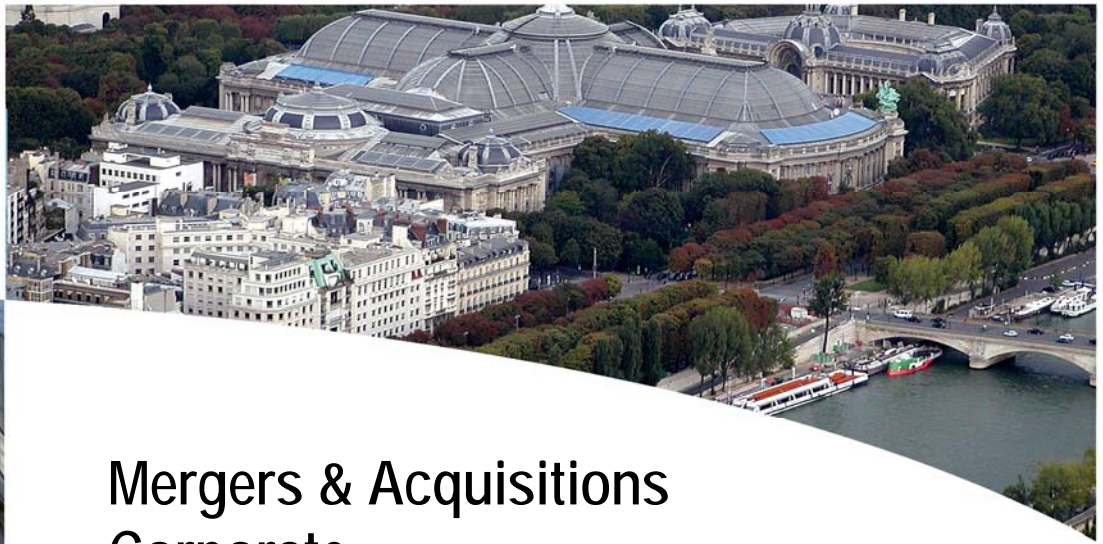




Gide Loyrette Nouel  
International Law Firm



2011

## Mergers & Acquisitions Corporate

*"Gide's selling points are its size and depth of expertise. Unlike a number of leading firms, Gide's 60-strong corporate team offers a consistently high quality of service, rather than fielding one star player with background support: 'They are happy to put a specific lawyer on a file at our request, but the truth is that there is no need, as all the lawyers are of the same high standard', say clients. The firm is very service-oriented and focuses on building long-term client relationships, offering personal contact and practical advice."*

Chambers Global 2008

Gide Loyrette Nouel's Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate team is among the best in France. It is one of the few teams recognised for its expertise in all kinds of Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate work, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, stock exchange and securities regulation, private equity, restructuring and privatisations.

The Paris practice is regularly instructed on headline deals (the mergers of Canal+ / TPS, Vivendi / Seagram and Air France / KLM, the creation of Areva and Arkema, the privatisations of EDF and GDF, and, more recently, the acquisition of Conforama by Steinhoff, Areva's sale of its T&D business, the creation of Eurostar International Ltd, the mergers of Icade / Compagnie la Lucette, GDF / Suez and CNCE / Banques Populaires, SNCF's acquisition of Geodis, Grupo Planeta's acquisition of Editis and the acquisition of Kaufman & Broad by PAI Partners).

The Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate team is highly regarded for its:

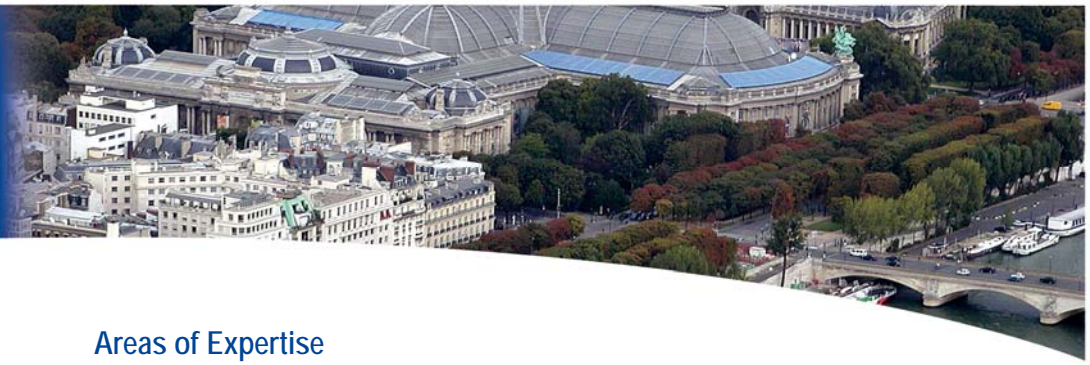
- **Expertise, depth** (over 60 lawyers) **and breadth of skills.**
- **Delivering the full range of services** which apply to Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate transactions, working in multi-disciplinary teams with lawyers from our specialist groups (including competition, tax, employment, finance and real estate).
- **Extensive transaction experience, membership of key French business organisations** (ANSA, MEDEF, etc.) and **long-standing relations with the relevant authorities.**
- **Strong cross-border practice**, working with Gide Loyrette Nouel's international offices and top-tier law firms in different jurisdictions.
- **Partners who are closely involved** in every stage of a transaction to ensure a service focused on **adding value, quality and building a lasting relation with the client.**

*"They have business sense and can bring a bit more than just being a lawyer to a deal. They understand the deal and can provide advice on the deal itself and not just on the drafting," says one client of the Gide Loyrette Nouel corporate team. The market agrees with this assessment. 'Gide - they are really present and they understand well the market,' says one peer. The firm moves up to the first tier this year after numerous recommendations and a visibility on major transactions."*

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Mergers & Acquisitions  
Corporate  
FRANCE

Algiers  
Beijing  
Brussels  
Bucharest  
Budapest  
Casablanca  
Hanoi  
Ho Chi Minh City  
Hong Kong  
Istanbul  
Kyiv  
London  
Moscow  
New York  
Paris  
Saint Petersburg  
Shanghai  
Tunis  
Warsaw



## Areas of Expertise

### General Mergers & Acquisitions

- Structuring, acquisition due diligence
- Acquisition / sale of companies or assets, mergers / demergers, joint ventures
- Shareholder agreements

### Public Mergers & Acquisitions

- Public offers / acquisitions of blocks / squeeze-out / public to private / private investment in public equity (PIPE)
- Tender offer derogations
- Advising target companies in public offers

### Cross-border Acquisitions

- Assisting our clients in their acquisitions abroad, working with our international offices and other leading firms
- Advising international groups on their acquisitions in France

### Privatisations / Acquisitions of Special-Status Companies

- Expertise in the regulation of state-owned companies
- Expertise in special sector regulation (banks, insurers, mutual organisations, energy, transport, co-operative sector, etc.)

### Private Equity

- LBO
- Venture capital and development capital
- Turn-around financing

### Restructuring / Insolvency

- Insolvency prevention proceedings, debt renegotiation
- Safeguard and insolvency proceedings
- Distressed acquisitions

### Corporate Law

- Internal restructuring, spin-off
- Profit sharing for managers and employees, employee saving schemes
- Private fund raising

### Listed Company Regulations

- Poison pills
- Corporate governance
- Compliance with continuing obligations for listed securities, disclosure, share buy back programme, insider trading / market abuse

### Capital Markets

- Public offerings of debt or equity securities (primary and secondary)
- Rights issues

### Disputes

- Shareholder disputes and disputes concerning acquisitions
- Stock market disputes and representation before the French securities regulator (AMF)
- Disputes in connection with insolvency proceedings

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