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2nd IBA European Corporate and Private M&A Conference

6–7 February 2014

Maison du Barreau, Paris, France

A conference presented by the IBA Corporate and M&A Committee, supported by the IBA European Regional Forum

Topics will include:

- Current legal developments in European private M&A
- Use of SPVs in a low tax jurisdiction in the context of cross-border M&A transactions: opportunities and risks
- Minority interests and control under competition rules
- Corporate governance issues in M&A deals, including executive compensation and conflicts of interest
- Distressed M&A – techniques and safeguards for interested buyers
- Multi-party arbitrations arising out of M&A transactions
- Technology driven M&A deals

Who should attend?

European and international lawyers, in-house counsel, investment bankers, accountants and specialists from mergers and acquisitions business involved in European M&A



Programme

Conference Co-Chairs

Jacques Buhart *McDermott Will & Emery, Paris; IBA Honorary Life Member of Council and Association*
Oliver Triebold *Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Zurich; Co-Chair, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Thursday 6 February

0730 – 1730 **Registration**

0800 – 0830 **Welcome coffee/tea**

0830 – 0845 **Welcome remarks from the Conference Co-Chairs**

0845 – 0930 **Keynote address: The strategic and private M&A market in Europe**

Lionel Zinsou *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, PAI Partners, Paris*

0930 – 1045

Current legal developments in European private M&A

This session will discuss the use of various deal structures, in particular the combination of share and asset deals and preceding carve outs. The session will also consider some of the post-financial crisis deal issues which are most frequently discussed, such as equity commitment letters, reverse break-up fees, the use of MAC provisions and escrow solutions. Furthermore, the session will focus on recent trends in terms of purchase price mechanisms (locked-box versus closing accounts) and the resulting purchase price adjustments, as well as solutions regarding how to bridge purchase price gaps. Finally, the session will discuss current deal term trends, such as representations, indemnities and limitations.

Moderator

Hans-Jörg Ziegenhain *Hengeler Müller, Munich; Chair, IBA Current Legal Developments Subcommittee*

Speakers

Paul Cronheim *De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam; Advisory Board Member, IBA Law Firm Management Committee*

Giorgio Fantacchiotti *Bonelli Erede Pappalardo, Milan*

Frances Murphy *Slaughter & May, London*

Jon Unnérus *Roschier, Helsinki*

Yvonne Visser-Stam *General Counsel, TenneT BV, Arnhem, The Netherlands*

1045 – 1115 **Coffee/tea break**

1115 – 1215

Use of SPVs in a low tax jurisdiction in the context of cross-border M&A transactions: opportunities and risks

'Aggressive' tax planning has made it to the front pages of all major newspapers. The G20 and OECD have announced their commitment to fight aggressive tax planning and the report on BEPS (Base Erosion and Profit Shifting) has been recently released by the OECD. In this context, the panellists will talk about the use of SPVs in cross-border M&A, is that still a possibility? The panellists will also address the benefits of using an SPV in the context of some of the recent transactions in their jurisdictions and its risks.

Moderator

Sonia Velasco *Cuatrecasas Goncalves Pereira SLP, Barcelona; Co-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee*

Speakers

Bernadette Accili *Paul Hastings, Milan; Treasurer, IBA Taxes Committee*

Jochen Bahns *Flick Gocke Schaumburg, Bonn*

Margriet Lukkien *Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam; Session Reporters Liaison Officer, IBA Taxes Committee*

Antoine Vergnat *McDermott Will & Emery, Paris*

1215 – 1345 **Buffet lunch**

Remarks

Laurent Martinet *Vice-Bâtonnier, Paris Bar, Paris*

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1345 – 1445

Minority interests and control under competition rules

This panel will address competition law issues raised by minority shareholdings in the EU, the US and beyond. It will also focus on recent high-profile cases such as Ryanair/Aer Lingus and proposals by the European Commission to extend the scope of EU merger control in this area.

