the work regime of 200 MWe power units.	EUR 46,6 million	Poland
11-Jun	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions helped ZPC Otmuchow S.A. obtain permission from the Polish Financial Supervision Authority for its issue prospectus.	N/A	Poland
11-Jun	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	On May 29, 2018, SSW Pragmatic Solutions obtained a favorable judgment for Erbud S.A. in its dispute with Millennium Bank before the Court of Appeal in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
13-Jun	Dentons; Wolf Theiss	Dentons advised NEPI Rockcastle on its EUR 64.9 million acquisition of the Aura Centrum shopping center from Amsterdam-based company Rockspring NPS European Alfa B.V., which was advised by Wolf Theiss.	EUR 64.9 million	Poland
13-Jun	Linklaters	Linklaters advised Panattoni Europe on the lease of 16,000 square meters of space in Panattoni Park Gdansk III to LPP S.A., a Polish company engaged in the clothing and accessories industry. The complex, which is currently under construction, will consist of two warehouse halls of nearly 64,000 square meters.	N/A	Poland
14-Jun	Dentons; Linklaters	Dentons advised Peakside Capital on the sale of the Atrium Centrum and Atrium Plaza office buildings in Warsaw to the CPI Property Group. Linklaters advised the buyers on the deal.	N/A	Poland
15-Jun	CMS; DLA Piper	CMS advised insurance company Generali on the acquisition of entities from the Concordia Ubezpieczenia Group, which reportedly was represented by DLA Piper.	N/A	Poland
20-Jun	Kondracki & Celej; Orrick	Orrick and Kondracki & Celej advised Poland's Black Pearls VC on the investment of PLN 2.94 million (EUR 700,000) by its Black Pearls VC II Fund into cloud-based Insurtech Inslsy, part of Inslsy's seed round.	EUR 700,000	Poland
25-Jun	Dentons	Dentons advised mBank S.A. on matters related to the establishment of its EMTN Program and preparation of the bond issue prospectus.	N/A	Poland
27-Jun	White & Case	White & Case advised Goldman Sachs International and Trigon Dom Maklerski S.A. on the acquisition of 4.4 percent of the shares in Cyfrowy Polsat S.A. from Sensor Overseas Limited.	USD 171 million	Poland
28-Jun	White & Case	White & Case advised global coordinator and book-runner Bank Zachodni WBK S.A. on the issue of 286,624,204 new shares in Globalworth Poland Real Estate N.V., part of a private issue with a total value of EUR 450 million.	EUR 450 million	Poland
28-Jun	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised T-Bull, a company that produces, designs, and distributes games for mobile devices, on approval of its prospectus by Poland's Financial Supervisory Authority.	N/A	Poland
29-Jun	DeBenedetti Majewski Szczesniak; Hogan Lovells	Hogan Lovells advised the Gothaer Group on the sale of its Polish subsidiary, Gothaer Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen, to the Vienna Insurance Group. DeBenedetti Majewski Szczesniak advised Vienna Insurance Group on the deal.	N/A	Poland
29-Jun	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised Fabryka PZO sp. z o.o., a subsidiary of Soho Development S.A., on the sale of a property consisting of over 10,000 square meters that was part of the former Polish Optical Industries factory in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
29-Jun	Greenberg Traurig	The Warsaw office of Greenberg Traurig advised Invesco Real Estate on the sale of E-Commerce Centre - a logistics center in northern Poland - to Vestas Investment Management.	N/A	Poland
30-Jun	CMS; Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland advised Ghelamco in connection with a loan agreement for financing and re-financing of the construction of the ".big Krakow" office building. CMS Cameron McKenna represented the lender, Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A.	EUR 25 million	Poland
1-Jul	Dentons; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised PKN Orlen S.A. on a dispute involving the construction of a new power plant by a general contractor (a consortium consisting of General Electric Inc and SNC Lavalin Polska) and assisting PKN Orlen during negotiations over a settlement of a contract for the construction of a 463 MWe gas and steam unit in Wloclawek. Dentons represented the GE/SNC consortium.	N/A	Poland

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3-Jul	CMS	CMS Warsaw advised Phillips Industries on its purchase of Fortech, a Polish manufacturer of high-quality electrical connections for trucks and cars.	N/A	Poland
6-Jul	Act BSWW; DLA Piper	Act BSWW Poland advised Comp S.A. on the sale of 100% shares in PayTel S.A. to Portuguese company Sibs-SGPS S.A. DLA Piper advised Sibs-SGPS on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
9-Jul	Kondrat & Partners	Kondrat & Partners successfully acquired protection for the trademark of the color violet in the Polish Patent Office for Polish mobile operator PLAY Exclusive.	N/A	Poland
10-Jul	Allen & Overy; Hogan Lovells	The Warsaw office of Hogan Lovells advised Cinema3D S.A. on the sale of its portfolio of sites in Poland to Vue International. Allen & Overy advised Vue International on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
10-Jul	Linklaters	Linklaters Warsaw advised the participants in the Resi4Rent joint venture on their establishment and execution of Resi4Rent, which is described as "the first fully integrated investor, operator and asset manager for purpose-built residential communities in Poland."	N/A	Poland
13-Jul	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig's Warsaw office advised Polish television broadcaster Telewizja Polsat on its purchase of a majority stake in Eleven Sports Network sp. z o.o. and entrance into a strategic relationship with Eleven Sports Network Ltd.	N/A	Poland
13-Jul	Noerr	A German-Polish team from Noerr advised the Schwarz Group on the takeover by its GreenCycle affiliate of the Tonsmeier group of companies in Germany.	N/A	Poland
16-Jul	Dentons; Linklaters	Linklaters advised Globalworth on its acquisition of Warsaw's Spektrum Tower from Europa Capital. Dentons advised Europa Capital on the deal.	EUR 101 million	Poland
16-Jul	Gessel; Greenberg Traurig; Linklaters	Linklaters advised Triton Partners and Flokk Group on the acquisition of Profim sp. z o.o. from Innova Capital. Greenberg Traurig advised Innova Capital on the acquisition, and Gessel advised Profim and its shareholders.	N/A	Poland
16-Jul	Allen & Overy; Linklaters	Allen & Overy advised ING Bank Slaski on financing of the acquisition of nine logistic properties located in Poland by European Logistic Investment B.V. Linklaters assisted the seller.	N/A	Poland
18-Jul	Oles & Rodzynkiewicz; PwC Legal	PwC Legal advised the shareholders of online women's shoe sellers DeeZee on the sale of 51% of its shares to European footwear manufacturer and retailer CCC. The buyer was represented by Oles & Rodzynkiewicz.	N/A	Poland
23-Jul	Greenberg Traurig; Szybkowski Kuzma Jelen	Greenberg Traurig advised Centrum Haffnera Sp. z o.o. on the sale of the Centrum Haffnera commercial and service complex in Sopot, Poland, to EuroEast 2 B.V. Szybkowski Kuzma Jelen advised the buyer on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
23-Jul	CMS; Eversheds Sutherland	CMS advised Abris CEE Mid-Market III LP on the acquisition by its subsidiary NEPT Holdings of a stake in ITP S.A., which operates in the aesthetic medicine industry. The sellers of the stake, ITP's founders, were represented by Wierzbowski Eversheds Sutherland.	N/A	Poland
24-Jul	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto; CMS	CMS advised Solid Brain sp. z o.o. and its shareholders on the sale of a majority stake of shares to IT Kontrakt sp. z o.o., a company belonging to the portfolio of the Oaktree Capital Management and Cornerstone Partners funds. Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto advised IT Kontrakt on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
24-Jul	Linklaters; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Linklaters advised PESA Bydgoszcz, a Polish rolling stock manufacturer, on the sale of 100% of its shares to the Polish Development Fund. Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised the Polish Development Fund on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
26-Jul	Clifford Chance; Hauszylid i Partnerzy Adwokaci; Kancelaria Kurek, Wojcik i Partnerzy	Clifford Chance advised Nice S.p.A. on the acquisition of 100% of shares of Polish company Fibaro Group S.A.. Kancelaria Kurek, Wojcik i Partnerzy and Hauszylid i Partnerzy Adwokaci advised the Fibaro Group on the sale.	N/A	Poland
26-Jul	Soltysinski Kawecki & Slezak; Willkie Farr & Gallagher	Soltysinski Kawecki & Slezak and the Frankfurt office of Willkie Farr & Gallagher advised Solaris Bus & Coach and its owners on an investment into the company by Construcciones y Auxiliars de Ferrocarriles.	N/A	Poland
26-Jul	Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB advised the PKO BP Group during the merger process of Polish investment fund companies PKO TFI and Gamma TFI (previously KBC TFI).	N/A	Poland
30-Jul	Dentons; TGS Baltic	TGS Baltic and Dentons advised AB AviaAM Leasing and some of its shareholders on delisting the company's shares from trading on the regulated market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange.	N/A	Poland
30-Jul	Clifford Chance; Elzanowski, Cherka & Wasowski; Hogan Lovells	Clifford Chance and Elzanowski, Cherka & Wasowski advised SPV Operator sp. z o.o., a subsidiary of Agencja Rozwoju Przemyslu S.A., on the acquisition of 81.05% of shares in Stocznia Gdansk S.A. and 50% of shares in GSG Towers sp. z o.o. from the Gdansk Shipyard Group. Hogan Lovells advised the sellers.	N/A	Poland
30-Jul	Brockhuis Jurczak Prusak Sroka Nilsson; Domanski Zakrzewski Palinka	BSJP advised No Fluff Jobs Sp. on an investment agreement with Ringier Axel Springer Media AG. Ringier Axel Springer was represented by DZP.	N/A	Poland
30-Jul	Kirkland & Ellis; Schoenherr	Schoenherr and Kirkland & Ellis advised Swedish private equity firm EQT on the sale of Polish medical device company HTL-Strefa to UK-based private equity firm Investindustrial.	N/A	Poland
1-Aug	Cuatrecasas; K&L Gates; PLMJ Advogados	K&L Gates and Cuatrecasas advised First Minute Capital and Innovation Nest on investments in Infraspak S.A., a company providing quality management solutions for industrial facilities. PLMJ Advogados advised Infraspak.	EUR 1.6 million	Poland
1-Aug	K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised MSF Engenharia S.A. and its Polish branch, MSF Polska, on the development of a settlement agreement with the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways relating to mutual claims for unrealized contracts for the construction of motorways with a total value of PLN 400 million, as well as a parallel settlement agreement with JV Partners.	EUR 93 million	Poland
1-Aug	Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB advised a consortium of GE Power and Alstom Power Systems during a successful tender procedure and on signing the consequent contract for the construction of the Ostroleka C 1,000 MW power plant.	N/A	Poland
1-Aug	Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB advised ABB on the Polish aspects of its acquisition of GE Industrial Solutions, General Electric's global electrification solutions business. The seller, General Electric, was represented by Weil, Gotshal & Manges.	N/A	Poland
1-Aug	Greenberg Traurig; Orrick	Greenberg Traurig and Orrick advised Silvair Inc. on its initial public offering of shares and their admission to trading on the regulated market of the Warsaw Stock Exchange.	N/A	Poland
1-Aug	Cuatrecasas; K&L Gates; Latham & Watkins	K&L Gates and Cuatrecasas advised Target Global on its investment in Badi Inc, a room rental facilitation application. Latham & Watkins advised Badi.	N/A	Poland

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2-Aug	JS Legal; Kondracki Celej; K&L Gates	Kondracki Celej advised the founders of CallPage on a USD four million Round-A investment by TDJ Pitango Ventures, Innovation Nest, and Market One Capital. JS Legal advised TDJ-Pitango, and K&L Gates counseled Innovation Nest.	USD 4 million	Poland
3-Aug	CMS; Dentons	CMS advised UBM Development AG and Lindorcenia on the sale of the Park Inn by Radisson Krakow Hotel to Union Investment, Institutional Property. Dentons advised Union Investment on the acquisition.	EUR 26 million	Poland
3-Aug	CG Law; Kochanski Zieba & Partners	Kochanski Zieba & Partners advised French Groupe Beneteau on its agreement with Polish yacht producer Delphia Yachts regarding the sale of its design, building, and marketing operations for sailing and motor yachts under the Delphia Yachts and Maxi Yachts brands. Delphia was represented by CG Law.	N/A	Poland
3-Aug	CMS	CMS advised Polski Fundusz Rozwoju S.A. on its acquisition of 100% of shares of Krajowy Fundusz Kapitalowy S.A., the central fund of venture capital funds in Poland, from Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego.	N/A	Poland
6-Aug	Dentons	Dentons will provide pro bono assistance and advisory to Jerzy Owskiak, a Polish journalist, social campaigner, and organizer of cultural events, in a freedom of artistic expression case involving his use of profanity in a quotation at a recent book reading.	N/A	Poland
8-Aug	Kochanski Zieba & Partners; Michal Bieniak	KZP advised EPP on its EUR 91.1 million acquisition of the King Cross Marcellin shopping center in Poznan. The transaction consisted of the acquisition of 100% of shares in Poznan Zonkil S.A., the owner of the shopping center, from the King Cross Group. The seller was advised by the Michal Bieniak Law Firm.	EUR 91.1 million	Poland
8-Aug	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised Volkswagen on the acquisition of a new property in Poznan.	N/A	Poland
8-Aug	DLA Piper; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig Warsaw advised Golub GetHouse, as the landlord, on a lease concluded with flexible workspace provider WeWork, which became the exclusive tenant of office space in the western building of the Mennica Legacy Tower complex. DLA Piper advised WeWork on the deal.	N/A	Poland
13-Aug	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG successfully represented MetLife Open Pension Fund as one of five defendants in a dispute regarding the failure to announce a call for subscriptions for the sale of shares in connection with the alleged conclusion by the shareholders of an agreement regarding consistent voting at the general meeting and conducting a persistent policy towards the public company.	N/A	Poland
13-Aug	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak advised a consortium consisting of Ferrovia Agroman, Budimex, and Estudio Lamela in its reaching of a settlement with Przedsiębiorstwo Państwowe "Porty Lotnicze" in a dispute involving the extension of the Warsaw Okęcie International Airport.	N/A	Poland
21-Aug	Eversheds Sutherland	Wierzbowski Eversheds Sutherland successfully represented the Polish Association of Construction Employers before Poland's National Appeal Chamber in a challenge to the award of a public contract by the PKP PLK SA railway company.	N/A	Poland
22-Aug	Schoenherr; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised AEW on the sale of the Atrium Tower office building in downtown Warsaw to the Vienna Insurance Group. Schoenherr advised the buyers.	N/A	Poland
24-Aug	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised Europart International GmbH on its acquisition of the remaining 49% of the shares of Europart Polska S.A. from Vesta Fundusz Inwestycyjny Zamkniety Aktywow Niepublicznych and Protyl-Serwis 44.	N/A	Poland
24-Aug	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised IREEF on the sale of Crown Square Warsaw PropCosp. z o.o., the owner of Warsaw's Crown Square office building, to M&A Capital.	N/A	Poland
24-Aug	Dentons; Linklaters	Linklaters advised Echo Investment on the forward sale of the Sagittarius Business House building in Wroclaw, Poland, to Warburg-HIH Invest Real Estate GmbH. The buyer was represented by Dentons.	N/A	Poland
27-Aug	Linklaters	Linklaters advised real estate developer Panattoni on its agreement to build a warehouse project in the build-to-own formula for Intersnack, the German-based owner of brands such as Felix, Crispers, and Przysnacki.	N/A	Poland
28-Aug	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners; SSW Pragmatic Solutions	RKKW - Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners advised Vippo sp. o.o. on its issuance of bonds on the private debt market. SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised an unidentified investment bank on the deal.	N/A	Poland
31-Aug	BSJP	BSJP advised Kapsch TrafficCom AG in connection with a public procurement proceeding titled "National toll collection system with activities related to the collection of electronic toll and activities related to the toll collection."	EUR 18 million	Poland
3-Sep	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak	Soltysinski Kawecki Szlezak successfully represented Stowarzyszenie Twoja Sprawa in a case brought against the producer of Devil Energy Drink.	N/A	Poland
5-Sep	clifford chance	Clifford Chance advised CBRE Global Investors on the sale of the Wars Sawa Junior Shopping Center in Warsaw to Atrium Real Estate on behalf of the Property Fund Central and Eastern Europe.	EUR 300 million	Poland
11-Sep	CMS; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; PwC Legal	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised the XIO Group on the sale of 100% of the shares of Compo Expert GmbH to Grupa Azoty S.A. The buyers were advised by PwC Poland and CMS Germany.	N/A	Poland
11-Sep	CMS	CMS advised LGI Ventures B.V., Liberty Global's Dutch portfolio company, on setting up a joint venture in Poland in the IT sector.	N/A	Poland
11-Sep	CMS	CMS advised Corum Asset Management on its acquisition of the Castorama DIY store in Poznan.	N/A	Poland
13-Sep	Clifford Chance; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised the HB Reavis Group on the sale of two A class office buildings that are part of the Gdanski Business Center complex in the center of Warsaw to Savills Investment Management, acting on behalf of Malaysia's Employees Provident Fund.	EUR 200 million	Poland
14-Sep	BSJP	BSJP advised Schnee Polska Sp. z o.o. on legal issues connected with the construction of a manufacturing plant in Poland.	EUR 15 million	Poland
17-Sep	LSW Lesnodorski Slusarek & Partners; Maruta Wachta	Maruta Wachta advised Equitin Partners on the acquisition of a majority stake in Kids & Co., an operator of private kindergartens in Poland. LSW Lesnodorski Slusarek & Partners advised Kids & Co.	N/A	Poland
17-Sep	Hogan Lovells	The Warsaw office of Hogan Lovells advised Pekao Bank Hipoteczny on the issue of the public mortgage bonds.	N/A	Poland
18-Sep	K&L Gates; SMM Legal	SMM Legal advised the National Center for Research and Development on its participation as public investor in the investment by public-private investment fund TDJ Pitango Ventures in Neptune sp. z o.o., the creator of the Neptune.ml platform. TDJ Pitango Ventures was supported by K&L Gates.	EUR 1.5 million	Poland

