

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.

“Combines strong French expertise with the ability to advise international companies on cross-border matters. Regularly handles sophisticated joint-venture and M&A transactions, as well as corporate structure issues. Enjoys a significant depth of experience in many different industries including healthcare, retail and insurance.”

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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.**

“The ‘responsive’ ‘true professionals’ at Gide have a ‘strong knowledge of stock exchange law’. It is particularly noted for handling public M&A transactions; recent highlights in this space include advising on AccorHotels’ €6.6bn restructuring of its property management business line Hotelinvest, and assisting Debiopharm, as a shareholder in Eurosic, with the €3.3bn acquisition of all Eurosic securities by Gecina in the context of the two companies’ friendly merger.”

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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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