

Overview

At Dentons, our formidable global presence and multijurisdictional capabilities are unmatched. Our global strategy provides our clients with full service capabilities across all of our offices and fosters a culture of close collaboration and coordination between colleagues and clients within and across borders.

Our global M&A group of more than 2,600 lawyers, covers the full spectrum of M&A transactions, which it overlays with strong and deep industry sector capabilities and deep cultural knowledge. We are one of the very few global legal teams that is “in and of the community” and truly able to support the ambitions of local and international businesses the world over.

What sets us apart:

Our team has a proven track record handling complex multijurisdictional transactions from the US to Europe, throughout Asia Pacific, Canada to Africa, the Middle East and beyond.

Our clients benefit not only from elite cross-border deal teams, but also from the deep industry knowledge, regulatory, disputes and other practices, supporting them throughout and after the transaction. We regularly advise industry players, investors and financiers on their transactions.

Areas of focus include:

- Acquisition Finance
- Competition and Antitrust
- Joint Ventures
- Leveraged Buy-Outs and Management Buy-Outs
- Merger Control Review
- Regulated Industries
- Takeovers and Tender Offers
- Taxation in Mergers and Acquisitions

Representative Experience

- **Bayer:** Advising on the US\$7.6 billion sale of its seed and herbicide business to BASF for possibly the largest divestiture ever required in the US. The transaction covered 51 countries, supported by 23 Dentons offices. The deal was led out of Canada and France, coordinating a significant cross-region team.
- **Calsonic Kansei:** Advising KKR-backed Calsonic Kansei on its acquisition of Magneti Marelli S.p.A., the automotive components business of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. This deal comes off the back of Dentons global M&A team’s work advising KKR on its €6.825 billion acquisition of the Unilever Spreads business. The transaction was led from the UK and included Dentons’ teams from France, Italy, Brazil, China and the US.
- **Consortium of Individual Investors:** Advising a consortium in the purchase of McDonald’s business in Malaysia and Singapore, from McDonald’s Corporation. The purchased business includes ownership interest in McDonald’s Malaysia and Singapore, which includes a total of 390 restaurants, and the grant of a license by McDonald’s to run McDonald’s restaurant operations in these markets.

- **Deutsche Post DHL Group:** Advising this leading global mail and logistics company on the sale of the UK-headquartered provider of marketing and communications solutions, Williams Lea Tag, to global private equity investors Advent International. This deal was conducted by way of an auction sale and involved Dentons and Nextlaw Referral Network teams across 36 countries.
- **Enbridge:** Advising on a joint venture with the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). CA\$1.75 billion. This transaction marks one of the highest profile M&A transactions in the power sector in 2019. M&A teams advised from the US, Canada, Luxembourg and Germany.
- **Jervois Mining Limited:** Advising on its merger with two Canadian listed companies resulting in Jervois Mining becoming one of the world's largest cobalt focused listed companies, advancing from junior to a unique mid-tier nickel/cobalt near term producer. We advised on the merger with TSXV listed M2 Cobalt Corp which held a significant portfolio of exploration tenements with cobalt potential in Uganda. We also advised on the merger with TSX listed eCobalt Solutions Inc which held exploration projects in Canada, Mexico and the US flagship project the Idaho Cobalt Project, the only near-term primary cobalt deposit in the US. Dentons' teams in Australia and Canada advised.
- **Johnson Controls, Inc:** Advising on the sale of its Scott Safety business to 3M for US\$2 billion. Scott Safety is a leading business in respiratory protection, gas and flame detection, thermal imaging and other associated products. The M&A team included: the UK, the US, Ireland, Luxembourg, Germany, Denmark, Australia, Brazil, Finland, China, India, France and Norway.
- **KPS Capital Partners:** KPS Capital Partners: Advising on two major cross-border acquisitions: acquisition of Brunswick Corporation's leading global fitness solutions business, including Life Fitness, for US\$490 million, in the UK, the US, Belgium, Austria, Brazil, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain and Japan; and its acquisition of Glasgow headquartered Howden from Colfax Corporation for an enterprise value of US\$1.8 billion in the UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, Australia, Mexico, South Africa and Brazil.
- **Lactalis:** Advising on the US\$865 million acquisition of African drugmaker Aspen Pharmacare. The transaction was led from France and included Dentons' teams from the US, the UK, Mexico, Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, South Africa, Kenya, Australia, Hong Kong and China.
- **Mobisol:** Advising this manufacturer of solar systems, on its takeover by the French energy supplier ENGIE. This deal led Engie to become the market leader in Africa in this segment. M&A teams were led from Germany and included Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania, Rwanda, China, and the UK.
- **R2G:** Advising on the US\$500 million acquisition of a leading US and China manufacturer of nonwovens for consumer, healthcare and industrial products. This is the largest US investment by a Czech group. The transaction included Dentons' teams from Singapore, China, Prague, Budapest and the US.
- **SNAM:** Advising this Italian based multinational energy infrastructure operator, on its US\$10.1 billion consortium investment in ADNOC Gas Pipelines. The transaction is one of the most important in the global energy infrastructure sector, as well as Snam's first acquisition outside of Europe. Dentons acted with a cross-border team from Italy and the UAE.
- **Spectrum Brands:** Advising on the reorganization and divestment of its European pet food business and factory to United Petfood Producers NV (UPP); also assisting with the internal cross-border reorganization and disentanglement of Spectrum Brands' European business in the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, the UK and Slovakia. A multijurisdictional Dentons team led from the US and the Netherlands included the UK, Germany, Slovakia, Luxembourg and France.
- **Surbana Jurong:** Advising on its acquisition of B+H Architects, one of the largest Canadian based architecture firms in the world. Our team in Singapore led elements of the transaction and coordinated the due diligence and other portions of this transaction across the Middle East, China, India and South East Asia, with assistance from our offices in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Dubai, working with our M&A team in Toronto.
- **Toppan Vintage:** Advising on the acquisition of the Transaction and Compliance business of Merrill Corporation in a carve-out comprising operations in more than five countries. M&A teams led from the US, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UK advised.