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21-Sep	Everberg; Eversheds Sutherland	Wierzbowski Eversheds Sutherland advised Grupa Netsprint, an Innova Capital portfolio company, on its acquisition of Way To Grow, a company that specializes in optimizing the advertising space of publishers in a programmatic model. Way To Grow was represented by Everberg.	N/A	Poland
26-Sep	SK&S; White & Case	SK&S advised Cargill on its acquisition of entities operating within the Konsol Group. The owners of Konsol were represented by White & Case.	N/A	Poland
26-Sep	WKB Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr advised Qualia Development Sp. z o.o. on the sale of Residence Management Sp. z o.o. to Chopin Airport Development Sp. z o.o.	N/A	Poland
28-Sep	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance	Allen & Overy advised Santander Bank Polska S.A. on the issue of its EUR 500 million Eurobonds. The joint lead managers, J.P. Morgan and PKO Bank Polski, were represented by Clifford Chance.	EUR 500 million	Poland
1-Oct	Allen & Overy; Hogan Lovells	A&O represented Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited, in proceedings before the Polish Competition Authority related to the acquisition of companies and assets belonging to the Prologis, Inc. capital group. Hogan Lovells advised Prologis, Inc.	USD 1.1 billion	Poland
2-Oct	Act BSWW	Act BSWW advised Zeitgeist Asset Management on its acquisition of an office building in Warsaw.	N/A	Poland
8-Oct	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak; WKB Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak advised Eurocash S.A. on the sale of 100% of the shares in PayUp Polska S.A. to Centrum Rozliczen Elektronicznych Polskie ePlatnosci S.A. WKB Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr advised the buyers on the acquisition.	N/A	Poland
9-Oct	Clifford Chance; Dentons	Dentons advised PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna on financing provided by a consortium of banks, including PKO Bank Polski S.A., Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., MUFG Bank N.V., and Santander Bank Polska S.A. The banks were represented by Clifford Chance.	PLN 4.1 billion	Poland
11-Oct	CMS; Linklaters	CMS advised Mid Europa Partners on the sale of 100% of shares in Altura S. a r. l., the holding company which owns 99.77% of the shares in Polskie Koleje Linowe SA, to the Polish Development Fund. Linklaters advised the buyers on the deal.	N/A	Poland
15-Oct	Gide Loyrette Nouel	Gide advised Orpea Polska on its acquisition of a property in Warsaw from Orange Polska.	N/A	Poland
15-Oct	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski Limited Partnership successfully represented the Tesco Poland retail chain in an arbitration dispute before the Court of Arbitration at the Confederation of Lewiatan in a dispute involving the admissibility of turnover-based bonuses by the retail chain of use in trade.	N/A	Poland
19-Oct	CMS	CMS advised logistics company PCC Intermodal S.A. on its delisting from the Warsaw Stock Exchange and the re-materialization of its shares.	N/A	Poland
25-Oct	Dentons	Dentons advised Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego on financing the building and the equipping of a local hospital in Zywiec, southern Poland.	N/A	Poland
25-Oct	Cooley; Kubas Kos Galkowski; Wiercinski Kwiecinski Baehr	WKB assisted ShopRunner, Inc on the Polish aspects of its acquisition of both the enterprise of Spring NYC, Inc., and that of its Polish subsidiary, Spring Poland Sp. z o.o. Cooley advised the sellers globally and Kubas Kos Galkowski advised the sellers on Polish aspects of the transaction.	N/A	Poland
26-Oct	Dentons	Dentons represented Generali on its acquisition of a 100% stake in Polish asset management company Union Investment TFI S.A. from Union Asset Management Holding AG. Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised the sellers on the transaction.	N/A	Poland
30-Oct	Dentons	Dentons advised BGZ BNP Paribas on financing granted to PDC Industrial Center 59, a joint venture of Panattoni and Marvipol, for the construction of the Panattoni Park Warszawa Annapol warehouse.	EUR 9 million and PLN 7 million	Poland
30-Oct	Kurzynski Lyszyk Wierzbicki	KKLW represented Poland's State Enterprise Porty Lotnicze on the takeover of the Radom Airport.	N/A	Poland
30-Oct	Allen & Overy	A&O advised Indorama Ventures Spain SL in merger proceedings before the President of the Competition and Consumers Protection Office regarding its acquisition of Kordarna Plus a.s. and subsidiary Kordplast s.r.o.	N/A	Poland
31-Oct	Eversheds Sutherland	Wierzbowski Eversheds Sutherland advised the Warsaw University of Technology on its entrance into an agreement with Lotos Lab sp. z o.o. to cooperate on R&D projects involving low-emission transportation and energy storage.	N/A	Poland
1-Nov	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised a member of the Ideal Idea group on its acquisition of real property located on the border of Warsaw and the nearby village of Raszyn.	N/A	Poland
1-Nov	DLA Piper; Greenberg Traurig	DLA Piper advised Fattal Leonardo Hotels (UK) Limited on the negotiation of a long-term "build-to-suit" lease agreement for a 4-star hotel in Warsaw. HD Reavis, the developer, was advised by Greenberg Traurig.	N/A	Poland
1-Nov	CMS	CMS advised Pierre Fabre on the launch of its first online store in Europe.	N/A	Poland
2-Nov	CMS	CMS advised Work Service S.A. on the dissolution of its joint venture with Fiege Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG, including taking full control over the JV by acquiring 26% of the shares in Work Service GmbH & Co. KG (the joint-venture vehicle) from Fiege Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG and spinning-off Exact Systems GmbH from the joint-venture.	N/A	Poland
5-Nov	Greenberg Traurig; K&L Gates; Weil, Gotshal & Manges	K&L Gates advised the EBRD on its acquisition of approximately 4.5% of the shares of Bank BGZ BNP Paribas, which takes place in the context of the completion of BGZ BNP Paribas' acquisition of the core assets of Raiffeisen Bank Polska S.A. announced in April 2018. Weil, Gotshal & Manges advised Raiffeisen and Greenberg Traurig assisted BGZ BNP Paribas.	EUR 100 million	Poland
7-Nov	Clifford Chance; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig advised Societe Generale on the sale of Euro Bank, its retail banking subsidiary in Poland, to Bank Milenium. Clifford Chance represented the buyers.	N/A	Poland
9-Nov	CMS; Elzbieta Wasilewska	CMS advised Athena Investments A/S on the sale of the the Polczyno wind farm (via Eolica Polczyno sp. z o.o.) to a local private investor. The buyer was advised by lawyer Elzbieta Wasilewska.	N/A	Poland
11-Nov	Allen & Overy; Greenberg Traurig; Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	A&O advised Banco Santander and subsidiary Santander Bank Polska on the acquisition of Deutsche Bank Polska's retail business. Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski provided legal advice to Deutsche Bank Polska, and Greenberg Traurig advised Deutsche Bank AG.	EUR 300 million	Poland
11-Nov	Allen & Overy; Magnusson	A&O advised Grupa Zywiec on its acquisition of 100% of shares in Browar Namyslow. Magnusson advised the seller.	PLN 500 million	Poland

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12-Nov	Dentons	Dentons' Warsaw advised BGZ BNP Paribas on a EUR 17 million financing granted to three Yareal Group companies to refinance the purchase costs of three properties in Warsaw intended for the construction of residential buildings.	EUR 17 million	Poland
12-Nov	Eversheds Sutherland	Eversheds Sutherland successfully represented InterRisk TU SA in a dispute with a contractor.	N/A	Poland
13-Nov	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG advised on the creation of Beta ETF WIG20TR, the first Polish closed-end investment fund, which was recently authorized by Polish Financial Supervision Authority.	N/A	Poland
14-Nov	Dentons; Redcliffe Partners	Dentons advised BNP Paribas and a syndicate of international banks on the extension and increase of a pre-export secured revolving facility to Ferrexpo.	USD 500 million	Poland
19-Nov	Crido Legal; Gessel; Noerr	Noerr advised Work Service S.A. on the PLN 155.3 million sale of all its shares in Exact Systems' companies in a management buy-out by Pawel Gos and Leslaw Walaszczyk, founders and managers of Exact Systems, supported by funds managed by CVI Dom Maklerski through Remango Investments. Crido Legal advised the managers and Gessel advised CVI Dom Maklerski.	N/A	Poland
20-Nov	Mrowiec Fialek; Stemplewski Szczudlo & Partners	Mrowiec Fialek & Partners advised the private equity fund Innova Capital on the acquisition by portfolio company OCRK Sp. z o.o. of Nuss Sp. z o.o. Stemplewski Szczudlo & Partners advised the seller on the deal.	N/A	Poland
20-Nov	CDZ Legal; CMS	CDZ Legal Advisors advised e-commerce company SaveCart on the sale of a minority stake in the company to mBank S.A. subsidiary Future Tech FIZ, a closed-end investment fund. CMS advised Future Tech FIZ.	N/A	Poland
20-Nov	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners	Kwasnicki, Wrobel & Partners advised Artifex Mundi S.A. on the preparation and implementation of a private stock offering.	PLN 10.5 million	Poland
20-Nov	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	SPCG Law Firm successfully represented Miejskie Przedsiębiorstwo Komunikacyjne S.A. before the Court of Appeal in Krakow in a dispute with the manufacturer of Krakowiak trams concerning the payment of a contractual PLN 15 million penalty due to a delay in vehicle delivery.	PLN 15 million	Poland
21-Nov	Linklaters	Linklaters advised Globalworth on a preliminary purchase agreement with Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield for the Skylight and Lumen office buildings in Warsaw, part of the multi-functional Zlote Tarasy complex.	EUR 190 million	Poland
21-Nov	Baker Tilly Woroszyńska Legal; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig's Warsaw office advised Generali Real Estate on the acquisition of an office building in Warsaw from S+B Gruppe. Baker Tilly Woroszyńska Legal assisted S+B Gruppe on the sale.	N/A	Poland
22-Nov	Dentons	Dentons Warsaw advised BGZ BNP Paribas on a EUR four million financing granted to Europejskie Centrum Inwestycyjne ECI S.A., a member of the ECI Group.	EUR 4 million	Poland
22-Nov	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski	Studnicki Pleszka Cwiakalski Gorski successfully represented Krakow City Park Sp. z o.o. in a dispute with Polish tax authorities regarding the interpretation of VAT exemption regulations.	N/A	Poland
22-Nov	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig's Warsaw office successfully represented Smithfield Foods in antitrust proceedings before the European Commission and Poland's Office of Competition and Consumer Protection.	N/A	Poland
28-Nov	Cienkowski & Partners; Compliance Partners	Cienkowski & Partners advised United Beverages S.A. on its acquisition of 100% shares in System sp. z o.o. from Agnieszka Skowronska and Tomasz Skowronski. Compliance Partners advised the sellers.	N/A	Poland
29-Nov	Allen & Overy; Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig's Warsaw and Berlin Offices represented CCC S.A. in the sale of its German operations to German footwear retailer HR Group S.a. r.l., and its acquisition of 30.5% shares of the HR Group. Allen & Overy advised the HR Group on the deal.	N/A	Poland
29-Nov	Allen & Overy; CMS	CMS advised private equity fund Value4Capital on the acquisition by its V4C Poland Plus Fund of waste management firm Kom-Eko S.A. from Royalton Partners. Allen & Overy Warsaw advised the sellers.	N/A	Poland
30-Nov	Act Legal (BSWW)	Act BSWW advised ECC Real Estate on an unspecified project related to the newly-developed Nowa Stacja mall in Pruszkow, Poland.	N/A	Poland
1-Dec	N/A	K&L Gates advised Alfabeat Alfa sp. z o.o. sp.k in connection with an investment in Robocamp, a company creating online textbooks on robotics and programming.	EUR 450,000	Poland
1-Dec	Allen & Overy; Baker McKenzie	A&O advised Innova Capital on the acquisition of a 33% stake in Oshee Polska sp. z o.o.. Baker McKenzie advised the seller.	N/A	Poland
1-Dec	Gide Loyrette Nouel; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised i2 Development S.A. on its joint investment in a special purpose vehicle together with YIT Development sp z o.o., which was advised by Gide Loyrette Nouel.	N/A	Poland
1-Dec	N/A	K&L Gates advised Grupa Lotos S.A. on establishing a corporate venture capital fund.	N/A	Poland
1-Dec	Greenberg Traurig; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised Alfabeat Alfa sp. z o.o. sp.k in connection with its investment in Unamo, a company engaged in creation and management of an IT solution aiming at monitoring web-pages' positions in web searchers. Greenberg Traurig advised Unamo.	N/A	Poland
1-Dec	KPM Legal Pajak Michalik; K&L Gates	K&L Gates advised TDJ Pitango Ventures on an investment in Neptune Labs sp. z o.o. -- which was assisted by KPM Legal Pajak Michalik.	N/A	Poland
3-Dec	Gide Loyrette Nouel	Gide Loyrette Nouel advised Mindspace on its development in the Polish market.	N/A	Poland
3-Dec	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto	Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zyto advised Capital Partners S.A., the majority shareholder of Gekoplast S.A, in connection with its acquisition by Karton S.p.A.	N/A	Poland
3-Dec	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised both Alchemia and the selling shareholders on Alchemia's purchase of its own shares.	N/A	Poland
5-Dec	Bird & Bird	Bird & Bird helped PKN Orlen negotiate a sponsorship agreement with the Williams Formula 1 team.	N/A	Poland
5-Dec	SSW Pragmatic Solutions	SSW Pragmatic Solutions advised BoomBit S.A. on a transaction which included the indirect acquisition of shares in Cellense s.r.o.	N/A	Poland
5-Dec	DLA Piper; GKR Legal	DLA Piper advised Allegro.pl on the acquisition of eBilet. GKR Legal advised the seller.	N/A	Poland
6-Dec	Gessel	Gessel advised the Polish Enterprise Fund VIII, a private equity fund managed by Enterprise Investors, on the acquisition of a minority stake in Anwim SA, an independent operator of fuel stations in Poland.	PLN 100 million	Poland
10-Dec	Czabanski & Galuszynski	Czabanski & Galuszynski advised Yawal S.A. and Final S.A. on a syndicated loan of over PLN 90 million by Santander Bank Polska S.A. and mBank S.A.	PLN 90 million	Poland

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11-Dec	Czabanski & Galuszynski	Czabanski & Galuszynski advised Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.A. on the sale of an NPL portfolio to two investment funds, acting through securitization funds.	N/A	Poland
12-Dec	Dentons; Ozog Tomczykowski	Dentons advised Jones Lang LaSalle on its acquisition of REAS. The Ozog Tomczykowski law firm advised REAS.	N/A	Poland
12-Dec	CMS	CMS advised Aberdeen Standard Investments on the acquisition of the Panattoni Europe Park Janki II logistics park.	N/A	Poland
12-Dec	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Alior Bank S.A. on the financing of the development of a multi-purpose investment including hotel, office, and retail space and a housing estate in Olsztyn, Poland by Inopa.	PLN 135 million	Poland
13-Dec	Dentons; Greenberg Traurig	Dentons Warsaw advised GLL Real Estate Partners on the acquisition of the Cedet building in Warsaw from Immoel Poland. Greenberg Traurig advised Immoel Poland on the sale.	EUR 129.5 million	Poland
13-Dec	Greenberg Traurig	Greenberg Traurig is representing CCC S.A. in the announced tender offer for 100% of Gino Rossi S.A.	N/A	Poland
13-Dec	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance Warsaw advised Work Service S.A. on its successful debt restructuring.	N/A	Poland
14-Dec	Czabanski & Galuszynski	Czabanski & Galuszynski advised Wielton SA on adapting its operation to the requirements of the GDPR.	N/A	Poland
14-Dec	Allen & Overy; Noerr	Noerr advised Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale on the refinancing of Atrium European Real Estate's acquisition of the Wars Sawa & Junior shopping center in Warsaw. Allen & Overy advised AERE.	N/A	Poland
20-Dec	DLA Piper; Linklaters	DLA Piper advised Santander Bank Polska S.A. on the financing of the repayment of the existing facilities and acquisition of five student accommodation projects in Poznan, Lodz, Lublin, Wrocław, and Warsaw by Griffin Real Estate. Linklaters advised the borrower.	EUR 27.5 million	Poland
21-Dec	CMS; DLA Piper	CMS advised both the EIB and PEKAO SA on financing of the revitalization and construction of the Norblin Factory in Warsaw, with a value of EUR 159.3 million. DLA Piper represented the borrower.	EUR 159.3 million	Poland
21-Dec	SMM Legal	SMM Legal advised Datarella GmbH on the process of raising share capital due to the contribution in kind of the shares of a Polish start-up company Baltic Data Science sp. z o.o. and legal aspects of the takeover, being a condition of a wider transaction which included the acquisition of a stake in Datarella by new investor Krypto AG.	N/A	Poland
20-Apr	CMS	CMS advised ING in connection with a USD 30 million loan to the Astarta Group, a sugar and agricultural production and an industrial milk producer company in Ukraine, for its export operations.	USD 30 million	Poland; Ukraine
1-Jan	Allen & Overy	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Raiffeisen Bank International AG and Raiffeisen Bank SA (Romania) on a financing of up to EUR 49.4 million granted to a Romanian subsidiary of CTP Group for the development of a logistic park near Bucharest, Romania.	EUR 49.4 million	Romania
1-Jan	PwC Legal (David & Baias)	D&B David si Baias advised Duet Private Equity on its acquisition of Marfin Bank Romania from Cyprus Popular Bank.	N/A	Romania
1-Jan	PwC Legal (David & Baias)	D&B David si Baias and PwC Romania assisted Proleasing Motors SRL on the acquisition of the Hyundai car sales business and the business for repair and maintenance of Hyundai and Ford vehicles from Automar SRL.	N/A	Romania
2-Jan	Allen & Overy; Musat & Asociatii; Wolf Theiss	RTPR Allen & Overy advised the shareholders of A&D Pharma on the sale of the entire group to the Dr. Max pharmacy network, owned by Penta Investments. Musat & Asociatii advised the buyers on the transaction. Wolf Theiss assisted the Romanian entrepreneurs Becheanu Dorel Cristinel and Adina Maria Becheanu, shareholders of the pharmacy chain ARTA (which includes YORK FARM, IEZER FARM, PANPHARMA MED and FASTPHARM SRL) in the sale of the pharmacies to Penta Investments.	N/A	Romania
4-Jan	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii assisted Auchan with the acquisition of OK Supermarket network, which consists of three stores located in and around Bucharest.	N/A	Romania
9-Jan	Petrea & Asociatii; Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii assisted longstanding client Voestalpine on the acquisition of the KTL plant in Timisoara, which produces coating for metal components, from Barum Technik. The seller was advised by Petrea & Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
15-Jan	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; PwC Legal	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii and global advisor PwC TLS Avvocati e Commercialisti Torino advised the CLN Group on an increase in its EUR 200 million loan facilities to EUR 315 that was advanced by a consortium of banks including IMI, Monte dei Paschi di Siena, BNP Paribas, UniCredit and Banca Popolare di Milano.	EUR 315 million	Romania
15-Jan	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos advised Phonetastic GSM on its obtaining of a EUR 2 million open credit line to sustain its corporate expansion.	N/A	Romania
15-Jan	Morrison & Forester; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss and lead counsel Morrison & Forester advised shareholders Coopertif H2 Equity Partners Fund IV Holding W.A. and Ooesteinde Investment XXI B.V. on the sale of HALEX Holding GmbH.	N/A	Romania
17-Jan	Firon Bar Nir; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised Revetas Capital Fund II and an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management on the acquisition of an 86,000 square meter hotel complex in Bucharest. Firon Bar Nir advised the sellers.	N/A	Romania
22-Jan	Bondoc Si Asociatii; Dentons	Bondoc si Asociatii assisted JD Norman Industries Inc., a US-based manufacturer of steel components, with Romanian law aspects related to its acquisition of REGE Automotive Brasov. The transaction, which involved the shareholdings of REGE Group in several countries, including Germany and Romania, involved financing by Wanxiang America Corporation, and Bondoc si Asociatii assisted JD Norman Industries on Romanian law aspects of that as well. Dentons advised Wanxiang America on the financing.	N/A	Romania
23-Jan	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Auchan on its absorption of six companies, which together owned 11 Auchan Hyper shopping centres in Bucharest and other Romanian cities.	EUR 135 million	Romania
23-Jan	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Hydroconstructia on a USD 23 million syndicated credit agreement concluded with BRD Societe Generale and Exim Bank for the implementation of a USD 115.5 million contract in Jordan.	USD 23 million	Romania
30-Jan	Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates); TMO Legal	Reff & Associates assisted Banca Transilvania on the sale of a portion of its unsecured corporate & SME portfolio to EOS KSI Romania S.R.L., the Romanian subsidiary of a German group specializing in debt management and purchase. TMO Legal acted as legal counsel to EOS KSI Romania.	EUR 120 million	Romania
30-Jan	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised the PZP, SYAA, and ARXTUDIO architecture offices on their merger into a new entity, named CUMULUS.	N/A	Romania

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1-Feb	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; Vlad Rogozea Sitaru & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised BLOM Bank on the restructuring of a EUR 22 million loan to Electroputere. Vlad Rogozea Sitaru & Asociatii advised Electroputere.	EUR 22 million	Romania
1-Feb	PwC Legal (David & Baias)	D&B David si Baias and PwC Romania assisted TDV SA on the acquisition of the Magnolia Shopping Center in Brasov, Romania. Following the transaction, TDV SA became the new shareholder of Miller Centre SRL, the owner of the shopping mall. The seller, Miller Developments, is a division of the British investment group Miller.	N/A	Romania
1-Feb	BDO; PwC Legal (David & Baias)	D&B David si Baias and PwC Romania assisted private investor Ioan Biianu on the acquisition of participations held by Ienovan Radu in Romanian companies Glissando SRL, Tellurium Chemical Co SRL, and Conf-Met SA. BDO was the seller's legal advisor.	N/A	Romania
1-Feb	Goodwin Procter; Jones Day; Latham & Watkins; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss assisted Theramex HQ UK Limited on the acquisition of all assets belonging to the women's health business line of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries. Latham & Watkins and Jones Day were lead counsels to the buyer. Goodwin Procter advised Teva.	USD 703 million	Romania
6-Feb	Eversheds Sutherland; Maravela & Asociatii	Maravela & Asociatii advised Betty Ice, a Romanian ice cream producer, on the sale of the company to Unilever South Central Europe. The buyer was advised by Eversheds Sutherland.	N/A	Romania
7-Feb	Allen & Overy	RTPR Allen & Overy obtained a dismissal of the application for restitution in kind for the land where the Profi store in the center of Cluj Napoca is located.	N/A	Romania
9-Feb	Zamfirescu Racoti & Partners	Zamfirescu Racoti & Partners successfully represented Romania's National Agency for Mineral Resources in arbitration against Chevron.	N/A	Romania
20-Feb	Dobre, Tulei & Asociatii; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised the founders of Evotracking SRL on the sale of 100% stake to Vodafone Romania. Dobre, Tulei & Asociatii advised the buyers.	N/A	Romania
26-Feb	Maravela & Asociatii	Maravela & Asociatii advised Belgian company Interparking on its almost EUR 4 million acquisition of P700 Parking, in Timisoara, from S.C. Constructim S.A.	EUR 4 million	Romania
28-Feb	Eversheds Sutherland; Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates)	Reff & Associates advised NEPI Rockcastle on its taking over the building of a commercial center in downtown Sibiu, Romania, from Primavera Development Group. Primavera Development Group was assisted by Eversheds Sutherland Romania.	EUR 21 million	Romania
28-Feb	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Unirii View, a company owned by Belgian investor Yves Weerts, on a EUR 23 million financing from Raiffeisen Bank meant for the development of Unirii View's 19-floor office building.	EUR 23 million	Romania
2-Mar	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised WTA world number 1 women's tennis player Romanian Simona Halep on the signing of a new commercial endorsement contract with Nike.	N/A	Romania
8-Mar	Allen & Overy; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii; Wolf Theiss	RTPR Allen & Overy advised the EBRD on a EUR 60 million loan to Transgaz, the technical operator of the national natural gas transmission, for its construction of Romania's section of a regional gas pipeline between Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Austria. Transgaz was assisted by Tuca, Zbarcea & Asociatii. Wolf Theiss advised the European Investment Bank (EIB) in relation to the financing, via two tranches amounting to EUR 100 million, granted to Transgaz to finance the construction of the Romanian section of the gas pipeline from Bulgaria to Austria via Romania and Hungary (BRUA).	EUR 60 million and EUR 100 million	Romania
13-Mar	Fenwick & West; Gunderson Dettmer; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Accel Partners as lead investor in a EUR 153 million Series B funding round for UiPath, a leading enterprise robotic process automation software company. New investors CapitalG and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers joined Accel, already an existing investor, in contributing. Fenwick & West also advised Accel, and Gunderson Dettmer advised UiPath.	EUR 153 million	Romania
13-Mar	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance Badea secured a favorable decision for BRD Societe Generale in relation to a claim raised by Metexcom SRL at the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania.	N/A	Romania
16-Mar	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA advised the Somaco Group on several multimillion credit facilities granted by BRD Societe Generale and Banca Transilvania.	N/A	Romania
19-Mar	Suciu Popa & Associates	Suciu Popa has successfully represented an Enel Group company at the Romanian High Court of Cassation and Justice in a matter involving the issuance of green certificates for a wind energy production project.	N/A	Romania
22-Mar	Musat & Asociatii	The criminal law team of Musat & Asociatii won a case before Romania's High Court of Cassation and Justice involving client Ludovic Orban, the chairman of the main opposition party, who had been accused of using his influence to obtain undue advantage by the Romanian National Anticorruption Directorate.	N/A	Romania
26-Mar	Suciu Popa & Associates	Suciu Popa successfully represented Hidroelectrica, an electricity production and technological services provider in Romania, in two complex court cases involving claims of over EUR 2 million made by an equipment provider.	EUR 2 million	Romania
26-Mar	Allen & Overy; Peli Filip	Peli Filip assisted the majority shareholder of the Romanian companies EcoPack and Ecopaper with the sale of its shares to the British group DS Smith. Allen & Overy advised DS Smith on the deal.	N/A	Romania
29-Mar	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii provided legal advice to a nature documentary movie project named "Untamed Romania," which had its Romanian premiere at the Bucharest National Theater on March 21, 2018.	N/A	Romania
1-Apr	PwC Legal (David & Baias); Toader si Asociatii	D&B David si Baias assisted the Jianu family with the sale of their participation in Proestetica Hospital SRL to Centrul Medical "Poliniclinico di Monza" SRL. Toader si Asociatii was the buyer's legal advisor.	N/A	Romania
1-Apr	Dima si Asociatii; PwC Legal (David & Baias)	D&B David si Baias advised the shareholders of Clinica Poliano on the sale of the company. Dima si Asociatii advised the buyer.	N/A	Romania
1-Apr	Schoenherr; Shearman & Sterling	Schoenherr and Shearman & Sterling advised the Eurobank Group on the sale of its shares in Bancpost SA, ERB Retail Services IFN SA, and ERB Leasing IFN SA to Banca Transilvania.	N/A	Romania
3-Apr	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Al Dahra Agriculture LLC on the acquisition of a project company (Agricost), holding the farming rights to approximately 57,000 hectares in Romania.	EUR 200 million	Romania
5-Apr	Mitel & Partners; Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates)	Reff & Associate - the Romanian office of Deloitte Legal - advised the Halewood Group on the sale of its wine production and distribution operations to the Alexandrion Group. Alexandrion was advised by Mitel & Partners.	N/A	Romania
11-Apr	Suciu Popa & Associates	Suciu Popa successfully represented Monsson Trading in enforcement proceedings against the ING Bank.	N/A	Romania
12-Apr	Schoenherr	Schoenherr Romania assisted Salesianer Miettex with the acquisition of Promar Textil SRL's professional laundry services business from its shareholders (the Moraru family).	EUR 5 million	Romania

