

## MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS / CORPORATE TURKEY

Gide Turkey is a prominent player in the Turkish M&A market with an expertise in all types of M&A transactions, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, stock exchange and securities regulation, private equity, restructuring and privatisations.

Gide Turkey's M&A department is regularly involved in headline deals in various sectors of the Turkish business environment. The M&A team is particularly involved in the areas of industry, banking, insurance, real estate, communications, energy and health, in the context of acquisitions, creation of joint ventures, privatisations, mergers, restructurings, public offers, etc.

The M&A team is highly regarded for its:

- **broad experience** and its **strong presence in Turkey (2 partners** and more than **10 lawyers**), positioning Gide at the forefront of the field;
- **full range of services** instrumental to Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate transactions, working in multi-disciplinary teams with lawyers from our specialist teams (including competition, tax, employment, finance and real estate);
- **smooth operations** in the course of obtaining relevant **regulatory authority approvals and consents** (e.g. those of, among others, Under-Secretariat of Treasury, the Competition Board, Capital Market Board, Banking Regulatory and Supervision Board);
- **strong profile** in handling **cross-border transactions** with the assistance of its offices outside Turkey and in cooperation with top-tier firms in different jurisdictions when required;
- **partners who are closely involved** in every stage of a transaction to ensure an added-value service focused on **quality and lasting client relationships**.
- expertise in the full range of **domestic and international taxation issues** relating to M&A transactions.

Gide Turkey's tax lawyers advise their clients on the best way to optimise their M&A transactions for tax purposes. The team is regularly called upon in relation to share sale and purchase taxation, capital gains tax, transfer duty levied on assets such as buildings, VAT, thin capitalisation issues, stamp duty and other fees applicable to M&A transactions.

### Areas of Expertise

#### General Mergers & Acquisitions

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

ALGIERS

BEIJING

BRUSSELS

CAIRO

CASABLANCA

**ISTANBUL <**

LONDON

NEW YORK

PARIS

SHANGHAI

TUNIS

WARSAW

## Public Mergers & Acquisitions

- Public offers / block sales / public to private / private investment in public equity (PIPE)
- Tender offer derogations
- Advising target companies in public offersCross-border Transactions
- Assisting our clients in their acquisitions abroad, working with our international offices and other leading firms
- Advising international groups on their acquisitions in Turkey

## Privatisations / Acquisitions of Special-Status Companies

- Expertise in the regulation of state-owned companies
- Expertise in regulated sectors (banking, insurance, energy, transportation, telecommunications, etc.)

## Private Equity

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

## Restructuring / Insolvency

- Safeguard and insolvency proceedings
- Distressed acquisitions

## Corporate Law

- Internal restructuring, spin-off
- Private fund raising

## Listed Company Regulations

- Corporate governance
- Compliance with continuing obligations for listed securities, disclosure, 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
- Disputes in connection with insolvency proceedings

*Long-established international team advising on inbound and outbound M&A in Turkey, co-ordinating with the firm's global office network on multi-jurisdictional mandates.*

*Recently successful on mandates in sectors such as food and beverages, finance, tourism and chemicals. 'The lawyers are prepared, precise and know the law very well - we are confident in their work.'* »

**Chambers Europe 2016**

*This firm's Turkish office has such a good relationship with the wider network that all legal issues, within and outside of Turkey, can be easily addressed.* »

**Chambers Europe 2015**

*The Istanbul team benefits from the firm's global expertise and works in close cooperation with Gide's London, New York and Paris offices ... 'It's hard working and has a high capacity for multitasking, good client relations, and perfect linguistic skills,' one client says.* »

**IFLR1000 2014**

*One of the longest-established international firms in Turkey, Gide Istanbul is an important player in corporate/M&A, both domestically and regionally. The team advises on a wide range of areas, including regulatory matters, tax and privatisation.* »

**Chambers Europe 2013**

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