

## MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS/CORPORATE FRANCE

Gide's Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate practice 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. Our M&A lawyers are members of various bars: Solicitors England & Wales, New York, Italy, India, etc.

*« Recognised expertise on the management of high-value, complex public and private M&A transactions. Team advises both French and international clients on inbound and outbound cross-border M&A matters, as well as a variety of other corporate issues. Lawyers are noted for their specific experience of matters related to industry, retail and the banking and finance sector. »*

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The Paris practice is regularly instructed on headline deals, such as the mergers of Canal+ / TPS, Vivendi / Seagram and Air France / KLM, the creation of Areva and Arkema, the privatisations of EDF and GDF, or, more recently, the acquisition of Real Eastern Europe (supermarkets in Eastern Europe) by Auchan, the acquisition of Lacoste by Group Maus, the acquisition of Conforama by Steinhoff, the sale by CA-CIB of its brokerage business in Asia to CITICS and in France to Kepler Capital Market; the sale by Areva of its T&D business, the creation of Eurostar International Ltd, the mergers of Icade / Compagnie la Lucette, GDF / Suez and CNCE / Banques Populaires, the takeover of Geodis by SNCF.

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'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**.

*« 'A pragmatic, highly involved, business-oriented team. The lawyers are able to find tailor-made legal solutions.' 'We are very happy with the service provided by the Parisian team.' »*

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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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