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13-Apr	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen represented Azomures, a Romanian fertilizer producer, in a commercial dispute against private railway company Grup Feroviar Roman.	EUR 15 million	Romania
24-Apr	Allen & Overy	RTPR Allen & Overy advised a syndicate of banks made up of ING Bank N.V., Banca Comerciala Romana, Raiffeisen Bank SA, and UniCredit Bank SA in relation to a credit facility of USD 360 million granted to KMG International.	USD 360 million	Romania
1-May	PwC Legal (David & Baias); Radulescu, Iliescu, Maravela & Asociatii	D&B David si Baias performed a legal due diligence investigation and provided legal transaction assistance to Rombat SA during its subscription of approximately 35% from the share capital of Prime Motors Industry SRL. Radulescu, Iliescu, Maravela & Asociatii advised the seller.	N/A	Romania
1-May	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica	BPV Grigorescu Stefanica assisted the Municipality of Bucharest with the preparation of a prospectus for admission to trading of 55,500 municipal bonds, amounting to RON 555 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.6% (5.53% effective interest rate after premium) and a maturity of ten years, on the regulated spot market of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.	RON 555 million	Romania
2-May	CMS; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Peeraj Brands International on the EUR 33 million sale of a 100% stake in Shoe Express S.A. to Polish footwear retailer CCC. CMS Romania advised CCC.	EUR 33 million	Romania
2-May	CEE Attorneys	CEE Attorneys advised venture capital fund Sparking Capital in signing a seed investment contract with Romanian toy company Evertos.	N/A	Romania
9-May	Allen & Overy; Wolf Theiss	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Autonom Services on the acquisition of BT Operational Leasing, an operational leasing company currently owned by the Banca Transilvania Group. BT was represented by Wolf Theiss.	n/a	Romania
16-May	Biris Goran	Biris Goran assisted Romanian investors in the hostile takeover of Romprim SA, a leading Romanian fire-fighting and other special vehicles manufacturer.	N/A	Romania
18-May	Deloitte Legal; Kinstellar; Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates)	Reff & Associates - the Bulgarian member of Deloitte Legal - advised MAS Real Estate on its acquisition of the Militari Shopping Center in Bucharest from Atrium European Real Estate. Atrium was advised by Kinstellar	EUR 95 million	Romania
24-May	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA advised Medicover on the acquisition of a majority stake in Pelican Hospital in Romania.	N/A	Romania
25-May	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen successfully represented the Municipality of Bucharest in a dispute involving ownership of the Mogosoia Palace.	N/A	Romania
13-Jun	Clifford Chance; Hengeler Mueller	Clifford Chance Badea advised BNP Paribas Leasing on the acquisition of shares in two Romanian companies from IKB, a Germany-based group that is exiting the local market. Hengeler Mueller (global) and Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii (local) advised IKB on the deal.	N/A	Romania
18-Jun	CMS; Noerr	Noerr advised Germany's Messer group on its take-over of the Buse Gaz company, which provides delivery services for industrial gases in Romania. Buse Gaz was represented by CMS Romania.	N/A	Romania
20-Jun	Kinstellar; Allen & Overy	Kinstellar advised Ballymore Group, an Ireland-based international property development company, on the sale of property to Mitiska REIM. The buyer was represented by RTPR Allen & Overy.	N/A	Romania
21-Jun	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; Schoenherr	Schoenherr assisted AkzoNobel on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of Fabryo Corporation S.R.L., a decorative paints company. The seller, Oresa Ventures, was assisted by Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
21-Jun	Kinstellar; Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA advised Swiss grain and fertilizer trader Ameropa on the acquisition of 40% of the shares of agribusiness companies Promat Comimpex and Agroind Cauaceu, two distributors of agricultural inputs and outputs in the northern part of Romania. The sellers, Cristian Moldovan and Dan Corbut, were represented by Kinstellar.	N/A	Romania
25-Jun	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Speedwell Real Estate Development on its acquisition of two plots of land from Austrian real estate investor Immofinanz, which was represented by Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
26-Jun	Paul Hastings; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss advised ContourGlobal on the acquisition of a 7 MW photovoltaic project in Romania from Quadrivio Capital from one of the largest private equity funds in Italy, recently taken over by Green Arrow Capital. Paul Hastings advised the Italian entities.	EUR 7 million	Romania
28-Jun	Musat & Asociatii	Musat & Asociatii successfully represented Romania's Vasile Alecsandri Cultural and Scientific Society and the Ministry of Culture and National Identity in a dispute involving the classification of the Vasile Alecsandri Memorial House in Bacau as a historical monument.	N/A	Romania
29-Jun	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised US-based Idera Inc. on its acquisition of Froala Labs, a Romanian start-up which develops tools for web and mobile app programmers.	N/A	Romania
1-Jul	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; PwC Legal (David & Baias); Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised German group Phoenix on its acquisition of drugs wholesaler Farmexim and the Help Net pharmace chain. Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii and David & Baias advised the sellers.	EUR 100 million	Romania
2-Jul	Kinstellar; Sidley Austin	Kinstellar and Sidley Austin advised Pandora Media Inc. on its EUR 145 million acquisition of Adswizz Inc., a digital audio ad tech firm.	EUR 145 million	Romania
2-Jul	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised the shareholders of Promat Comimpex and Agroind Cauaceu, two agribusiness companies in Romania, on the sale of 40% of their shares to Ameropa, a Swiss grain and fertilizer trader.	N/A	Romania
3-Jul	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen	Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen assisted AFI Europe with the acquisition of 43,000 square meters of land close to Bucharest's AFI Park office development and shopping mall from New Century Holdings.	N/A	Romania
5-Jul	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance Badea secured a favorable decision for Pfizer in relation with the claim of a pharmaceutical company concerning the Romanian Ministry of Health's public acquisition procedure of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.	N/A	Romania
5-Jul	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Ringier Sportal, a joint venture of Ringier Romania and Bulgaria's Sportal Media Group, on the acquisition of Romanian sports brand Gazeta Sporturilor and its online platform.	N/A	Romania
9-Jul	Allen & Overy; Wolf Theiss	The Bucharest office of Wolf Theiss assisted BT Investments with the sale of 100% shares of BT Operational Leasing to Autonom Services and Autonom International. RTPR Allen & Overy advised both Autonom Group companies in the acquisition.	N/A	Romania
12-Jul	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised ENGIE Romania on the acquisition of 60% of Flashnet.	N/A	Romania

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12-Jul	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Swietelsky Romania on its successful tender for a public procurement contract involving the "Rehabilitation of the Pedestrian Tunnel, Railway Platforms and Coverings, Water-Sewage Networks for the Sibiu Station" by Romania's National Railroad Company.	N/A	Romania
13-Jul	Allen & Overy; Baker McKenzie; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Pet Product shareholder Cristian Pop on the sale of his company to Rohatyn Group. The buyer was represented by Baker McKenzie and Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
16-Jul	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA advised Medicover on the acquisition of Romania's Academica Medical Center.	N/A	Romania
17-Jul	Ropes & Gray; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss assisted US fund Genstar Capital LLC in acquiring CRF Health Group, an international provider of health-related services, from private equity firm Vitruvian Partners. The deal was part of a global transaction involving the US, UK, Australia, Finland, and Romania subsidiaries of CRF Health Group Limited. Ropes & Gray was lead counsel for the buyer.	N/A	Romania
27-Jul	CMS; Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates)	Reff & Associates advised Damen, a shipbuilding group in the Netherlands, on taking over Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co Ltd.'s participation in Romania's Daewoo Mangalia shipyard. DSME was advised by CMS.	N/A	Romania
30-Jul	Clifford Chance	Clifford Chance Badea advised Rockwool Romania during the negotiations of a construction contract with CON-A Sibiu for a stone wool factory in Ploiesti, Romania.	N/A	Romania
8-Aug	PeliFilip; Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Dedeman on the acquisition of The Bridge, a new office project in Bucharest with approximately 80,000 square meters of leasable area, from Forte Partners. The seller was counseled by PeliFilip.	N/A	Romania
10-Aug	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos assisted Yellow Korner with regard to its presence in Romania by preparing a "franchising kit."	N/A	Romania
17-Aug	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA advised private healthcare chain Medicover on its acquisition of the Phoenix Medical Center, which has a network of eight medical centers in Southwest Romania.	N/A	Romania
22-Aug	Biris Goran	Biris Goran represented One United Properties in the acquisition of a 25,800 sqm piece of land in Bucharest's Floreasca area from Telekom, following a February 2018 public auction.	EUR 18 million	Romania
24-Aug	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised Erste Bank Group on its acquisition of an additional 6.29% shareholding in Banca Comerciala Romana from investment company SIF Oltenia, giving it a 99.88% stake.	N/A	Romania
27-Aug	Maravela & Asociatii; Schoenherr	Maravela & Asociatii assisted a majority shareholder of Romanian petfood producer Nordic Petfood on the sale of the entire business to United Petfood. Schoenherr advised United Petfood on the acquisition.	N/A	Romania
30-Aug	Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates); Wolf Theiss	Reff & Associates assisted Banca Transilvania on the sale of a portion of its secured corporate & SME portfolio to B2holding, the Romanian subsidiary of a leading Pan-European debt specialist. Wolf Theiss advised the buyer.	EUR 125 million	Romania
30-Aug	Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates); DLA Piper; Laura Istrate Law Office	Reff & Associates advised Priscilla BV on the sale (by means of a share deal) of its office portfolio of four office buildings in Bucharest. Laura Istrate Law Office was the purchaser's legal advisor and DLA Piper Dinu was the foreign financial institution's legal advisor.	EUR 8.8 million	Romania
1-Sep	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica assisted Immofinanz AG with respect to notification of the economic concentration resulting from its takeover of sole control over S Immo AG to Romania's competition council.	EUR 390 million	Romania
1-Sep	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Somaco Grup Prefabricate, an affiliate of Swedish investment fund Oresa Ventures, on the merger by acquisition of Somaco Antrepriza and Somaco Structuri Prefabricate. Through the merger, Somaco Grup Prefabricate also acquired the G&D Teius, Targoviste, and Timisoara concrete products plants.	N/A	Romania
1-Sep	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica; Rada & Asociatii	BPV Grigorescu Stefanica assisted Fair Value Com on its take-over by S&T Romania. S&T Romania was assisted by Rada & Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
4-Sep	Biris Goran	Biris Goran advised CloudTreats Inc., on the sale of its food delivery platform, hipMenu.ro, to online food-delivery group Delivery Hero.	N/A	Romania
18-Sep	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss's Bucharest office reported that it secured a favorable decision in the first instance in an EUR 180 million claim against Saudi Arabia's Al-Arab Contracting Co., the majority shareholder of Electroputere Craiova.	EUR 180 million	Romania
24-Sep	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA assisted Swiss grain and fertilizer trader Ameropa on its acquisition of the Sarulesti agricultural base from Comcereal Fundulea.	N/A	Romania
2-Oct	Clifford Chance; White & Case	Clifford Chance Badea advised Polish-based private equity fund Abris Capital Partners on the sale of the Urgent Cargus courier company to Mid Europa Partners. White & Case advised Mid Europa on the deal.	N/A	Romania
10-Oct	Stratulat Albuiescu	Stratulat Albuiescu advised World Class Romania on the acquisition of the Stay Fit Gym Oltenitei fitness club from Stay Fit Gym SRL.	N/A	Romania
15-Oct	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; The Law Chamber	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised WDP, a Belgian developer and owner of logistics and warehousing, on the acquisition of two logistics parks in Romania: Dunca Logistics Centre from Dunca Imobiliare and CTPark Cluj I from CTP Group. Dunca Imobiliare was represented by Moroianu & Associates, and the CTP Group was advised by Romania's The Law Chamber.	N/A	Romania
24-Oct	Allen & Overy	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Arobs Transilvania on the acquisition of SAS Grup, the company that owns alarma.ro. Solo Practitioner Gabriela Stanescu advised the SAS Grup on the deal.	N/A	Romania
25-Oct	McGregor & Partners	McGregor & Partners helped Fauna & Flora International acquire 115 hectares of land in Transylvania to provide a key corridor for large carnivores as part of the EU's Life Connect Carpathians project.	N/A	Romania
29-Oct	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised Voestalpine on the acquisition of a majority stake in Travertec Buzau. Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii advised the seller.	N/A	Romania
30-Oct	Suciu Popa & Associates	Suciu Popa & Associates represented KMG International in connection with the structuring and creation of the new Kazakh-Romanian Investment Fund.	N/A	Romania
31-Oct	Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates)	Reff & Associates advised Patria Bank on the sale of a portfolio of non-performing loan receivables to InvestCapital LTD, a part of the KRUK Group.	RON 245 million	Romania
1-Nov	Berechet Rusu Hirit	Berechet Rusu Hirit successfully represented the Monsson Group, a green energy producer and owner of two wind farms in Constanta, Romania, in a tax dispute before the country's High Court of Cassation and Justice.	N/A	Romania

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2-Nov	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii advised RTC Proffice Experience, a subsidiary of Swedish investment fund Oresa Ventures, on the acquisition of the cleaning and hygiene products distribution of Paper Plus SRL.	N/A	Romania
9-Nov	Dentons; PwC Legal	Dentons advised Monsson on the sale of a member of its group to an Italian investor. PwC Legal advised the buyer	N/A	Romania
12-Nov	Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Tuca Zbarcea & Associates advised a syndicate of banks consisting of Banca Comerciala Romana, Raiffeisen Bank, BRD Groupe Societe Generale, and Banca Transilvania on a syndicated credit facility for MedLife.	N/A	Romania
13-Nov	Ijdelea Mihailescu	Ijdelea Mihailescu assisted Black Sea Oil & Gas throughout the performance of the open season capacity booking process and its entrance into a gas transmission contract with SNTGN Transgaz necessary for the Midia Gas Development Project, a project aimed at putting the natural gas of XV Midia Block, offshore Black Sea, into production.	N/A	Romania
14-Nov	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Associates advised DB Schenker on the merger of its Romanian businesses into one company.	N/A	Romania
14-Nov	Pelil Filip; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss assisted funds advised by Revetas Capital Advisors LLP in the acquisition of the Landmark, a premium office complex located in Bucharest's Central Business District, from Manali Holdings Limited and Daphne Consultancy Real Estate SRL. Pelil Filip advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Romania
15-Nov	Tanasescu Gavrilă and Associates; Zamfirescu Racoti & Partners	Zamfirescu Racoti & Partners and Tanasescu Gavrilă & Asociatii successfully represented the Romania state in an ICSID investment arbitration initiated by Alpiq AG Switzerland.	USD 450 million	Romania
20-Nov	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii; Tuca Zbarcea & Asociatii	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii assisted Voestalpine AG on the acquisition of a 60% stake in Travertec Buzau from PCM RAIL.ONE AG. Tuca Zbarcea Asociatii advised Travertec on the sale.	N/A	Romania
20-Nov	Popovici Nitu Stoica & Asociatii	PNSA assisted RTC Proffice Experience, a subsidiary of Sweden's Oresa Ventures investment fund, with its acquisition of the cleaning and hygiene products distribution business of Paper Plus SRL.	N/A	Romania
22-Nov	Allen & Overy; Noerr	RTPR Allen & Overy advised Ruukki Romania, a member of the Swedish group SSAB, in relation to the sale of its factory in Bolintin-Deal, Romania, to Finland's Peikko Group Corporation. Noerr advised the buyers.	N/A	Romania
23-Nov	Suciu Popa & Associates	Suciu Popa & Associates advised Black Sea Oil & Gas S.R.L. and its co-venture partners Petro Ventures Resources S.R.L. and Gas Plus International B.V. on signing a Gas Sales Agreement with ENGIE subsidiary Engie Energy Management Romania S.R.L. for natural gas supply from the Midia Gas Development Project.	N/A	Romania
27-Nov	DLA Piper; Stratulat Albuiescu	Stratulat Albuiescu advised GapMinder on its EUR 600,000 investment in FintechOS. DLA Piper advised Fintech on the deal.	EUR 600,000	Romania
27-Nov	DLA Piper; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss Bucharest assisted Search Corporation and two minority shareholders in the sale of their participation in Plaza Development SRL, which owns Bucharest's Crystal Tower office building, to Czech investment company PPF Real Estate. DLA Piper advised the seller.	N/A	Romania
27-Nov	Maravela & Asociatii	Maravela & Asociatii assisted CEE chemicals producer Chimcomplex in the Romanian Competition Council's merger review procedure related to the company's takeover of Oltchim's assets.	N/A	Romania
27-Nov	Ijdelea Mihailescu	Ijdelea Mihailescu provided legal assistance to Black Sea Oil & Gas in relation to the Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Installation & Commissioning Contract for all offshore and onshore facilities and Development Drilling Contract with GSP Offshore for the Midia Gas Development Project, offshore Romania.	N/A	Romania
27-Nov	Jinga & Asociatii	Jinga & Asociatii advised Romania's Ecofarmacia Network on the structuring, implementation, and operation of the online Pilulka.ro pharmacy platform.	N/A	Romania
6-Dec	Dentons	Dentons advised a syndicate of Bank Pekao S.A., Ceska Sporitelna, a.s., PKO BP, and ING Bank Slaski on the financing of AmRest Group.	EUR 190 million	Romania
14-Dec	Bondoc Si Asociatii; Dentons; Deloitte Legal (Reff & Associates); Stratulat Albuiescu; White & Case	Dentons advised Credit Suisse AG and Stratulat Albuiescu and White & Case advised VTB Bank Europe SE on financing for Chimcomplex SA Borzesti's acquisition of several asset bundles from Oltchim SA. Bondoc & Asociatii advised Oltchim on the sale and Reff & Associates, a member of Deloitte Legal, developed the due diligence report based on which Chimcomplex secured its financing.	EUR 40 million	Romania
18-Dec	Allen & Overy; Paun Ciprian si Asociatii	RTPR Allen & Overy advised CEECAT Capital on the sale of Brikston Construction Solutions S.A., one of the major players on the masonry and finishing materials market in Romania, to the Austrian group Leier. The buyer was advised by Paun Ciprian si Asociatii.	N/A	Romania
30-Dec	Drakopoulos	Drakopoulos advised EMV-UTIL SRL on its acquisition of land plots in Romania and on the construction of real estate development projects in several Romanian cities.	EUR 10 million	Romania
1-Dec	bpv Grigorescu Stefanica; Jones Day; Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Wolf Theiss	BPV Grigorescu Stefanica assisted Molex USA (a subsidiary of Koch Industries) on its acquisition of the Laird Group's Romanian subsidiary. Jones Day UK acted as lead counsel for Molex and coordinated the legal assistance provided in several jurisdictions. Laird CVS Division was advised by Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Wolf Theiss.	N/A	Romania;
18-Sep	AP Legal; CMS; JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	AP Legal Belgrade and CMS Bucharest advised the lenders of Victoria Group a.d. Beograd and its subsidiaries on the sale of its loan receivables to MK Group d.o.o. Belgrade. Jankovic, Popovic, Mitic advised the Victoria Group.	N/A	Romania; Serbia
8-Jan	White & Case	White & Case advised Russian food retailer X5 Retail Group on the acquisition of one of the largest retail supermarket chains in Russia, currently operating under the O'KEY brand.	N/A	Russia
10-Jan	Carnelutti; Dentons; Orrick	Orrick advised U.S. impact finance company FINCA Impact Finance in the divestiture of its micro-finance operations in Russia to Luxembourg-based Mikro Kapital. The transaction involved restructuring third-party financing from the EBRD, the MEF, and the responsAbility Fund. Mikro Kapital was advised by Italian/Russian law firm Carnelutti, and the lenders were advised by Dentons.	N/A	Russia
12-Jan	Dentons	Dentons advised Raven Russia on its acquisition of part of a warehouse complex from the Orientir group.	N/A	Russia
17-Jan	Goltsblat BLP	Goltsblat BLP advised AFG National on the sale of a 35% stake in its subsidiary Yuzhniye Zemli LLC to Volga Group Agro, a company consolidating Volga Group's agricultural projects.	N/A	Russia
17-Jan	Andrey Gorodisskiy & Partners	Andrey Gorodisskiy & Partners supported a capital increase of a commercial real estate sub-fund to RUB 8.8 billion through Telecom-5 - a joint venture of Sberbank PJSC and Rostelecom PJSC.	RUB 2.4 billion	Russia
18-Jan	DLA Piper; Salomons	DLA Piper advised Yandex.Taxi on its acquisition of Russia's FoodFox restaurant delivery service. Salomons advised the sellers.	N/A	Russia

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19-Jan	Clifford Chance; Dentons	Clifford Chance Moscow advised a consortium of banks on a EUR 150 million syndicated facility for PJSC Chelyabinsk Pipe, a Russian manufacturer of tubular goods and the provider of integrated solutions for fuel and energy companies. The ChelPipe group was advised by Dentons.	EUR 150 million	Russia
30-Jan	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	EPAM defended the interests of the Federal State Institution of the North West Construction, Reconstruction, and Restoration Management of the Russian Federation Culture Ministry in a dispute over a penalty of RUB 300 million levied against the contractor Stroy Soyuz LLC.	RUB 300 million	Russia
12-Feb	Capital Legal Services; Skolkovo Deal Support Center	Capital Legal Services advised the Rusnano Sistema SICAR fund on its USD 1.5 million investment project into Geosplit, a Russian oil service developer and integrator of technology for the oil industry. Geosplit was advised by the Skolkovo Deal Support Center.	USD 1.5 million	Russia
12-Feb	Capital Legal Services; Skolkovo Deal Support Center	Capital Legal Services advised the Rusnano Sistema SICAR fund on its USD 1.5 million investment project into Geosplit, a Russian oil service developer and integrator of technology for the oil industry. Geosplit was advised by the Skolkovo Deal Support Center.	USD 1.5 million	Russia
13-Feb	Goltsblat BLP	Goltsblat BLP advised Alfa-Bank on the acquisition of a portfolio of shares in Pay-Me, a mobile acquiring services company.	N/A	Russia
16-Feb	White & Case	White & Case advised JSC Siberian Anthracite, a producer and exporter of ultrahigh-grade anthracite, on a pre-export financing of up to US 570 million from a pool of international and Russian banks.	USD 570 million	Russia
27-Feb	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised NovaWind, a Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation's unit responsible for new energy programs in Russia, on its joint venture with Dutch turbine developer Lagerwey to supply 388 turbines to Russian wind farms by 2022.	N/A	Russia
1-Mar	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	EPAM defended the interests of Razvitie Zdorovia i Sporta LLC in a dispute over billions of rubles worth of losses.	RUB 100 million	Russia
8-Mar	CMS; Kirkland & Ellis; Latham & Watkins	CMS Russia advised LivaNova PLC on the sale of its cardiac rhythm management business to MicroPort Scientific Corp. Latham & Watkins was global counsel to LivaNova. Kirkland & Ellis acted as legal counsel to MicroPort.	USD 190 million	Russia
9-Mar	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners successfully defended VEB-Leasing in a dispute against Inpromleasing.	RUB 12 billion	Russia
9-Mar	Baker McKenzie; Capital Legal Services	Capital Legal Services advised Leroy Merlin on its RUB 12 billion acquisition of 12 out of the 14 K-Rauta stores owned by Finland's Kesko, with Kesko discontinuing its operations in Russia. Baker McKenzie advised Kesko on the sale.	RUB 12 billion	Russia
19-Mar	Baker McKenzie; Goltsblat BLP	Goltsblat BLP advised the shareholder of Tymensky Fanerny Zavod, a plywood producer in Western Siberia, on the sale of the company's 100% stake to SVEZA, a global producer of birch plywood. SVEZA was advised by Baker McKenzie.	N/A	Russia
21-Mar	Goltsblat BLP; White & Case	Goltsblat BLP advised Otkrytaya Mobilnaya Pitaforma LLC and RUSINTEH on the sale of 75% of shares of Otkrytaya Mobilnaya Pitaforma and 75% of shares of Vatron LLC respectively to PJSC Rostelecom. Rostelecom was advised by White & Case's Moscow office.	N/A	Russia
17-Apr	Pepeliaev Group	The Pepeliaev Group won three tenders to provide Gazprom PJSC general legal and consulting services, audits in relation to taxes and social security contributions, and representation before state and judicial authorities.	N/A	Russia
24-Apr	Alrud	Alrud represented NIDEC Corporation before FAS Russia as part of Nidec Corporation's global acquisition of Whirlpool Corporation's Embraco compressor business.	USD 1.08 billion	Russia
4-May	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner successfully represented mobile operator VimpelCom in a dispute with the Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service over changes to B2B SMS service tariffs.	N/A	Russia
7-May	Alrud; Slaughter And May	Alrud advised SICPA Security Solutions SA regarding the establishment of a JV with Russian local partners to provide equipment and services relating to the tracking, tracing, and identifying goods in Russia. Slaughter and May advised on English law.	N/A	Russia
7-May	Alrud; Loeb & Loeb; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison	Alrud represented Endeavor in the acquisition of NeuLion, a technology product and service provider specializing in the digital video broadcasting, distribution and monetization of live and on-demand content to Internet-enabled devices. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison was global advisor to Endeavor and Loeb & Loeb acted for NeuLion.	USD 250 million	Russia
8-May	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners represented publicly owned joint-stock company Alviz, subsidiary to the Beluga Group, in an intellectual property rights dispute against LLC Shampanskiye Vina.	N/A	Russia
14-May	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner; S & K Vertical	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner represented the interests of Double LLC in a dispute with the social network VKontakte over the use of open data from a social network. VKontakte was represented by S&K Vertical.	N/A	Russia
15-May	White & Case	White & Case advised VTB Bank on a secured term loan provided to Russian retail chain PJSC M.video for the acquisition of shares in Russian retail chain Eldorado.	N/A	Russia
16-May	Alrud; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Latham & Watkins	Alrud advised Widex A/S on Russian antitrust law issues arising from its global merger with the Sivantos Group. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Latham & Watkins advised Sivantos.	USD 2.26 billion	Russia
24-May	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners successfully represented Bank Saint Petersburg in a case against Russian entrepreneur Vitaly Arkhangel'sky and Oslo Marine Group Ports LLC before the High Court of Justice.	RUB 1.5 billion	Russia
24-May	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	The Moscow office of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner successfully represented the Prosveshcheniye publishing house in an intellectual property rights dispute against Russian publishing house Ventana-Graf.	RUB 3.7 billion	Russia
28-May	Yust	YUST advised Rusgazdobycha JSC on the preliminary stage of an agreement with Gazprom to build a gas plant in the Leningrad region of Russia.	N/A	Russia
5-Jun	CMS; Hoche Societe d'Avocats	CMS represented Orange S.A. in connection with the Russian aspects of its takeover of Business & Decision S.A. Hoche Societe d'Avocats was global counsel to the buyer.	EUR 62.5 million	Russia
26-Jun	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner advised MasterCard Member Association on its launch of a new service, consisting of simultaneous cash-out with POS payment by bank card at shop tills, tentatively named "Cash-Out" or "Purchase with Cash Back" on the Russian market.	N/A	Russia
30-Jun	Alrud	Alrud advised AEON on the establishment of a joint venture owning assets in the territory of the property complex of JSC Khimprom for the purposes of modernizing and developing carbide production.	N/A	Russia

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4-Jul	Egorov, Puginski, Afanasiev & Partners; Macfarlanes; Maitland Chambers	Egorov, Puginski, Afanasiev & Partners, Macfarlanes, and Maitland Chambers successfully represented UC Rusal in a dispute involving the sale of Norilsk Nickel shares by Roman Abramovich's Crispian Investments to Vladimir Potanin's Whiteleave Holdings.	N/A	Russia
10-Jul	Dentons; White & case	White & Case advised a group of 13 international banks coordinated by UniCredit Bank and Raiffeisenbank on a new USD 820 million unsecured finance facility provided to EuroChem Group AG, a mineral fertilizer producer company. Dentons advised the EuroChem Group on the transaction.	USD 820 million	Russia
11-Jul	Maxima Legal	Maxima Legal advised financial blockchain platform Zodiaq on its initial coin offering.	N/A	Russia
13-Jul	White & Case	White & Case advised Baltic Gas Chemical on the construction of a methanol plant project in Ust-Luga, an industrial port in Russia's Leningrad region.	N/A	Russia
16-Jul	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	The St. Petersburg office of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners successfully defended the interests of Russian airline Aviastar-TU in a long-running dispute regarding an aircraft engine maintenance contract.	N/A	Russia
24-Jul	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner advised international investment company Verno on its management of the Kazakhstan Infrastructure Fund C.V. in a project involving the development and letting of around 25,000 square meters of warehouse premises.	N/A	Russia
27-Jul	Clifford Chance; CMS	Clifford Chance advised 14 Russian and international banks on the USD 825 million facility for potash producer Uralkali. CMS advised Uralkali.	USD 825 million	Russia
31-Jul	Alrud	Alrud advised Fl.ru, a Russia-based remote job website, on the sale by Artem Bektimirov, Vitaly Martyanov and Anton Mazhirin of 97.5% of the company to TalentTech, a subsidiary of Russian investment company Severgroup OOO.	USD 7.6 million	Russia
6-Aug	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) successfully represented Samsung C&T Corporation in proceedings against Rostovskiy ElectroMetallurgicheskiy Zavod involving REMZ's alleged breach of a supply contract.	N/A	Russia
7-Aug	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners successfully represented Solntse Mexico in a dispute before the Moscow District Commercial Court with a Russian grid company over payment for electricity consumption.	N/A	Russia
7-Aug	The Pepeliaev Group; Zhong Lun Law Firm	The Pepeliaev Group is providing legal services to the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products and a number of Chinese producers and exporters of aluminum alloy wheels within the framework of an anti-dumping investigation. The project is being implemented in cooperation with Beijing's Zhong Lun Law Firm.	N/A	Russia
7-Aug	Clifford Chance; Debevoise	Clifford Chance advised CDB Aviation Lease Finance DAC on a long-term lease of three Boeing 737-800 aircraft to Russian carrier Nordwind Airlines. Debevoise advised Nordwind.	N/A	Russia
16-Aug	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner advised Rusklimat Group, a Russian manufacturer and importer of climate control equipment, on the restructuring of its business units and divisions.	N/A	Russia
16-Aug	Alliance Legal	Moscow's Alliance Legal law firm successfully represented the interests of Mikhail Kiyko, Director General of the United Grain Company, in a claim before the Moscow Region's Khimki City Court, which ruled that an article appearing in The Moscow Post entitled "The General Millionaire Tries to Get to Zolotov's Deputy" was untrue.	N/A	Russia
22-Aug	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised Solntse Mexico and Mission Foods Stupino, the Russian divisions of the Gruma Group, on their restructuring and on obtaining special economic zone resident status with the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and other governmental bodies in connection with its investment in a factory in the Moscow Region of Russia.	N/A	Russia
23-Aug	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Transmashholding, Russia's largest manufacturer of locomotives and rail equipment, on its joint venture with Japanese industrial conglomerate Hitachi to produce traction inverters for passenger trains in Russia.	N/A	Russia
27-Aug	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Sberbank on the sale of a 19.99% stake in Verkhnekamsk Potash Company, the operator of the Talitsky Potash Project, to Acron Group, with a simultaneous sale of the same stake back to Sberbank Investments, as VPC equity financing investor.	N/A	Russia
28-Aug	Baker Botts; DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Baring Vostok, a private equity fund investing in Russia/CIS, on its acquisition of a minority stake in Itransition, a Belarusian software solutions developer and IT services provider. The seller, Firestrong Ltd., was represented by Baker Botts.	N/A	Russia
30-Aug	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners; Roschier	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised FAM AB on its USD 580 million plus acquisition of the business subdivision of Sandvik Process Systems. Nordic law firm Roschier acted as global counsel for Sandvik.	USD 580 million	Russia
30-Aug	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Doc+, a Russian digital e-health startup, on a USD 9 million financing from Vostok New Ventures.	USD 9 million	Russia
31-Aug	Alrud; Herbert Smith Freehills	Alrud advised the shareholders of JSC SMAK in their sale of 100% shares in the company. Herbert Smith Freehills advised the buyer.	N/A	Russia
4-Sep	Capital Legal Services	Capital Legal Services advised the Siberian Concession Company on its agreement to build a bridge across the Ob River in Novosibirsk, Russia, for the Government of the Novosibirsk Region and Gazprom.	N/A	Russia
11-Sep	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, on its joint venture with Rambler Group and several other investors to create Foodplex, a united digital platform for the restaurant market. The stake of Sberbank in the JV will be 35% and Rambler Group will own 30%. Another 35% will be owned by GHP Partners and investors Grigoriy Gurevich and Evgeniy Malakhov.	N/A	Russia
24-Sep	Pepeliaev Group	The Pepeliaev Group successfully represented Mucos Pharma CZ in a USD 500,000 dispute against a Russian insurance company over a payout under an insurance agreement along with interest for the use of another party's funds.	USD 500,000	Russia
24-Sep	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner advised the International Investment Bank on a USD 96.5 million multi-asset secured facility for financing and refinancing the acquisition of a number of passenger and special purposes aviation and mining assets for Russia's State Transport Leasing Company.	USD 96.5 million	Russia
28-Sep	Alrud; Taylor Wessing; Sidley Austin	Alrud advised LSC Communications on Russian law matters related to the sale of its Russian subsidiary as part of a global deal. Sidley Austin was seller's global advisor and Taylor Wessing was global advisor to the purchaser.	N/A	Russia

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1-Oct	Alrud; Clifford Chance; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; Wachtell Lipton, Rosen & Katz	Alrud represented The Blackstone Group L.P., on Russian aspects of its acquisition of a Thomson Reuters Corp. financial and risk unit. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett was global advisor for The Blackstone Group. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Clifford Chance were international advisors to Thomson Reuters Corporation.	USD 20 billion	Russia
9-Oct	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners successfully represented Morsvyazspuznik, the only Russian supplier of INMARSAT satellite communications services, in a contractual dispute against Glonass North-West.	N/A	Russia
6-Nov	White & Case	White & Case advised SIBUR, a leading Russian gas processing and petrochemicals company, on the tender offer related to the USD 500 million, 4.125% Guaranteed Notes due 2023 issued by SIBUR Securities DAC and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by PJSC SIBUR Holding.	USD 500 million	Russia
12-Nov	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners advised the SOGAZ group on its agreement to acquire 100% of VTB Insurance IC from the VTB Group.	N/A	Russia
14-Nov	CMS; DLA Piper	CMS Russia and DLA Piper advised Dublin-based life sciences investor Ovoca Bio Plc on its acquisition of Russian drug development company Ivix.	N/A	Russia
14-Nov	CMS	CMS advised S8 Capital on its acquisition of a 100% participation interest in the charter capital of Russian online marketplace platform Price.ru from Russian Internet holding Rambler Group.	N/A	Russia
16-Nov	CMS; De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	CMS advised Advance Publications, Inc. on its acquisition of 100% of the shares of Stage Entertainment, one of the world's largest theatre producers and owners, from CVC Fund VI and Joop van den Ende. De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek advised the sellers.	N/A	Russia
20-Nov	BGP Litigation	BGP Litigation advised PIK Group on the acquisition of an unfinished shopping center covering 73,000 square meters on a square near the Paveletsky Railway in Moscow from BTA Bank.	N/A	Russia
22-Nov	Cooley; DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised RealtimeBoard on its USD 25 million series A financing round led by venture capital firm Accel. Cooley advised Accel on the deal.	USD 25 million	Russia
28-Nov	KIAP	KIAP's IP team, working pro bono, has helped the SUNFLOWER charity register its logo as a trademark in Russia's Rospatent office, giving the foundation exclusive ownership of the trademark under Russian law.	N/A	Russia
28-Nov	Clifford Chance; CMS	CMS Russia advised Rosneft on the set-up of a joint venture with Beijing Gas (Beijing Gas will have a 45% stake) to develop a network of compressed natural gas fueling stations in Russia. Clifford Chance advised Beijing Gas.	N/A	Russia
3-Dec	CMS	CMS Russia advised S8 Capital on the acquisition of a 100% shares in Price.ru, an on-line shopping service, from Rambler Group, a Russian media holding company.	N/A	Russia
4-Dec	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner advised the Globus chain of hypermarkets on the acquisition of property and real estate assets of Logorprom Medvedkovo in the north-east part of Moscow to build a new hypermarket.	RUB 2 billion	Russia
5-Dec	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) is representing Russian hydroelectricity company RusHydro in an international arbitration against the Kyrgyz Republic over the termination of the intergovernmental agreement dated September 20, 2012 for construction and operation of the Upper-Naryn hydroelectric power plants.	N/A	Russia
5-Dec	Danilov & Partners	Danilov & Partners advised Qurrex on a token sale.	N/A	Russia
5-Dec	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised TMH Africa on the acquisition of a 45,000 square meter DCD Rolling Stock manufacturing facility in Boksburg, South Africa, from the DCD Group.	N/A	Russia
5-Dec	Norton Rose Fulbright; Orrick	Orrick advised the Russian Copper Company on its USD 200 million acquisition of the Malmyzh copper-gold porphyry field in the Russian Far East, which is designated as of "federal importance," from Khabarovsk Minerals LLC. Norton Rose Fulbright advised the sellers on the deal.	USD 200 million	Russia
14-Dec	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners; Tilling Peters	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners, working with Tilling Peters, successfully represented the interests of German multinational Bayer in a patent dispute before Russia's Intellectual Property Court, which overturned previous court rulings in the case.	N/A	Russia
14-Dec	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Egorov, Puginsky, Afanasyev and Partners persuaded Russia's Bureau in the Chamber for Patent Disputes to overrule the decision of Rospatent and register a new trademark in the name of "Abrau-Durso."	N/A	Russia
26-Dec	CMS	CMS Russia advised the shareholders of PJSC Western Siberian Commercial Bank on the sale of 71.8% of the bank to PJSC VTB.	N/A	Russia
1-Oct	Alrud; Durukan+Partners; Seyfarth Shaw; Shearman & Sterling; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	Durukan + Partners advised LyondellBasell in connection with Turkish law matters relating to its global acquisition of A.Schulman. In Russia, Alrud advised LyondellBasell and Skadden advised A. Schulman. Shearman & Sterling and Seyfarth Shaw were global advisors on the deal.	USD 2.25 billion	Russia; Turkey
1-Jan	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners, working alongside lead counsel Clifford Chance Moscow, advised UniCredit Bank Austrian AG and ING Bank N.V. in relation to a PXF revolving credit facility provided to Kernel Group.	USD 200 million	Russia; Ukraine
31-Jan	Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners	Lawyers from Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners' Russian and Ukrainian offices represented Bestway Global Holdings, a Chinese outdoor leisure products manufacturer, on Russian and Ukrainian law matters related to its USD 149 million IPO on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	USD 149 million	Russia; Ukraine
8-Mar	Pepeliaev Group	The Pepeliaev Group successfully represented Kavminvody JSC in the Russian Intellectual Property Court in a trademark dispute with Krymservis LLC.	N/A	Russia; Ukraine
13-Apr	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Norton Rose Fulbright; Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Anheuser-Busch InBev S.A./N.V., and SUN InBev Ukraine in relation to the combination of the Russian and Ukrainian businesses and assets of AB InBev and Anadolu Efes Biracilik ve Malt Sanayii AS and the creation of a joint venture. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton acted as AB InBev's Global Counsel, while Efes was represented by Norton Rose Fulbright.	N/A	Russia; Ukraine
30-Nov	Baker McKenzie	Baker McKenzie advised Invitro on the sale of its Ukrainian laboratory operations to Medicover.	N/A	Russia; Ukraine
18-Sep	Asters; Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Asters, in cooperation with Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, successfully represented Ukraine in the English Court of Appeal in a USD 3 billion Eurobond dispute with Russia.	USD 3 billion	Russia; Ukraine
3-Jan	Karanovic & Partners; Zivkovic Samardzic	Karanovic & Partners advised Societe Generale Srbija on its acquisition of a part of Jubanka AD Beograd's credit portfolio, including housing and cash credits, credit cards, and credits for small and medium-sized enterprises. Zivkovic Samardzic advised Jubanka on the deal.	N/A	Serbia

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4-Jan	Allen & Overy; AP Legal; Karanovic & Partners	AP Legal advised UniCredit Bank Srbija a.d. Beograd (a subsidiary of Elicio) on financing provided by it and the International Finance Corporation to Electrawinds-s d.o.o. Belgrade for the development of the Alibunar wind-farm. IFC reportedly was advised on English law by Allen & Overy and on Serbian law by Karanovic & Partners.	N/A	Serbia
9-Jan	JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	JPM advised Barentz, an international distribution company of high-quality ingredients, on the acquisition of Soforebo-Commerce d.o.o. Sombor.	N/A	Serbia
11-Jan	Bdk Advokati; Dentons; Harrison's Solicitors; Norton Rose Fulbright	BDK Advokati advised Enlight Renewable Energy, as the sponsor, and Electrawinds K-Wind, as the borrower, on the EUR 142 million project financing of Serbia's 104.5 MW Kovacica Wind Farm provided by parallel loans from Erste Group Bank AG (supported by the German Export Credit Agency Euler-Hermes), Erste Bank Serbia, and the EBRD. Dentons was international counsel to Enlight, and the lenders were advised on international law by Norton Rose Fulbright and by Harrison's on local legal matters.	EUR 142 million	Serbia
17-Jan	Karanovic & Partners; Kinstellar (Maric i Mujezinovic); Norton Rose Fulbright	The Maric i Mujezinovic law office in cooperation with Kinstellar provided local advice to Vetroelektrane Balkana in relation to the EUR 300 million financing of the largest wind farm project in Serbia. The lenders were advised by Karanovic & Partners and Norton Rose Fulbright.	EUR 300 million	Serbia
22-Jan	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic & Samardzic achieved victory in a freedom of expression case for broadcaster B92, its former journalist Nikola Radisic, and its news and current affairs editor and chairperson of the Board of Directors Veran Matic, in the Supreme Court of Cassation of Serbia.	N/A	Serbia
23-Jan	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised the SRA Group on setting up its presence in Serbia.	N/A	Serbia
25-Jan	CMS	CMS supported the Serbian government on its selection of a new operator for Serbia's largest airport.	EUR 1.5 billion	Serbia
6-Feb	Alba Partners; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Telenor on the sale of 85% of Telenor Banka to Bulgarian investment fund River Styxx Capital. Telenor will maintain 15% ownership. Alba Partners advised the buyer.	N/A	Serbia
28-Feb	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised the Phoenix group on all aspects of its acquisition of Goodwill pharmacies. The deal also involved the dissolution of the joint venture the owners of Goodwill Apoteka had with Hemofarm, as a pre-condition for the deal.	N/A	Serbia
1-Mar	BDK Advokati	BDK Advokati advised the EBRD on its provision of a EUR 2 million loan to BG Reklam, a marketing materials manufacturer.	EUR 2 million	Serbia
9-Mar	Ap Legal	AP Legal has advised Eurobank a.d. and Komercijalna Banka a.d. Belgrade in relation to a EUR 29.6 million senior loan to Retail Center d.o.o. Belgrade.	EUR 29.6 million	Serbia
9-Mar	Allen & Overy; BDK Advokati; Sidley Austin; Van Campen Liem; Zavisin Semiz & Partneri	Allen & Overy, BDK Advokati, and Van Campen Liem advised Blue Sea Capital on the sale of a 55% stake in Serbia's MediGroup healthcare provider to Mid Europa, which was represented by Sidley Austin and Zavisin Semiz & Partneri.	N/A	Serbia
19-Mar	Karanovic & Partners; Linklaters	Karanovic & Partners advised Alltech, a global animal and crop nutrition company, on the sale of its baking yeast factory in Senta, Northern Serbia, to Lesaffre, a global baking yeast and fermented products company. Lesaffre was advised by Linklaters Brussels.	N/A	Serbia
11-Apr	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic successfully represented Titan, an international cement and building materials producing group headquartered in Athens, in a dispute with former minority shareholders of Cementara Kosjeric, the group's Serbian subsidiary, relating to the 2009 squeeze-out of minority shareholders.	N/A	Serbia
11-Apr	BDK Advokati	BDK Advokati assisted India's Tractors and Farm Equipment tractor producer on the acquisition of the assets of IMT Beograd - including the trademarks and the location for the development of a new production plant - in bankruptcy.	N/A	Serbia
18-Apr	BDK Advokati	BDK Advokati represented journalist Slobodan Georgiev in a case against the publisher and the editor-in-chief of the Informer, a daily Serbian newspaper.	N/A	Serbia
24-Apr	Harrison's Solicitors	Harrison's provided Serbian legal advice and Norton Rose Fulbright provided English law advice to the EBRD in relation to an Issuing Bank Agreement and Revolving Credit Agreement with Addiko Bank ad Beograd.	N/A	Serbia
24-Apr	JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	JPM advised Raiden Resourced Limited, a publicly listed Australian mining company, on the process of raising additional funds to explore and develop its future mining projects through the acquisition of Australia's Timok Resources - the parent company of Serbian companies Kingstown Resources and Skarnore Resources. Australian law firm Bellanhouse advised Raiden Resourced Limited on Australian aspects of the deal.	N/A	Serbia
3-May	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised the joint-stock public company that owns and operates the Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport on its share capital increase through contribution of 28 real estate properties owned by its majority shareholder, the Republic of Serbia.	N/A	Serbia
8-May	Bojovic & Partners	Bojovic & Partners provided local merger clearance assistance to Nestle with regards to the USD 2.8 billion cash sale of its US confectionary business to Ferrero. Davis Polk and Wardwell served as advisors to Ferrero.	N/A	Serbia
9-May	Bojovic & Partners	Bojovic & Partners advised Nestle on the sale of its local confectionary company, the Silbo distribution group.	N/A	Serbia
1-Jun	Isidora Savic Nikolic; NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised real state brokerage company CBS International, a member of the Cushman & Wakefield Group, on its acquisition of a premium office building located in Belgrade from Gorenje. Local attorney Isidora Savic Nikolic represented the seller.	EUR 5.5 million	Serbia
16-Jun	Blake, Cassels & Graydon; Cassels Brock & Blackwell; Joksovic, Stojanovic & Partners; NKO Partners	NKO Partners, together with Blake, Cassels & Graydon, advised Canadian mining exploration company Mundoro on a earn-in and joint venture arrangement with Freeport McMoran for two of its copper and gold mineral licenses for areas in Eastern Serbia. Serbian Law Firm Joksovic, Stojanovic & Partners and Canadian law firm Cassels Brock & Blackwell advised Freeport McMoran.	EUR 40 million	Serbia
1-Jul	NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised CTP Group on the acquisition of land in Novi Sad for the development of a logistic park.	EUR 3.4 million	Serbia
2-Jul	Karanovic & Partners	Karanovic & Partners advised ZF Friedrichshafen AG on the opening of an electric vehicle parts factory in Pancevo, Serbia, with an investment planned to amount over EUR 100 million.	EUR 100 million	Serbia

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18-Jul	Gecic Law; Specht & Partners	Gecic Law and Specht & Partners successfully advised the Republic of Serbia and EPS, one of the largest energy companies in the region, on a probe led by the Energy Community Secretariat regarding alleged State support for the multi-million-euro Kolubara B project.	N/A	Serbia
19-Jul	Markovic Vukotic Jovkovic; Tasic & Partners	Markovic Vukotic Jovkovic advised De Heus on its acquisition of Serbian compound feed plant Komponenta from HZZ Komponenta DOO. Tasic & Partners advised the sellers on the deal.	N/A	Serbia
20-Jul	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport on its third issuance of shares.	N/A	Serbia
3-Aug	JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic; Schoneherr	Jankovic Popovic Mitic advised VTB Bank on the sale of 100% of its stake in VTB Banka a.d. Beograd to AZRS Invest doo Beograd. Schoenherr advised Andrej Slijahov on his acquisition of VTB Banka a.d. Beograd (VTB Beograd) from VTB Bank OAO.	N/A	Serbia
13-Aug	NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised Bulgarian pharmaceutical company Sopharma Trading on its acquisition of locations in Belgrade and Nis for the construction of its logistic and distribution centers.	EUR 4.5 million	Serbia
16-Aug	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised the CTP Group on its acquisition of a 10,000 square meter logistics center near Belgrade from Montenegro-based Industriaimport-Industriaimpex AD Podgorica.	N/A	Serbia
24-Aug	BDK Advokati; Karanovic & Partners; Orrick; Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, together with Karanovic & Partners, advised US-based Nutanix on its acquisition of US-based company Mainframe2 Inc, known as Frame. Orrick, as global adviser, working with BDK Advokati, assisted Frame.	USD 165 million	Serbia
5-Sep	Karanovic & Partners	Karanovic & Partners advised Zijin Mining on its successful participation in a privatization procedure that resulted in the company becoming a strategic partner in Serbia's sole copper complex, RTB Bor. Zijin Mining pledged to invest USD 1.46 billion in return for a 63% stake.	USD 1.46 billion	Serbia
26-Sep	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport on its third issuance of shares and share capital increase in less than five months.	N/A	Serbia
27-Sep	BDK Advokati; JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	Jankovic Popovic Mitic advised Adp Gauselmann GmbH, a member of the Gauselmann Group, on the sale of 49% of shares in its Serbian subsidiary, Merkur Gaming Slots d.o.o., to Aleksandar Jojic. BDK Advokati advised Jojic, a minority shareholder of Balkan Bet, on the acquisition.	N/A	Serbia
12-Oct	Deloitte Legal; Harrison Solicitors	Harrison Solicitors advised Al Dahra Holding on its acquisition of the Poljoprivredna Korporacija Beograd agricultural company. Deloitte Legal Serbia acted as sell side legal counsel	N/A	Serbia
19-Oct	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised Slovenia's Pivka Perutninarstvo d.d., on a direct conversion of debt owed to Pivka by its Serbian subsidiary, Pivka-S, into equity of Pivka-S, as well as on the buyout of shares owned by Milutin Nikic, the minority shareholder and director of Pivka-S.	N/A	Serbia
31-Oct	Law Firm Stanivuk and Manasijevski; NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised Asterfarm, part of Dr. Max pharmacy chain, controlled by Penta Investment, on the acquisition of the ZU Leko-Vita pharmacy. Law Firm Stanivuk and Manasijevski advised the sellers.	EUR 2 million	Serbia
5-Nov	Bojovic Draskovic Popovic & Partners; Omerovic-Rabrenovic & Partners	Bojovic Draskovic Popovic & Partners advised Cyprus-based Welkino Limited on the sale of Serbia's Zitoprodukt d.o.o. form Backa Palanka to Austria-based ASA Trading. The buyers were advised by Omerovic-Rabrenovic & Partners.	N/A	Serbia
7-Nov	JPM Jankovic Popovic Mitic	JPM advised Organigram Holdings Inc., the parent company of Organigram Inc., a licensed producer of medical marijuana in Canada, on a private placement investment in Eviana Health Corporation. Organigram and an unnamed strategic institutional investor each participated 50% in a USD 10 million debenture offering by Eviana.	USD 10 million	Serbia
30-Nov	Bozo Prelevic; NKO Partners	NKO Partners advised UniCredit Rent on the sale of a shopping center in the City of Kuresavc. Local attorney Bozo Prelevic advised the buyer.	EUR 1.5 million	Serbia
1-Dec	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Immonfinanz AG on the acquisition of realty parks in Belgrad, Smederevo, and Subotica from MPC.	N/A	Serbia
13-Dec	Zivkovic Samardzic	Zivkovic Samardzic advised Livnica a.d. Kikinda, the Serbian subsidiary of Cimos and a member of the TCH Group, on its delisting from the Belgrade Stock Exchange.	N/A	Serbia
15-Dec	Aleksandra Nedeljkovic; NKO Partners	Serbian attorney at law Aleksandra Nedeljkovic represented the Czech Republic's UDI Developers on its acquisition of a 50,000 square meter property in New Belgrade. NKO Partners advised the sellers.	EUR 10.5 million	Serbia
21-Dec	Allen & Overy; Andric Law Office; BDK Advokati; CMS; Dentons; Graf & Pitkowicz; Orrick; Vasiljevic-Bogdanovic; Zivkovic Samardzic	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe advised the Republic of Serbia on a 25-year concession awarded to French infrastructure group Vinci for the expansion, operation, and maintenance of Belgrade's Nikola Tesla airport. Dentons acted as global advisor for VINCI. Andric Law Office and Vasiljevic-Bogdanovic Law Office acted as local advisors to VINCI. Allen & Overy, Graf & Pitkowicz, and BDK Advokati advised the lenders. CMS Belgrade advised the Serbian Government on the concession award process. Zivkovic Samardzic advised the Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport on a series of share issuances as part of the preparatory actions for the concession.	EUR 1 billion	Serbia
3-Dec	Clifford Chance; Go2Law; Zivkovic Samardzic	Go2Law has advised Kopernikus Corporation, owned by Srdjan Milovanovic, on its acquisition of TV Prva and TV O2 in Serbia and Montenegro from the Antenna Group. Zivkovic Samardzic, working with EY and Clifford Chance, advised the Antenna Group on the sale.	EUR 180 million	Serbia; Montenegro
1-Aug	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised KKR on the acquisition of Pink Montenegro and Pink Bosnia and Herzegovina.	N/A	Serbia; Montenegro; Bosnia & Herzegovina
6-Jul	Law Firm Fatur; ODI Law; Selih & Partners	ODI advised Hidria on its EUR 129 million debt refinancing. The new financing is provided by a bank syndicate led by NLB. Law Firm Fatur advised Hidria on its corporate restructuring and Selih & Partners represented the lenders.	EUR 129 million	Serbia; Slovenia
5-Feb	Dentons	Dentons secured an acquittal for businessman Robert Ciz and his spouse Adriana Cizova, who had been accused of large-scale fraud involving the Glance House apartment building in the Slovakian village of Bernolakovo, near Bratislava.	N/A	Slovakia
22-Mar	Eisenberger & Herzog; Havel & Partners; Noerr	Eisenberger & Herzog and Noerr Bratislava advised Vienna House on the March 1, 2018 acquisition of Vienna House Easy Bratislava as part of an asset deal from Strabag Real Estate GmbH, which was advised by Havel & Partners.	N/A	Slovakia
28-Mar	Wilson	Wilson represented Reico in its CZK 990 million acquisition of a newly built logistics park in Dubnica nad Vahom, Slovakia, from Invest4See.	CZK 990 million	Slovakia

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28-Mar	JSK; Vanko & Vankova	JSK advised Cemex on the sale of its Slovak subsidiaries, Kamenolomy CMX s.r.o. and Cemex Aggregates Slovakia s.r.o., to CEMMAC a.s. The buyer was represented by Vanko & Vankova.	N/A	Slovakia
3-Apr	Allen & Overy	Allen & Overy advised Slovak Investment Holding, a.s. on its subscription as a lead investor in a Round B share offering for new shares in GA Drilling a.s., a company based in Slovakia that develops technology for well drilling.	N/A	Slovakia
23-May	Kinstellar; Sidley Austin	Kinstellar, working with global legal counsel Sidley Austin, advised the Nidec Corporation on Slovak law aspects of its acquisition of Brazilian compressor business Embraco from Whirlpool Corporation.	USD 1.08 billion	Slovakia
5-Jun	JLL; Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised Wood & Company on the acquisition of the Lakeside Park office complex in Bratislava. JLL advised the seller.	N/A	Slovakia
15-Jul	PRK Partners	PRK Partners advised Ringier Axel Springer in relation to the corporate restructuring and subsequent sale of the Slovak portfolio of printed newspapers and magazines. Ringier Axel Springer also acquired the domain aktualne.sk as part of the transaction.	N/A	Slovakia
13-Aug	Kinstellar; RR Legal	Kinstellar advised the Slovak branch of French energy giant Veolia Energie International on its acquisition of PPC Investments, which owns and operates a combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant near Bratislava, from Czech investment fund Avant Energy. Avant Energy was advised by RR Legal on the transaction.	N/A	Slovakia
28-Aug	Allen & Overy; Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised E.ON on its sale of the Malzenice power plant to Zapadoslovenska Energetika. Allen & Overy advised ZSE on the acquisition.	N/A	Slovakia
4-Oct	bpv Braun Partners; Weinhold Legal	Weinhold Legal advised Prvni Novinova Spolecnost, a Czech press distributor, on its acquisition of the alternative postal operator Mediaservis from RMSM3, part of the Cromwell group. bpv Braun Partners advised RMSM3 on the sale.	N/A	Slovakia
17-Oct	Kinstellar; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Bratislava advised ContourGlobal, a worldwide developer and operator of electric power and district heating businesses, on the sale of a 49% stake in its 35MW Slovak energy portfolio to Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners. Kinstellar Slovakia advised the buyer.	EUR 23 million	Slovakia
16-Nov	Kinstellar; Mori Hamada & Matsumoto; Taylor Wessing	Kinstellar, together with Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, advised JVC Kenwood Corporation on the acquisition of a share in the Slovak technology company Streamstar. Taylor Wessing advised the seller.	N/A	Slovakia
21-Nov	CMS; MCL Law Firm	MCL Law Firm advised MiddleCap Real Estate Ltd. on the development and sale of Bratislava's Stein Administrative Building to IAD, the manager of the oldest Slovak real estate fund. CMS advised the buyers.	N/A	Slovakia
22-Nov	MCL Law Firm; Relevans	MCL advised the Euromax Group on the sale of the City Arena Shopping Mall in Trnava, Slovakia, to Trenesma, controlled by sole shareholder Peter Korbacka. The Relevans law firm advised the buyers on the deal.	N/A	Slovakia
29-Nov	JLL; Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised Redside Investicni Spolecnost on the EUR 90 million acquisition of Trencin Industrial Park from AU Optronics. JLL advised the seller.	EUR 90 million	Slovakia
6-Dec	Maple & Fish	Maple & Fish successfully represented the Slovak Republic in a state aid case involving its provision of EUR 125 million in investment aid to Jaguar Land Rover before the European Commission.	EUR 125 million	Slovakia
11-Dec	Bartosik Svaby; Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised Wood & Company on the acquisition of the BBC5 business center in Bratislava from the Heitman Real Estate Fund. Bartosik Svaby advised the seller.	N/A	Slovakia
9-Jan	Dvorak Hager & Partners; Law firm Roman Kvasnica a partneri	Dvorak Hager & Partners represented Intercable, a producer of automotive parts, on its acquisition of an industrial area for production of automotive parts in Krivan, Slovakia, including advice on the special requirements applying to the state aid for the project. Law firm Roman Kvasnica a partneri advised the seller.	N/A	Slovakia
18-Jan	Miro Senica And Attorneys	Miro Senica and Attorneys assisted Slovenian company Litostroj Jeklo in its successful avoidance of bankruptcy.	N/A	Slovenia
1-Feb	Miro Senica And Attorneys	Miro Senica And Attorneys helped Litostroj Jeklo conclude a Master Restructuring Agreement with respect to secured claims, one of the main conditions for the confirmation of the compulsory settlement by the creditors.	EUR 34 million	Slovenia
5-Feb	Kirm Perpar	Kirm Perpar advised RWE Ljubljana d.o.o., on the acquisition of Slovenia's Energenti Plus d.o.o.	N/A	Slovenia
27-Mar	Zupancic and Mauhler; Miro Senica And Attorneys	Miro Senica And Attorneys advised Avtobusni Promet Murska Sobota d.d. on the privatization and acquisition of treasury shares of the company Linija d.d. The Zupancic and Mauhler Law Firm advised the seller.	EUR 1.75 million	Slovenia
28-Mar	Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Adriaplin d.o.o., the Slovenian subsidiary of Eni S.p.A., on its acquisition of Mestni Plinovodi d.o.o., a natural gas distribution network operator and gas supplier, from a consortium of sellers consisting of gas distributors Ireti and ACSM-AGAM from Italy and Istrabenz Plini from Slovenia. The sellers' advisor was Bettini Formigaro Pericu.	N/A	Slovenia
4-Jun	Allen & Overy; Mayer Brown; Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners; Ulcar & Partnerji	Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners and Allen & Overy (together with Consultant Hugh Owen of Go2Law), advised insurer Generali CEE Holding BV, a part of Italy's Generali Group, on its sale of Adriatic Slovenica Zavarovalna Druzba d.d. to financial group KD Group d.d. Ulcar & Partnerji and solo-practitioner Simon Gabrijelcic advised the buyers on Slovenian law matters, with Mayer Brown advising on English law matters.	EUR 245 million	Slovenia
18-Jun	Gessel; Schoenherr	Schoenherr, working alongside lead counsel Gessel, advised Adria Tehnika on the establishment of a strategic Partnership with Czech investment firm Hartenberg Holding.	N/A	Slovenia
16-Jul	Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners; Selih & Partners	Selih & Partners advised Slovenia's NLB banking and finance group on a long-term syndicated loan of USD 72 million and a mid-term revolving facility of EUR 30 million extended by a consortium of banks which it belongs to the Interblock Group. Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners advised Interblock on the deal.	USD 102 million	Slovenia
31-Jul	Jadek & Pensa; Schoenherr	Schoenherr advised Groupe Beneteau on the acquisition of Seascope d.o.o., a Slovenian manufacturer of recreational sailing boats. Jadek & Pensa advised the sellers.	N/A	Slovenia
21-Sep	Law firm Zdolsek; Miro Senica And Attorneys	Miro Senica And Attorneys assisted telecommunications provider T-2 d.o.o. reach a settlement with Telekom Slovenije d.d., bringing a conclusion to a dispute over the latter's alleged abuse of its dominant position that lasted (and moved up and down the Slovenian court system) for over a decade. Law firm Zdolsek advised Telekom Slovenije.	N/A	Slovenia
25-Sep	Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners; Selih & Partners	Selih & Partners advised Coface on the acquisition of 100% shares of SID-Prva kreditna zavarovalnica from SID Bank, a Slovenian public bank.	N/A	Slovenia
15-Oct	ODI Law	ODI advised SKB Bank d.d., part of the Societe Generale Group, on loan agreements concluded with Alpe-Panon d.o.o., a franchisee of McDonald's.	EUR 48 million	Slovenia

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13-Nov	Jadek & Pensa; Schoenherr	Schoenherr Slovenia advised SALUS on the acquisition and takeover of Sanolabor d.d. Jadek & Pensa advised the sellers.	EUR 10 million	Slovenia
26-Nov	Clifford Chance; Dentons; Shearman & Sterling; Ulcar & Partnerji	Clifford Chance advised Nova Ljubljanska Banka d.d., Ljubljana on its public offering and listing on the London and Ljubljana Stock Exchanges. Dentons advised Slovenski Drzavni Holding d.d., wholly-owned by the government of the Republic of Slovenia, on the share sale and public offer. Ulcar & Partnerji advised the Slovenian Sovereign Holding on issues related to corporate governance and Slovenian banking regulations. Shearman & Sterling advised Joint Global Coordinators Deutsche Bank and J.P. Morgan, Joint Bookrunner Citigroup, and Co-Lead Manager Wood & Company.	EUR 608.6 million	Slovenia
29-Nov	Miro Senica And Attorneys; Selih & Partners	Miro Senica And Attorneys advised Corum Origin on the acquisition of one of the largest logistic centers in Europe. Selih & Partners advised the sellers.	EUR 69.6 million	Slovenia
20-Dec	Miro Senica And Attorneys; Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners	Miro Senica And Attorneys advised Gorenje d.d. on the sale of Gorenje Surovina d.o.o. and its daughter companies in Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia. Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners advised the buyer.	N/A	Slovenia
28-Dec	ODI Law	ODI advised SKB Bank d.d., part of the Societe Generale Group, on loan agreements concluded with D.S.U. d.o.o., one of the largest state-owned Slovenian real estate investors.	EUR 11 million	Slovenia
31-Dec	Kirm Perpar; Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners	Kirm Perpar helped defendant Alpina, Tovarna Obutve, d.o.o. settle litigation initiated by ADMETAM GmbH in connection with an agreement for provision of consultancy services within the restructuring of Alpina d.o.o. Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partners advised the plaintiff.	EUR 0.6 million	Slovenia
5-Jan	Paksoy	Paksoy advised DyDo Group Holdings on the acquisition by its Turkish subsidiary Della Gida of 80% shares in Mavidag, a local water production company.	N/A	Turkey
1-Feb	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised KfW Ipeks Bank in connection with an amendment to the EUR 16 million export financing to Trakya Glass Bulgaria EAD, guaranteed by Türkiye Sise ve Cam Fabrikalari A.S., Trakya Cam Sanayii A.S., and Pasabahce Cam Sanayii A.S.	EUR 16 million	Turkey
10-Feb	ASC Law Firm; Durukan+Partners; Hogan Lovells; Latham & Watkins	Durukan + Partners and Hogan Lovells advised Emaar Properties PJSC in connection with a USD 200 million loan facility it obtained from Standard Chartered Bank. Latham & Watkins and ASC Law Firm advised the lenders.	USD 200 million	Turkey
26-Feb	Norton Rose Fulbright	Norton Rose Fulbright advised Albaraka Turk Katilim Bankasi A.S. on the issuance of its USD 205 million additional tier one capital Sukuk.	USD 205 million	Turkey
28-Feb	HS Attorney Partnership	HS Attorney Partnership advised Yavuz Taner on his TRY 50 million sale of 90% of the agricultural group consisting of Alanar Meyve and Alara Fidan to Tekfen Tarimsal Arastirma, the Tekfen Group's agriculture subsidiary.	TRY 50 million	Turkey
13-Mar	Acteon	Acteon persuaded the 10th Administrative Court of Ankara to annul the a penalty of TRY 14.5 million levied by the Turkish Competition Authority against client GOLTAS Cement and five other cement producers operating in the Aegean Region of Turkey.	TRY 14.5 million	Turkey
16-Mar	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Volkswagen Dogus Finansman A.S. on the issuance of TRY 5 billion asset-backed securities in various series, with the first series issued in the amount of TRY 566.5 million and TRY 250 million. There is also a TRY 239.5 million subordinated note in the deal structure.	TRY 5 billion	Turkey
20-Mar	Paksoy; Verdi Law Firm; Warendorf	The Verdi Law Firm advised Actera Group on the sale of 15% of the shares in Celebi Havacilik Holding to Alpha Airport Services B.V. Paksoy advised the Celebi Havacilik Holding shareholders in relation to the restructuring. Warendorf advised on Dutch law matters.	N/A	Turkey
21-Mar	Akol Ozok Namlı Attorney Partnership; Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm advised the Korozo Group on its acquisition of a 77% stake in Korsini Ambalaj Endustrisi Yatirim ve Ticaret A.S., in the process acquiring sole control of Korsini-Saf Ambalaj Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., which had previously been under the common control of the two parties. The Akol Ozok Namlı Attorney Partnership advised the sellers.	EUR 24.7 million	Turkey
30-Mar	Herbert Smith Freehills; Gkc Partners; Paksoy; White & Case	Paksoy and Herbert Smith Freehills advised the underwriters on the IPO and listing on Borsa Istanbul of Enerjisa Enerji A.S. White & Case acted as legal advisor to the issuer as to American and English law, while GKC Partners advised on Turkish law.	N/A	Turkey
30-Mar	Gide Loyrette Nouel; Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm advised Fiba Emeklilik ve Hayat A.S. on its acquisition of the private pension portfolio of Groupama Emeklilik A.S. Gide Loyrette Nouel advised the seller.	TRY 35.091 million	Turkey
6-Apr	Paksoy	Paksoy advised the Akfen Group on agreements to construct and service four wind farms with a total capacity of 242 MW in the Turkish cities of Canakkale and Denizli.	N/A	Turkey
9-Apr	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Turunc	Turunc and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton advised worldwide automotive supplier Valeo on the sale of its passive hydraulic actuation division to Raicam, executed to obtain regulatory clearance for Valeo's planned takeover of German clutch manufacturer FTE. Italy's Studio Legale Gullo & Associati advised the buyers.	N/A	Turkey
16-Apr	Dentons (BASEAK)	BASEAK and Dentons advised Akbank subsidiary Arts Limited on its securitization program.	N/A	Turkey
16-Apr	Dentons (BASEAK)	BASEAK and Dentons advised Entek Elektrik Uretim A.S., a subsidiary of Koc Holding, on its acquisition of the Menzelet and Kilavuzlu hydropower plants from Turkey's Privatization Administration. The lenders of the project, a syndicate of Turkish and international commercial banks and the EBRD, were represented by Clifford Chance and Yegin Ciftci Attorney Partnership.	USD 375 million	Turkey
17-Apr	Dentons (BASEAK)	BASEAK advised Tiryaki Agro Gida Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., a Turkish agricultural products exporter, on a long-term loan facility of USD 65 million, extended by a syndicate led by Dutch development bank, FMO, the EBRD, and Proparco, which were advised by Hogan Lovells.	USD 65 million	Turkey
26-Apr	Dentons (BASEAK)	Balcioğlu Selçuk Akman Keki Attorney Partnership and Dentons advised Isdemir, a member of the Oyak Mining Metallurgy Group, on the incorporation of a joint venture with Linde Group, to build a new air separation unit at the Iskenderun premises of Isdemir.	N/A	Turkey
17-May	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Doktas Metal on the sale of 93.57% shares of Turkish automotive manufacturer Doktas Dokumculuk to Celik Holding.	N/A	Turkey
17-May	Paksoy	Paksoy advised CS Wind, a wind tower manufacturer headquartered in South Korea, on its purchase of 100% shareholding in Ege Tower.	N/A	Turkey

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17-May	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Japan's Nippon Yusen on the formation of a joint venture with Oyak, the Turkish military's pension fund, to build a port in northwest Turkey.	USD 110 million	Turkey
1-Jun	Durukan+Partners; Latham & Watkins	Durukan + Partners advised BNP Paribas in connection with a multi-currency secured equity financing to Acibadem Saglik Yatirimlari A.S. Latham & Watkins Hong Kong advised the lenders on English law.	USD 187.5 million	Turkey
5-Jun	Paksoy; Schoenherr	Paksoy advised Yapisan Elektrik Uretim A.S., a subsidiary of Bilgin Enerji, on the acquisition of OMV Samsun Elektrik Uretim Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. from OMV. Schoenherr advised OMV on the sale.	N/A	Turkey
7-Jun	Baker Mckenzie; Baker McKenzie (Esin Attorney Partnership); Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm and Kirkland & Ellis advised Actera Group and ESAS Holding A.S. on the sale of a 98.8% stake in U.N. Ro-Ro Isletmeleri A.S., a Turkish ferry route operator, to shipping company DFDS A.S. Baker Mckenzie and Esin Avukatlik Ortakligi advised the purchaser.	EUR 950 million	Turkey
11-Jun	Gleiss Lutz; Kirkland & Ellis; Paksoy; Sidley Austin	Paksoy, Kirkland & Ellis, and Sidley Austin advised Accuride Corporation, a US-based supplier of components to the commercial vehicle industry, on the acquisition of the Mefro Wheels GmbH. The sellers were advised by the Munich office of Gleiss Lutz.	N/A	Turkey
11-Jun	GKC Partners; Paksoy; White & Case	Paksoy advised the Zorlu Group on raising USD 330 million for Osmangazi Elektrik Dagitim AS from the EBRD, IFC, Nederlandse Financierings Maatschappij Voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V., and Turkish commercial banks. White & Case and GKC Partners advised the consortium of banks on the deal.	USD 330 million	Turkey
13-Jun	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Turkish energy company Enerjisa on its acquisition of the majority of shares in Esarj, a company operating in the electric vehicle charging station sales and installation sectors.	N/A	Turkey
15-Jun	Arikan Law; Paksoy	Paksoy advised Turkish energy company Enerjisa on its acquisition of a majority stake in Esarj, a company operating in the electric vehicle charging station sales and installation sectors. Esarj was represented by Arikan Law.	N/A	Turkey
15-Jun	Linklaters; Paksoy	Linklaters and Paksoy advised Turkey's Garanti Bank on its issue of USD 75 million of so-called "gender bonds," focused on financing small enterprises and companies owned or managed by women in Turkey.	USD 75 million	Turkey
27-Jun	Cakmak	Cakmak represented the shareholders of Erg-Verbund Elektrik, the owner of the operational rights of Turkey's Afsin Elbistan (A) Thermal Power Plant, on the USD 200 million sale of all its shares to Celikler Group.	USD 200 million	Turkey
20-Jul	Gide Loyrette Nouel	Gide Loyrette Nouel and associated Turkish firm Ozdirekcan Dunder _enocak advised Renault on the renewal of its strategic partnership with OYAK.	N/A	Turkey
3-Aug	Dechert; Gleiss Lutz; Paksoy	Paksoy and Gleiss Lutz advised Lindsay Goldberg on the acquisition of Coveris Rigid, the rigid packaging business of Coveris Holdings S.A. Dechert advised Coveris Holding on the sale.	EUR 700 million	Turkey
7-Aug	Dechert; Gleiss Lutz; Paksoy	Paksoy and Gleiss Lutz advised global private equity investor Lindsay Goldberg on its acquisition of the Coveris Rigid rigid packaging business from Coveris Holdings. The seller was represented by Dechert.	N/A	Turkey
8-Aug	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Turkish retail company Migros on the issuance of TL150 million bonds in two equal tranches, with two and three years of maturity.	TLR 150 million	Turkey
9-Aug	Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm advised ALJ Holding A.S. and the Denso Group on the sale of their entire stakes in DJ Cool Klima ve Sogutma Cihazlari A.S., which produces air cooling systems for the automotive sector, to Safkar Ege Sogutmacilik Klima Soguk Hava Tesisleri Ihracat Ithalat Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.	N/A	Turkey
24-Aug	Baker McKenzie (Esin Attorney Partnership); Gide Loyrette Nouel	The Esin Attorney Partnership advised Altinyag Kombinalari A.S. and Gurtas Tarim Enerji Yatirimlari San. ve Tic. A.S. in connection with the sale of its production facilities to Sodruggestvo Group S.A. The buyer was advised by Gide Loyrette Nouel.	N/A	Turkey
1-Sep	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised Emaar Properties PJSC on the extension and amendment of a USD 180 million loan facility from HSBC.	USD 180 million	Turkey
4-Sep	Baker Mckenzie; Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm advised the Actera Group in connection with the subscription by Hana Investment Company WLL, Racer S.r.l. and 57 Stars Global Opportunity Fund 3 (KIA), L.P. into shares of Alpha Airport Services B.V. Baker Mckenzie advised Hana Investment Company WLL, Purrington Moody Weil advised 57 Stars Global Opportunity Fund 3 (KIA), L.P. , while Racer S.r.l. relied on its in-house team.	N/A	Turkey
6-Sep	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Migros Ticaret A.S., on its August 31, 2018 merger with Kipa Ticaret A.S. following the July 19, 2018 approval of Turkey's Capital Markets Board. The resulting company will operate under the Migros brand.	N/A	Turkey
12-Sep	Cooley; Hogan Lovells; Paksoy	Paksoy and Hogan Lovells advised Atlassian on its USD 295 million acquisition of Boston-based OpsGenie, a company making technology which enables companies to better plan for and respond to IT service disruptions. Cooley advised OpsGenie CEO and co-founder Berkay Mollamustafaoglu on the sale.	USD 295 million	Turkey
3-Oct	Moral & Partners; PAE Law Office	Moral & Partners advised Arimpeks Aluminyum Sanayi Ic ve Dis Ticaret A.S on the sale of an 80% stake in the company by the Kansak and Ercin families to Swiss-based Montana Tec Components AG, acting via its Aluflexpack AG subsidiary. PAE Law Office advised both Montana and Aluflexpack.	N/A	Turkey
12-Oct	Accura; DLA Piper; Paksoy	Paksoy, working alongside DLA Piper, advised Gurit on its acquisition of all the shares of JSB Group, a company designing, developing, and manufacturing customer-specific core kits for wind turbine blades. JSB was represented by Denmark's Accura law firm.	N/A	Turkey
17-Oct	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised Sephora Kozmetik A.S. (Sephora) on the transfer of 19 stores to Sephora from another Turkish cosmetic company by negotiating lease agreements and completing all formalities for governmental agencies for the transfer.	USD 16 million	Turkey
19-Nov	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised GroupMed sal, Group Med International Holding Limited, and their shareholders regarding indirect changes in the shareholding of Turkland Bank A.S. and Turkland Sigorta A.S.	USD 1.4 million	Turkey
19-Nov	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised GroupMed International Management Holding Limited and Cynvest in connection with the share transfer in Turkland Sigorta A.S.	USD 1.4 million	Turkey
23-Nov	Bezen & Partners; Verdi Law Firm	The Verdi Law Firm advised TFI TAB Gida Yatirimlari A.S., a leading Quick Service Restaurant operator in Turkey and China, in connection with its merger with Pangaea Gida Lojistik ve Reklamcilik A.S. as part of the roll-up of its minority shareholding in the Ecosystem companies. Bezen & Partners advised Pangaea One Acquisition Holdings XV, LLC and its subsidiary Pangaea Gida Lojistik ve Reklamcilik A.S.	N/A	Turkey
28-Nov	DLA Piper; Paksoy	Paksoy and DLA Piper advised Gurit, a company listed on the Swiss Exchange, on its agreement to acquire all shares in the JSB Group.	N/A	Turkey

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1-Dec	Durukan+Partners	Durukan + Partners advised McCormick & Company, Inc. on the termination and liquidation of a joint venture company with Yildiz Holding in the food industry.	N/A	Turkey
1-Dec	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance; Durukan+Partners; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Gedik & Eraksoy	Allen & Overy and Gedik & Eraksoy advised a coordinating committee on the financial restructuring of Ojer Telekomunikasyon A.S. through a lender-led transaction. Clifford Chance and Durukan + Partners advised OTAS on the deal. Freshfields advised STC (an indirect shareholder of OTAS), in its envisaged proposed capital injection and restructuring.	USD 5.1 billion	Turkey
25-May	Paksoy	Paksoy advised Sberbank of Russia on a share purchase agreement for the sale of Denizbank to Emirates NBD Bank.	USD 3.2 billion	Turkey; Russia
10-Sep	Delphi; Goktas Attorneys; Karanovic & Partners; Pekin & Bayar	Karanovic & Partners, Pekin & Bayar, and Sweden's Delphi law firm advised NIBE Industrier AB on its acquisition of 51% of the EMIN Group. Goktas Attorneys advised Emin Group on the sale.	N/A	Turkey; Serbia
6-Feb	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners and Clifford Chance advised Citibank Europe Plc (UK Branch) on the restructuring of a USD 16 million outstanding loan provided to Rubizhne Cardboard & Packaging Mill under an up-to USD 88 million term facility.	USD 16 million	Turkey; Ukraine
1-Jan	Arendt & Medernach; Avellum; Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Walkers	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal advisor to Copperatieve Rabobank U.A. on several export loan facilities to the Myronivsky Hliboproduct Group, with the benefit of credit insurance policy issued by Atradius Dutch State Business N.V. and suretyships provided by MHP Group companies. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advised Rabobank on Dutch law matters. Walkers advised Rabobank on BVI law matters. Arendt & Medernach advised Rabobank on Luxembourg law matters.	EUR 21 million	Ukraine
1-Jan	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Revita with respect to brand book IP legal protection in Ukraine and company's IP trademark portfolio.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jan	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners, working alongside Clifford Chance, advised the Export-Import Bank of Korea with respect to amendment of the Loan Agreement with the Southern Railway (executed in 2010) to reflect the merger of the Southern Railway into the Ukrainian Railway.	USD 260 million	Ukraine
2-Jan	Avellum; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Clifford Chance; Kinstellar	Clifford Chance and Avellum advised the EBRD on a loan of up to USD 350 million to support the modernization and environmental upgrade of Ukraine's largest steel mill, PubJSC ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih. ArcelorMittal was advised by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and Kinstellar.	USD 350 million	Ukraine
4-Jan	Eucon	Eucon successfully represented Ukraine's Savik Shuster Studio TV Channel in a tax matter regarding the proper determination of the regular sale price of national TV programs.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Jan	Aequo	Aequo advised Ukraine's Dragon Capital Group on the acquisition of a logistics and an industrial center in the Kyiv region of Ukraine from unidentified private individuals.	N/A	Ukraine
10-Jan	Dentons	Dentons represented Bojer Innovativ Ingenior Radgivning, an engineering consulting company from Aarhus, Denmark, on its appeal of a lower court judgment regarding a raid of its property in Odessa.	n/a	Ukraine
11-Jan	Arbitrade	Arbitrade advised Italian discount airline Ernest Airlines on its entry into the Ukrainian market.	N/A	Ukraine
12-Jan	CMS; Clyde & Co.; Sayenko Kharenko	CMS advised SD Capital on English and Ukrainian law aspects of a joint venture transaction involving towage services in Ukraine's Black Sea port of Yuzhnyi. P&O Maritime was advised on English law by Clyde & Co. and on Ukrainian law by Sayenko Kharenko.	N/A	Ukraine
12-Jan	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised PJSC Toronto-Kyiv on the restructuring of a cross-border syndicated loan facility from PJSC Alfa-Bank to develop the Toronto-Kyiv Business Center in downtown Kyiv.	USD 100 million	Ukraine
18-Jan	Asters	Asters acted as Ukrainian counsel to the International Finance Corporation in connection with an over EUR 30 million loan to the IMMER Group, a Eastern European producer of flexible packaging.	EUR 30 million	Ukraine
19-Jan	Avellum	Avellum advised Deere & Company on Ukrainian employment matters related to its acquisition of the Wirtgen Group.	USD 5.2 billion	Ukraine
22-Jan	Asters	Asters successfully represented Metro Cash & Carry Ukraine in its challenge to fines levied by Ukraine's Antimonopoly Committee in a retail cartel case.	N/A	Ukraine
25-Jan	Aequo	Aequo advised the EBRD on matters of Ukrainian law related to its USD 25 million loan to Astarta, a Ukrainian agribusiness operator and sugar producer.	USD 25 million	Ukraine
30-Jan	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation on a EUR 30 million loan to Ukraine to fund a project designed to boost energy efficiency programs in Ukrainian universities and the teaching conditions in the facilities.	EUR 30 million	Ukraine
30-Jan	CMS	CMS advised the EBRD on funding provided to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings in Ukraine. The Central Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk is the first municipality to receive funding under the EBRD's Public Sector Energy Efficiency Financing Framework.	EUR 9 million	Ukraine
31-Jan	Avellum	Avellum advised the Public Joint Stock Company Commercial Bank Center and its sole shareholder Hamed Alikhani on increasing the bank's charter capital to UAH 200 million.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Feb	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Kajus Financial Limited on establishment of data protection compliance system.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Feb	DLA Piper; Aequo	DLA Piper USA and Aequo advised Michelin on obtaining merger control clearance from the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for establishing a 50-50 joint venture with Sumitomo Corporation of Americas.	USD 2 billion	Ukraine
2-Feb	Spenser & Kauffmann	Spenser & Kauffmann advised Chinese textile producers Yuyue Home Textile in connection with business structuring issues in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
6-Feb	Baker McKenzie; Gestors	Baker McKenzie, in cooperation with Gestors, assisted Arcelor Mittal Kryvyi Rih with an anti-dumping investigation involving the import of reinforcing steel bars and wire rods from the Russian Federation.	N/A	Ukraine
9-Feb	Eucon	Eucon successfully represented the Ukrkrichflot JCS shipping company in its challenge to a tax fine of over UAH 4.8 million levied by the Office of Large Taxpayers of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine arising from a purported customs violation.	UAH 4.8 million	Ukraine
12-Feb	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners worked with Clifford Chance in advising the EBRD on unfunded risk participation agreements with Ukrsibbank valued at up to USD 50 million.	USD 50 million	Ukraine

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12-Feb	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners and Clifford Chance advised the EBRD on unfunded risk participation agreements with UkrSibbank.	USD 50 million	Ukraine
13-Feb	Eucon	Eucon won a six-year dispute on behalf of Link PJSC against the tax and customs departments of the Ukrainian State Fiscal Service by successfully appealing a UAH 55 million fine arising from an inspection at Link to the Supreme Administrative Court of Ukraine.	UAH 55 million	Ukraine
13-Feb	Eucon	Eucon has successfully appealed a UAH 55 million fine arising from an inspection at client Link PJSC by the tax and customs departments of the Ukrainian State Fiscal Service at the Supreme Administrative Court of Ukraine.	UAH 55 million	Ukraine
16-Feb	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised the EBRD in relation to the unfunded risk participation agreement with Raiffeisen Bank Aval of a total value of EUR 20 million. On English law, the EBRD was advised by Clifford Chance, while Bank Aval used its internal legal department.	EUR 20 million	Ukraine
22-Feb	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners is representing the interests of BTA Bank in litigation against Kennet Alibek, a former Max-Well pharmaceutical plant director, who is accused of being an accessory to money laundering under Articles 27 (5) and 209 (3) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine related to the provision by BTA Bank of credit facilities for the reconstruction of the Max-Well plant in the Kyiv Region.	N/A	Ukraine
22-Feb	Eucon	Eucon successfully represented the interests of Eurol in a VAT refund dispute against the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine in the Kyiv Administrative Court of Appeal.	UAH 4.2 million	Ukraine
1-Mar	Avellum	Avellum represented the interests of Ferrexpo Yeristovo Mining in a dispute with Ukrainian tax authorities over the cancellation of individual tax ruling.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Mar	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised software developer Yevhen Gromsky on the legal strategy for its start-up.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Mar	DLA Piper	DLA Piper provided legal support to Aristocrat Leisure, one of the largest global manufacturers of gaming solutions, on its successful acquisition of developer Plarium Global	N/A	Ukraine
1-Mar	Bonn Steichen & Partners; Hogan Lovells; Niederer Kraft & Frey; Redcliffe Partners; Walkers	Redcliffe Partners acted as a legal counsel to Natixis with respect to up to USD 100 million Secured Revolving PFX Facility Agreement from the syndicate of lenders to Kernel Group. Hogan Lovells advised on English law, Bonn Steichen & Partners on Luxembourg law, Niederer Kraft & Frey on Swiss law and the Walkers Dubai office on BVI law.	USD 100 million	Ukraine
1-Mar	Dentons	Dentons advised BNP Paribas and a syndicate of six other international banks on a USD 195 million three-year pre-export secured revolving facility to Ferrexpo.	USD 195 million	Ukraine
1-Mar	Avellum; Harneys; Norton Rose Fulbright	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to ING in connection with two secured pre-export revolving loan facilities with the total value of USD 25 million to Agroprosper Group. Norton Rose Fulbright advised ING Bank N.V. on English law matters. Harneys, Aristodemou Loizides Yiolitis LLC advised ING Bank N.V. on Cyprus law matters.	USD 25 million	Ukraine
1-Mar	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners, working alongside Clifford Chance, advised FMO (Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V.) with respect to extension of a secured loan facility to Astarta-Kyiv for financing the development of a grain and sugar infrastructure for the company.	USD 25 million	Ukraine
2-Mar	Avellum; Baker McKenzie; Norton Rose Fulbright; Sayenko Kharenko; White & Case	Avellum and White & Case advised the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on the state-guaranteed USD 250 million loan extended to the "Energoatom" State Enterprise National Nuclear Energy Generating Company by Bank of America Merrill Lynch and OPIC. Baker McKenzie advised Energoatom. Norton Rose Fulbright was the US Counsel to OPIC.	USD 250 million	Ukraine
5-Mar	Eterna Law	Eterna Law advised the Ukrainian subsidiary of AIG on its restructuring.	N/A	Ukraine
13-Mar	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Lekhim in its buy-out of minority shareholders in Technolog PJSC. As a result of the squeeze-out, more than 2.5 million shares of Technolog were credited to the account of the controlling shareholder, Lekhim JSC, on February 23, 2018.	N/A	Ukraine
14-Mar	Asters; Avellum; Sayenko Kharenko	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to PJSC Ukrzaliznytsia, the country's state-owned rail transport company, on a USD 1 billion collaboration with GE Transportation, a division of the General Electric company. Asters advised GE Transportation on Ukrainian law. Sayenko Kharenko represented Ukreximbank.	USD 1 billion	Ukraine
16-Mar	Gestors	Gestors successfully represented the Ukrainian Media Holding Group in a dispute with the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption involving its claim to assets of the Holding Group.	N/A	Ukraine
19-Mar	Eucon	Eucon successfully represented EUROL in a dispute with the SFS of Ukraine regarding about the allegedly illegal reduction of its VAT refund of UAH 4.2 million at the Kiev Administrative Court of Appeal.	UAH 4.2 million	Ukraine
22-Mar	Aequo	Aequo represented Dragon Capital before the National Council of Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine regarding its acquisition of Radio-Era TRC, the first nationwide radio station in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
22-Mar	Avellum; Latham & Watkins; Sayenko Kharenko; White & Case	Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Ukreximbank, the state-owned Export-Import Bank of Ukraine, in connection with UAH 4.051 billion (approximately USD 150 million), 16.5% loan participation notes due 2021. On English law, Ukreximbank was advised by White & Case. The joint lead managers for the issue, Citigroup Global Markets Limited and J.P. Morgan Securities, were advised on Ukrainian law by Avellum and on English law by Latham & Watkins.	USD 150 million	Ukraine
23-Mar	CMS	CMS advised ING Bank N.V. as mandated lead arranger and bookrunner on a USD 80 million pre-export finance facility to Violi - one of the largest producers of vegetable oils in Ukraine.	USD 80 million	Ukraine
26-Mar	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Corteva Agriscience, an agricultural division of DowDuPont, on signing a cooperation memorandum with the Poltava Regional State Administration to develop road infrastructure in the Dykanka district of Central Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
26-Mar	Baker McKenzie	Baker McKenzie advised Phoenix-Capital LLC on the multi-tiered sale of the Victoria Gardens shopping center to Dragon Capital.	N/A	Ukraine
28-Mar	Spenser & Kauffmann	Spenser & Kauffmann represented the PJSC Trade Alliance, a wholesale operator, in a dispute over a UAH 6 million VAT budget refund with the Large Taxpayers Office of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine in the District Administrative Court of Kyiv and before the Court of Appeal.	UAH 6 million	Ukraine
1-Apr	Redcliffe Partners; Simmons & Simmons	Redcliffe Partners acted as a legal counsel to the EBRD in connection with a loan to Myronivsky Hliboproduct for financing the construction of a greenfield 10MW biogas plant. Simmons & Simmons advised on English law.	EUR 25 million	Ukraine
1-Apr	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Ukrnafta with respect to contractual mechanisms to rehabilitate oil reservoirs and improve recovery, used in Ukraine for the first time.	N/A	Ukraine

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1-Apr	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised the INKAS Group of Companies with respect to brand book IP legal protection and registration of IP trademark portfolio in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Apr	Clifford Chance; Frieriep; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised the EBRD in relation to a loan to Nibulon to support the modernization of its river logistic infrastructure. Clifford Chance Warsaw advised on English law and Frieriep advised on Swiss law.	USD 50 million	Ukraine
1-Apr	Redcliffe Partners; Simmons & Simmons	Redcliffe Partners advised the EBRD on the amendment and restatement of a loan agreement to Myronivsky Hliboproduct. Simmons & Simmons advised on English law.	USD 85 million	Ukraine
4-Apr	PwC Legal	PwC Legal protected the interests of Jura Electroapparate AG in a dispute with its Ukrainian distributor involving the alleged termination of its local trademark registration.	N/A	Ukraine
5-Apr	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko represented the interests of the DF Group companies, including JSC Azot, PJSC Severodonetsk Azot Association, PJSC Rovnoazot, and PJSC Concern Stirol, on an interim review of anti-dumping measures applied to imports into Ukraine of nitrate ammonium originating from the Russian Federation.	N/A	Ukraine
17-Apr	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners represented the interests of Ukrainian company Poltava Petroleum before the Kharkiv Administrative Court of Appeal.	UAH 154 million	Ukraine
18-Apr	Asters; Dentons	Asters advised China Machinery Engineering Corporation, a Chinese state-owned construction and engineering company, on its agreement with Ukrainian private power producer DTEK for the construction of a solar power plant. DTEK was advised by Dentons.	N/A	Ukraine
23-Apr	Eucon	EUCON International Legal Center defended the interests of Mikogen-Ukraine against Ukraine's State Fiscal Service Authorities in Ukraine's Administrative Court of Appeal.	UAH 2.1 million	Ukraine
24-Apr	Asters	Asters advised the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank on a USD 20 million loan to Concern Galnaftogaz, a Ukrainian petroleum retailer company.	USD 20 million	Ukraine
27-Apr	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners Law Firm advised Ferrexpo iron ore company on unspecified business activities in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
27-Apr	Asters	Asters advised the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank in connection with its USD 20 million loan to PJSC Concern Galnaftogaz, a Ukrainian chain of gas stations.	USD 20 million	Ukraine
27-Apr	Avellum; Baker McKenzie	Avellum advised MHP Lux S.A. on its USD 550 million, 8 year, 6.95% Eurobond issue with the benefit of the guarantees from its Ukrainian subsidiaries. The joint lead managers on the transaction, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, the London Branch of ING Bank N.V., and UBS Limited, were represented by the Kyiv office of Baker McKenzie as to Ukrainian law and by Latham & Watkins' London office as to English and American law.	USD 550 million	Ukraine
1-May	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised the Royal Norwegian Embassy and Statsbygg, the Norwegian state-owned company that owns buildings overseas on behalf of the Norwegian government, on a lease extension of 15 Striletska Str, the location of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in the historical part of Kyiv.	N/A	Ukraine
1-May	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised IO Analytics on GDPR implementation.	N/A	Ukraine
1-May	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners represented LG Electronics Ukraine in ICAC arbitration and procedures in state courts of Ukraine related to its sales contract with Ukrnextpulbrutt.	USD 1.5 million	Ukraine
7-May	Dentons	Dentons advised DTEK Renewables B.V. on the implementation of a project for the construction of a solar power plant with an established capacity of 200 MW in the Nikopol district of the Dnipropetrovsk region in Ukraine.	EUR 230 million	Ukraine
8-May	Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss Kyiv successfully represented SHID XXI, a British-owned project company, in a multiparty litigation that was initiated against the company by the State Enterprise "Horse Farming of Ukraine" with respect to an eight-hectare plot located in Odessa.	USD 8 million	Ukraine
9-May	Kinstellar	Kinstellar acted as Ukrainian counsel to the International Hotel Licensing Company S.a.r.l., a subsidiary of Marriott International, in connection with the opening of Aloft Kiev, the first Marriott-managed hotel in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
9-May	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners represented Piraeus Bank ICB JSC, a Ukrainian bank with foreign capital, in a bankruptcy case against Ukoinvestbud, a member of the group of companies owned by developer Anatolii Voitsekhovskiy.	UAH 800 million	Ukraine
11-May	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Lekhim JSC on the acquisition of a production and warehouse complex in the Kyiv Region of Ukraine.	USD 1 million	Ukraine
14-May	Allen & Overy; Avellum; Clifford Chance; Linklaters; Redcliffe Partners; Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko and Linklaters advised Deutsche Bank, ING, Natixis, and UniCredit, the joint bookrunners of Metinvest's USD 1,592 million Eurobond issue. Metinvest was represented by Allen & Overy and Avellum on the issue, while Redcliffe Partners and Clifford Chance advised the coordinating mandated lead arrangers. Clifford Chance also advised on the bank debt.	USD 1,592 million	Ukraine
15-May	PwC Legal	PwC Legal helped SAT LLC recover a debt for export of soybeans in amount about USD 270,000 in the International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Ukrainian CCI.	USD 270,000	Ukraine
17-May	Avellum	Avellum advised Horizon Capital and other individuals on the disposal of a 90% stake in Ergopack Group to the Sarantis Group.	N/A	Ukraine
22-May	Asters; Avellum	Asters advised VR Capital Group on the acquisition of 50% of Matlomenius Holdings Ltd (Cyprus) from ICU. The seller was represented by Avellum.	N/A	Ukraine
24-May	CMS; Linklaters	CMS advised HNA Group on the sale of equipment service provider TIP Trailer Services to I Squared Capital, an independent infrastructure investment manager. Linklaters advised I Squared Capital on the acquisition.	N/A	Ukraine
30-May	Asters; Avellum	Avellum advised Investment Capital Ukraine on the establishment of a joint venture with the VR Capital Group to develop a 63.8 MW solar power plant in the Khmelnytskyi region of Ukraine. VR Capital Group was advised by Asters.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jun	Avellum	Avellum advised Private Joint Stock Company A/T B.A.T.-Prylucky Tobacco Company on various Ukrainian corporate law matters, including the preparation of documents necessary for a purchase of shares of the company's minority shareholders.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jun	Avellum	Avellum advised Eurohold Insurance Group on antitrust matters in connection with the acquisition of PrJSC European Travel Insurance, a Ukrainian subsidiary of the MunichRe Group.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jun	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised the EBRD in relation to the increase of a sub-loan and investment incentives amount. Clifford Chance Istanbul advised on English law	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jun	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Zero Gravity on GDPR implementation.	N/A	Ukraine

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1-Jun	Avellum	Avellum advised the EBRD on the drafting, negotiation and perfection of the mortgage and moveable pledge of the assets LLC NPK Ecopharm was obligated to provide to the EBRD following the first disbursement of its senior secured loan of up to 3.8 million from the EBRD in 2015.	USD 3.8 million	Ukraine
6-Jun	Avellum	Avellum advised the EBRD in connection with a senior secured loan of up to EUR 9.5 million to Nova Poshta LLC.	EUR 9.5 million	Ukraine
11-Jun	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners successfully represented the Ukrainian Association of Ferroalloys Producers and Other Electrometallurgy Products in an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of ferro-silicon originating in Egypt and Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
12-Jun	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners represented the European Business Association in administrative litigation regarding Resolution N231 of March 16, 2017 of Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers.	N/A	Ukraine
14-Jun	Kinstellar	Kinstellar helped the MET Group obtain merger control and concerted practices clearances from the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for its acquisition of 98.99% of the registered capital and voting rights in the Hungarian company Tigaz Zrt from Italian oil & gas company Eni.	N/A	Ukraine
15-Jun	AGA Partners	AGA Partners agreed to represent Danyil Boldyrev, the world champion and record-holder in high-speed climbing, within the framework of the "Legal Aid to Sport in Ukraine" project.	N/A	Ukraine
15-Jun	Aequo	Aequo advised the EBRD on Ukrainian law matters associated with the acquisition of its borrower, Ergopack LLC, by the Sarantis Group.	N/A	Ukraine
21-Jun	CMS	CMS advised Scatec Solar ASA, a Norway-based solar power producer, on securing two solar projects in the Cherkassy region of Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
21-Jun	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Auchan on obtaining a lease for a new store in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
21-Jun	Aequo	Aequo represented Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, a German government-owned development bank, on Ukrainian law matters related to a financing extension provided to OTP Leasing LLC, a Ukrainian leasing company.	USD 17 million	Ukraine
23-Jun	PwC Legal	PwC Legal convinced the tax authorities to settle a case in favor of client Havas Worldwide Ukraine in its administrative challenge of the results of a tax audit.	EUR 61,862	Ukraine
26-Jun	Asters	Asters advised the IFC on a loan to Ukrainian pork producer Nyva Pereyaslavshchyny.	USD 12.5 million	Ukraine
26-Jun	Asters	Asters acted as Ukrainian law counsel to the IFC on its USD 30 million loan to Ukrainian agriculture producer Astarta.	USD 30 million	Ukraine
27-Jun	Asters	Asters advised the IFC on a USD 17 million loan to Agrofusion.	USD 17 million	Ukraine
29-Jun	Axon Partners	Axon Partners advised Money Token on its Initial Coin Offering.	USD 37 million	Ukraine
1-Jul	DLA Piper	DLA Piper advised on the phasing-in of "Smart-Money" service - a fast, convenient, and secure way of online payments provided by Kyivstar.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jul	DLA Piper; Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler	DLA Piper advised Citibank N.A. New York in its capacity as depositary bank on different aspects of issuance of the GDN program backed by Ukrainian government securities. Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler was the international counsel.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Jul	Avellum; Wolf Theiss	Wolf Theiss Kyiv advised the EBRD on the sale of a portfolio of non-performing loans in Ukraine. Wolf Theiss Austria advised the client on English law and Avellum acted as Ukrainian counsel to certain buyers.	USD 170 million	Ukraine
3-Jul	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised LNZ Group on the purchase of 100% of Shpola-Agro Industry LLC. EY Law advised Shpola-Agro Industry on the transaction.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Jul	Avellum; Dentons; Everlegal	Everlegal advised UDP Renewables on the sale of solar power plants under development in the Kyiv region to Acciona Energy. Dentons advised the buyers on the acquisition. Avellum acted as the Ukrainian legal counsel to UDP Renewables on obtaining a merger control clearance of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Jul	Dentons	Dentons advised Danish company Better Energy A/S and the Northern Environmental Financial Corporation in connection with the construction of a 19 MW solar park in Western Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Jul	Asters	Asters advised Industrial Media Network PrJSC, a provider of telecommunication services in Ukraine, in connection with an intra-group loan restructuring via a debt-to-equity swap.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Jul	Integrites	Integrites successfully represented Ukrainian insurance company Euroins Ukraine in a dispute involving the company's former minority shareholder and senior manager, who was challenging corporate resolutions adopted by Euroins Ukraine's shareholders.	N/A	Ukraine
9-Jul	Asters	Asters successfully defended JSC CB PrivatBank in the Cassation Commercial Court within the Supreme Court of Ukraine in disputes against Agroterminal Logistic and PJSC Pivdenmedbiosintez Design and Search Institute.	UAH 5.72 billion	Ukraine
13-Jul	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners successfully defended the interests of Swisspan Limited in an antidumping investigation related to the imports of carbamide-formaldehyde products from the Russian Federation into Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
16-Jul	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised Glenalta S.p.A on its merger with CFT S.p.A, the parent company of CFT Group, a manufacturer of food processing and packaging machines.	N/A	Ukraine
17-Jul	CMS	CMS in Kyiv advised the EBRD on a EUR 13 million loan to the communal enterprise Mariupolske Tramvaino-Trolleybusne Upravlinnya.	EUR 13 million	Ukraine
19-Jul	CMS	CMS advised Scatec Solar ASA on the acquisition of a stake in a solar projects portfolio from Rengy Development.	N/A	Ukraine
19-Jul	Dentons; Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Spectr-Agro LLC and Spectr-Agrotekhnika on the acquisition by Sumitomo of 51% shares in the company. Dentons advised the buyers on the deal.	N/A	Ukraine
25-Jul	PwC Legal	PwC Legal supported Wolters Kluwer in the closing of its Ukrainian subsidiaries.	N/A	Ukraine
26-Jul	Jeantet; Tarasov & Partners	Jeantet advised Airbus Helicopters on an agreement to sell 55 civil helicopters to the Ukrainian Ministry of the Interior, which was advised by Ukraine's Tarasov & Partners law firm.	N/A	Ukraine
26-Jul	DLA Piper	DLA Piper Ukraine advised US-based aircraft lessor Pegasus Aviation VI on the lease of a Boeing 767-300 aircraft to Ukrainian airline Azur Air Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine

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26-Jul	Aequo	Aequo advised RIA.com on the tax structuring of the group's international business.	N/A	Ukraine
26-Jul	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners successfully represented Piraeus Bank ICB before the Ukrainian Supreme Court in a dispute regarding the recovery of UAH 175 million from a developer's financial surety.	N/A	Ukraine
26-Jul	Aequo	Aequo advised Dragon Capital Investment Limited, a private equity investor in Ukraine and member of the Dragon Capital group of companies, on its acquisition of the 30,000 square meter Sky Park shopping mall in Vinnytsia, a city in west-central Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
30-Jul	Aequo; CMS	Aequo advised Dragon Capital Investment Limited on its acquisition of the 17,000 square meter Eco Tower business center in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, from Austria's Conwert Group. The sellers were represented by CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz.	N/A	Ukraine
31-Jul	Avellum	Avellum has advised the EBRD in connection with a senior secured loan of up to EUR 10 million, made with the option to increase the loan up to EUR 25 million, to Private Joint-Stock Company Kyiv Cardboard and Paper Mill.	EUR 25 million	Ukraine
31-Jul	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners advised Mondelez International on buy-out of 1,975 minority shareholders from Mondelez Ukraine PrJSC credited to the securities account of controlling shareholder Kraft Foods Entity Holdings B.V.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Aug	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Kromann Reumert with respect to reporting obligations in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Aug	Redcliffe Partners; White & Case	Redcliffe Partners advised Axel Johnson International on acquisition of Passerotti sp. z.o.o., a Polish niche distributor of technical seals, from the industrial service provider ERIKS. White & Case acted as lead counsel.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Aug	Avellum	Avellum advised Abbeydrift Limited (a holding company of Digital Capital Partners, an independent mid-market private equity firm), on the acquisition of joint control, with FMO over Allseeds S.A	USD 15 million	Ukraine
1-Aug	Avellum; Latham & Watkins; Sayenko Kharenko; White & Case	Avellum acted as the Ukrainian legal counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on the private placement of USD 725 million zero-coupon notes maturing in 2019. Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian law counsel to Goldman Sachs International as placement agent. White & Case and Latham & Watkins acted as English and United States law counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and Goldman Sachs International, respectively.	USD 725 million	Ukraine
3-Aug	Baker McKenzie	Baker McKenzie advised Canada on its acquisition of lease rights to a land plot in Kyiv for use by the Embassy of Canada to Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
6-Aug	Aequo	Aequo successfully represented Pilot Group's TV production companies in a dispute over the invalidation of transactions and the improperly acquired funds.	N/A	Ukraine
17-Aug	Asters	Asters advised the EBRD in connection with its financing to Energoresurs-Invest Corporation, a provider of insulated steel pipe solutions and manufacturer of wastewater plastic pipes and drainage systems.	USD 3.86 million	Ukraine
20-Aug	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners successfully represented Rost Agro, one of the largest seed producers and exporters in Ukraine, in a tax dispute.	UAH 63 million	Ukraine
28-Aug	ANK Law	ANK Law advised Delta-Wilmar CIS on its agreement to cooperate with the Ukrainian Sea Ports Administration on the construction of a soybean recycling plant and a new terminal for the accumulation and storage of grain cargo and protein meal at the port of Yuzhny.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Sep	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Cadogan Petroleum PLC on compliance system and internal documentation.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Sep	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Ciklum SA on data protection matters and GDPR compliance.	N/A	Ukraine
3-Sep	DLA Piper; Engarde; Integrites; Pavlenko Legal Group	DLA Piper advised Atlantic Agro Holdings and DUI Holding on the sale of the Kyiv Atlantic Group - a grain, oil seed, and vegetable protein processing agro-holding consisting of Kyiv Atlantic Ukraine, Atlantic Farms, and Atlantic Farms II - to Agrolife and Eridon. Integrites acted as lead legal counsel to one of the sellers. The Pavlenko Legal Group advised both sellers on their acquisition of Atlantic Farms and Atlantic Farms II. Engarde also advised Agrolife on the acquisition of Kyiv Atlantic Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Sep	Kinstellar	Kinstellar advised the Investment Fund for Developing Countries, an agency of the Government of Denmark, in connection with a secured EUR 5.75 million loan facility to the Kness Group, a Ukrainian engineering, procurement, and construction group of companies.	EUR 5.75 million	Ukraine
4-Sep	Eterna Law	Eterna Law advised the Modus Group on its investment in the construction of a solar station in the Zhytomyr region of Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
6-Sep	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners represented PJSC Podilskiy Cement, PJSC Dyckerhoff Cement Ukraine, PJSC Heidelbergceme Ukraine, and PJSC Ivano-Frankivscement in an anti-dumping investigation on imports to Ukraine of Portland cement clinker originating from the Russian Federation, the Republic of Belarus, and the Republic of Moldova.	N/A	Ukraine
7-Sep	Baker McKenzie	Baker McKenzie helped a consortium of German banks led by Bayerische Landesbank and DTEK Renewables complete an ECA-backed finance transaction in the Ukrainian renewable energy sector aimed at financing the construction of the first stage of the Primorska wind electric plant in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
11-Sep	Eterna Law	Eterna Law advised Gamma Solar holding on an investment into the development of a solar power station project in the Vinnytsia Region of Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
11-Sep	Asters	Asters advised the EBRD on a USD 15 million loan to the Modern-Expo Group, one of the largest manufacturers and suppliers of fixtures and equipment for retail stores and warehouses in Central and Eastern Europe.	USD 15 million	Ukraine
12-Sep	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko's international arbitration team helped Safege-Suez Consulting reach an agreement with Ukraine's National Commission for State Regulation of Energy and Public Utilities regarding the completion of payment for consultancy services provided within the framework of the district heating regulatory reform support program funded by the World Bank.	EUR 1.2 million	Ukraine
12-Sep	PwC Legal	PwC Legal persuaded the Administrative Court of Ukraine to award client Syngenta LLC a refund of approximately UAH 170 million that was overpaid to the tax authorities.	EUR 5,33 million	Ukraine
12-Sep	Ilyashev & Partners	Ilyashev & Partners successfully represented Ukrinterenergo in a dispute with the Russian state-owned CJSC Inter RAO UES regarding the supply of Russian electricity to Ukraine's Luhansk and Donetsk territories.	N/A	Ukraine
14-Sep	Dentons; K&L Gates; Sunshine Law; Volkov & Partners	The London office of K&L Gates advised NBT AS and its Ukrainian subsidiary SyvashEnergoProm LLC on the Syvash Wind Power Project in Ukraine. Nordex Energy GmbH, advised by Dentons, will act as a turbine supplier for the project. Sunshine Law and Volkov & Partners advised engineering, procurement, and construction contractors Power Construction Corporation of China, Ltd. and POWERCHINA Fujian Engineering Co. Ltd.	N/A	Ukraine

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14-Sep	Dentons	Dentons advised Chris Iacovides and Andri Antoniou, the joint liquidators of Ukraine's Mriya Agro Holding Public Limited, which is in liquidation in Cyprus, in relation to the company's successful debt restructuring.	USD 1.1 billion	Ukraine
24-Sep	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the European Fund for Southeast Europe in connection with Ukrainian hryvnia financing to the Public Joint Stock Company Kredobank, a Ukrainian subsidiary of Poland's PKO Bank Polski S.A.	EUR 10 million	Ukraine
25-Sep	Asters; Avellum; Dentons; Hogan Lovells; Latham & Watkins; Redcliffe Partners; Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised Mriya Agro Holding and Hogan Lovells advised the company's ad hoc committee of note-holders on the restructuring of its USD 1.1 billion debt, and the two firms advised the company on its subsequent sale of the company's assets to the Saudi Agricultural & Livestock Investment Company United Kingdom. Redcliffe Partners advised SALIC on the matter. Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the Noteholders' Committee of Mriya Agro. Representing the majority of the USD 470 million notes issued by Mriya Agro Holding plc in the context of restructuring of USD1 billion worth debt of Mriya Agro Holding. Asters advised the International Finance Corporation in connection with its restructuring deal with the Mriya group.	N/A	Ukraine
27-Sep	Baker McKenzie	Baker McKenzie's Kyiv office assisted Monsanto on the creation of a seed processing facility project in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Oct	PwC Legal	PwC Legal Ukraine successfully represented Praxebank in a dispute against Ukraine's tax authority.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Oct	Asters; Avellum	Avellum acted as legal counsel to Investment Capital Ukraine on the establishment of a joint venture with VR Capital Group to develop a 34.75 MW photovoltaic solar power plant in Kherson region of Ukraine. Asters Advised VR Capital on the deal.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Oct	Avellum; Herbert Smith Freehills	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal advisor to Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. on its acquisition, made with Dragon Capital, of the Horizon Business Centre from LLC Proekt-"A" and PJSC UkrSotsbank. Herbert Smith Freehills was global legal advisor to Goldman Sachs.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Oct	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Next Level Racing in relation to IP rights infringement.	N/A	Ukraine
3-Oct	Avellum; Norton Rose Fulbright	Avellum advised a private equity vehicle managed by ResponsAbility Investments AG on Ukrainian law matters related to its acquisition of a shareholding in Bank Lviv. ResponsAbility was counseled on English law by Norton Rose Fulbright.	N/A	Ukraine
4-Oct	Asters	Asters successfully defended the interests of PrivatBank CB JSC in a dispute against Pivdenmedbiosintez Design and Survey Institute JSC before the Commercial Cassation Court of Ukraine's Supreme Court.	UAH 2 Billion	Ukraine
5-Oct	Asters	Asters successfully defended the interests of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries in a dispute involving the extension of a patent term for a medical product for an additional three years.	N/A	Ukraine
5-Oct	Dentons	Dentons advised Natixis on Ukrainian law requirements for carrying out certain unspecified banking transactions and regulatory and banking and finance law matters.	N/A	Ukraine
8-Oct	Vasil Kisil & Partners	Vasil Kisil & Partners successfully represented Mondelez Ukraine a dispute against the Trostianets City Council regarding an increase of the rent for a land plot.	N/A	Ukraine
9-Oct	Asters; Avellum	Asters advised VR Capital Group on its acquisition of 50% of shares in PVK Energy Investments from ICU. ICU was represented by Avellum.	N/A	Ukraine
10-Oct	Avellum	Avellum successfully represented a UK citizen in Ukraine's Supreme Court in a dispute regarding the return of a wrongfully retained child.	N/A	Ukraine
10-Oct	Aequo	Aequo acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the EBRD in connection with a USD 20 million secured loan granted to Ukrainian subsidiaries of the Astarta Group, Ukraine's leading agribusiness operator and sugar producer.	USD 20 million	Ukraine
17-Oct	Allen & Overy; Avellum	Avellum advised FMO (the Dutch development bank) and Diligent Capital Partners on their joint acquisition of a 16% equity stake in Allseeds SA and on the successful application for Competition Authority approval. Hugh Owen, acting through Go2Law, advised FMO/DCP on matters of English law. Allen & Overy advised Allseeds.	N/A	Ukraine
29-Oct	PwC Legal	PwC Legal successfully defended Fino Verde in a tax dispute involving the reflection of VAT receivables in the newly-established VAT Electronic Administration System.	EUR 261,390	Ukraine
30-Oct	Integrites	Integrites, working in cooperation with K&L Gates, advised NBT AS, a Norwegian wind farm developer, on the acquisition of a Ukrainian wind farm developer and on the construction of a 250 MW wind farm worth EUR 372 million in Ukraine's southern Kherson Oblast.	EUR 372 million	Ukraine
30-Oct	PwC Legal	PwC Legal helped Farmers Edge establish legal presence in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
31-Oct	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised insurance and asset management company AXA Group and UkrSibbank on the sale of PrJSC Insurance, AXA Insurance, and ALC Insurance company AXA Life Insurance to Fairfax Financial Holding Limited.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Nov	Avellum	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the EBRD in connection with a senior secured loan of up to EUR 1.3 million to the Kyiv Medical University to be used for the acquisition of a new campus building, which will accommodate additional 1,000 students per year.	EUR 1.3 million	Ukraine
1-Nov	Bird & Bird; Kinanis; Redcliffe Partners; Quijano & Associates	Redcliffe Partners acted as legal counsel to the EBRD in connection with a EUR 15 million senior secured long-term loan to I&U Group. The financing package consists of a EUR 13 million loan to be provided by the EBRD, and a EUR 2 million concessional loan provided by the Clean Technology Fund. Bird & Bird advised on English law, Kinanis LLC on Cypriot law, and Quijano & Associates on BVI law.	EUR 15 million	Ukraine
1-Nov	Avellum	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Slobozhanska Budivelnna Keramik in connection with the restructuring and refinancing of SBK's debt, valued at approximately EUR 20 million.	EUR 20 million	Ukraine
1-Nov	Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners, working alongside Clifford Chance Amsterdam, advised Nikon on an Anti-Bribery Matrix.	N/A	Ukraine
14-Nov	Dentons; Milbank; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Ferrexpo plc. in connection with a USD 400 million four-year committed revolving pre-export finance facility from a syndicate of nine foreign banks and financial institutions, with BNP Paribas S.A. and Deutsche Bank AG acting as mandated lead arrangers. Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy was lead counsel to Ferrexpo, while the lenders were advised by Dentons.	USD 400 million	Ukraine
15-Nov	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to AB InBev Efes B.V. with respect to its acquisition of shares of PJSC SUN InBev Ukraine from minority shareholders under the new procedures for mandatory tender offer and sell-out recently introduced to Ukrainian law.	N/A	Ukraine

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19-Nov	Avellum; Latham & Watkins; Sayenko Kharenko; White & Case	Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to BNP Paribas, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, and J.P. Morgan Securities on Ukraine's USD 2 billion Eurobond issue. Avellum advised the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on the issue. White & Case acted as English and United States law counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine while Latham & Watkins offered the same support to the Joint Lead Managers.	USD 2 billion	Ukraine
21-Nov	Latham & Watkins; Linklaters; PwC Legal; Redcliffe Partners	PwC Legal Ukraine and Linklaters advised Guala Closures S.p.A. on the issue of bonds for EUR 455 million, maturing in 2024 and listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Redcliffe Partners and Latham & Watkins assisted Credit Suisse, Banca IMI, Barclays, UniCredit, Banca Akros, and KKR Capital Markets on the deal.	EUR 455 million	Ukraine
25-Nov	PwC Legal	PwC Legal advised The Timken Company on establishing legal presence in Ukraine and with a variety of labor law matters, including a review of regulations regarding relations with local management.	N/A	Ukraine
27-Nov	Sayenko Kharenko	Sayenko Kharenko advised Industria Veneta Lavorazione Elettrodomestici S.p.A. on the application of agency agreements in Ukraine.	N/A	Ukraine
28-Nov	Dentons	Dentons advised DTEK Renewables B.V. on the signing of a contract with General Electric regarding the supply of 26 modern wind turbines for the second phase of the Prymorska wind farm in Ukraine.	EUR 150 million	Ukraine
1-Dec	Allen & Overy; Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners; Sayenko Kharenko; TGS Baltic	Redcliffe Partners acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to Straco BVBA (Belgium) in relation to the acquisition of the Ukrainian subsidiaries of Greenyard NV (Belgium) engaged in the myciculture business. Clifford Chance and TGS Baltic also advised the buyers. Allen & Overy and Sayenko Kharenko advised the seller.	EUR 120 million	Ukraine
1-Dec	Avellum; Clifford Chance; Redcliffe Partners; White & Case	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on the financing for the purchase of more than 25 Airbus helicopters for the National Guard of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, and the National Police of Ukraine. Redcliffe Partners acted as Ukrainian law counsel to Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank as mandated lead arranger and original lender. White and Case and Clifford Chance advised the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, respectively, on French law.	EUR 475 million	Ukraine
1-Dec	Avellum	Avellum acted as legal adviser to PJSC Commercial Bank Center and a midsize bank in Odessa, PJSC MTB Bank (former Marfin Bank), in the process of the Bank Center's reorganization following its merger with MTB Bank according to a simplified procedure.	N/A	Ukraine
1-Dec	Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Ukrnafta on a potential sale of its gas-producing assets to NAK Naftogaz of Ukraine.	USD 1 billion	Ukraine
1-Dec	Avellum; Clifford Chance; Reed Smith; Sayenko Kharenko; White & Case	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine on a EUR term loan facility in the amount equivalent to USD 400 million arranged by Deutsche Bank and backed by an International Bank for Reconstruction and Development policy-based guarantee. Sayenko Kharenko acted as Ukrainian law counsel to mandated lead arranger and original lender Deutsche Bank. White & Case and Clifford Chance acted as English law counsel to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and Deutsche Bank, respectively. Reed Smith advised TMF Global Services (UK), the facility agent, on English law.	USD 400 million	Ukraine
1-Dec	Clifford Chance; DLA Piper; Redcliffe Partners; SDM Partners	Redcliffe Partners represented the EBRD in a number of proceedings against Interleaseinvest related to a loan agreement. Clifford Chance Warsaw and DLA Piper Netherlands also advised the EBRD. SDM Partners advised the co-lenders.	USD 90 million	Ukraine
3-Dec	Avellum	Avellum acted as Ukrainian legal counsel to the EBRD in connection with a senior secured loan of up to EUR 1.3 million it provided to the Kyiv Medical University.	EUR 1.3 million	Ukraine
3-Dec	Asters; Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Asters acted as local Ukrainian counsel and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan acted as lead counsel to JSC Oschadbank in connection with its successful claim against the Russian Federation for recovery of compensation as a result of the total loss of its investments in Crimea.	USD 1.3 billion	Ukraine
5-Dec	Integrites	Integrites successfully defended the interests of PJSC Farmak in a case involving LLC Pharmhim's partial refusal to supply Mebhydrolin, a medical substance that was actively used by PJSC Farmak to produce the pharmaceutical product Diazolin.	N/A	Ukraine
5-Dec	KPD Consulting	KPD Consulting Law Firm advised the Yuzhnoye State Design Office on a project to extend its facilities.	N/A	Ukraine
5-Dec	KPD Consulting	KPD Consulting successfully represented UA-Budservis LLC in a case involving the recovery of paid funds and losses incurred in connection with the delivery of equipment.	N/A	Ukraine
5-Dec	Borovyk & Partners	Borovyk & Partners represented Switzerland's Geberit group of companies on a squeeze-out of the minority shareholders of PJSC Slavuta Plant "Budfarfor."	N/A	Ukraine
6-Dec	Avellum; Wolf Theiss	Avellum advised Slobozhanska Budivelnna Keramika on Ukrainian law on the restructuring and refinancing of SBK's debt, valued at approximately EUR 20 million. Wolf Theiss advised the EBRD, one of the lenders.	EUR 20 million	Ukraine
11-Dec	Integrites	Integrites advised Business Retail Group on legal due diligence and compliance with the requirements of Ukrainian legislation.	N/A	Ukraine
12-Dec	Dentons	Dentons acted as legal counsel to DTEK Renewables in relation to the implementation of the Orlovka Wind Farm project, in particular by providing legal support during contract negotiations with Vestas, a supplier of the equipment and the EPC contractor for the project.	N/A	Ukraine
14-Dec	Aequo	On November 30, 2018, the European Commission, on behalf of the EU, approved the disbursement of the first EUR 500 million of the new EUR 1 billion Macro-Financial Assistance program to Ukraine. Aequo advised the European Commission on the deal.	EUR 500 million	Ukraine
14-Dec	Aequo	Aequo successfully defended the interests of Pilot Group's TV production companies by concluding settlement agreements in a dispute they were involved in.	N/A	Ukraine
18-Dec	Sorainen; Wolf Theiss	The Ukrainian office of Wolf Theiss and the Estonian office of Sorainen have advised Rent24, an international co-working and co-living solutions company headquartered in Germany, on its entrance into the Ukrainian market in the form of a joint venture with Ukraine's Chasopys Group	N/A	Ukraine; Estonia
1-Dec	Latham & Watkins; Linklaters; PwC Legal; Redcliffe Partners	Redcliffe Partners advised Credit Suisse, Banca IMI, Barclays, UniCredit, Banca Akros, and KKR Capital Markets on Guala Closures S.p.A.'s issue of bonds that mature in 2024 and are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Linklaters and PwC Legal Ukraine advised the issuer. Latham & Watkins advised the lead managers.	EUR 455 million	Ukraine; Poland

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