Moderator

Thomas Janssens *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels;*
Newsletter Editor, IBA Antitrust Committee

Speakers

Logan Breed *Hogan Lovells, Washington DC*
Kyriakos Fountoukakos *Herbert Smith Freehills, Brussels*

1445 – 1545

The colour of money: anti-bribery and M&A

Anti-bribery and corruption rules now play a significant part in M&A activity, not just in those jurisdictions which have developed laws in the area, but also on a cross-border basis. These rules have significant consequences for the liberty, liability and reputation of officers of corporations as well as the corporations themselves. In addition, they can create liabilities and reputational exposures for the lawyers advising on affected transactions. In this session, the panel will address the practical aspects of managing M&A transactions in the context of anti-bribery and corruption rules – with regard to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and UK Bribery Act in particular, and will give some examples of cases where things have gone wrong, and offer practical suggestions in terms of compliance.

Moderator

Paul White *A&L Goodbody, Dublin*

Speakers

Michael Coates *Shell International, The Hague; Corporate Counsel Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Louise Delahunty *Sullivan & Cromwell, London*
Gary DiBianco *Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, London*
Jean-Nicolas Soret *Altana, Paris*

1545 – 1615 **Coffee/tea break**

1615 – 1730

Corporate governance issues in M&A deals, including executive compensation and conflicts of interest

Corporate governance often plays a pivotal role in M&A transactions, in particular if they are contested. The panel will discuss the role of the board of directors of the target company in M&A transactions and touch upon subjects such as the decision making process in general, as well as in particular conflicts of interest and (transaction) bonuses.

Moderator

Sergio Sánchez Solé *J&A Garrigues, Barcelona; Chair, IBA Corporate Governance Subcommittee*

Speakers

Jonas Bergström *Vinge, Stockholm*
Bertrand Cardi *Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier Avocats, Paris*
Stephen Drewitt *Macfarlanes, London*
Stefan Duhnkrack *Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, Hamburg*
Francesco Gianni *Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners, Rome*
Lorenzo Olgiati *Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Zurich*

1730 **Conference reception**

Salons de Harlay & Horloge, Maison du Barreau



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0830 – 1400 **Registration**

0900 – 1000

Technology driven M&A deals

Technology is one of the main drivers in today's M&A market; from new IT applications like Cloud/SaaS, smart mobility, big data and social networking, via financial services technology, such as mobile payment solutions, and health-related IT technologies, to video and online gaming. Likewise, innovation in the life sciences sector, for example in relation to biologics, cell therapies and other unique approaches, and the changing competitive scenario, from the patent cliff via access to new markets to increasing payers' pressure, make this industry a vibrant deal sector as well. Both technology and life sciences driven M&A deals have very distinct risk profiles and often pose some mind-boggling challenges, not least regulatory ones as data protection for IT transactions and product regulation and reimbursement pathways for life sciences-related transactions. The panel will identify these unique features and explore state-of-the-art ways to address them.

Moderator

Ansgar Rempp *Jones Day, Munich/Dusseldorf*

Speakers

Michael Junge *General Counsel SAP, Walldorf, Germany*

Jan Vild *Legal Director, Mergers & Acquisitions, Sanofi, Paris*

1000 – 1030 **Coffee/tea break**

1030 – 1130

Multi-party arbitrations arising out of M&A transactions

M&A transactions typically involve multiple contracts with multiple parties including various sellers, various buyers, SPVs and guarantors. When disputes arise, the participation of multiple parties/contracts can give rise to a number of problems: additional parties may have to be joined, designation of arbitrators may become more difficult, cross claims may arise, or there may be parallel arbitrations running, which may or not be consolidated. The panel will investigate how well-drafted arbitration clauses – or separate arbitration agreements – can reduce the risks of problems arising, and how these can be resolved once the arbitration process has begun.

Moderator

Juan Fernando Armesto *Armesto & Asociados, Madrid*

Speakers

Andrea Carlevaris *Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris*

Robin Oldenstam *Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, Gothenburg*

Pierre Raoul-Duval *Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris*

1130 – 1230

Distressed M&A – techniques and safeguards for interested buyers

Financially troubled companies are a constant feature of every economy; it goes without saying that their number increases significantly in times of global economic crisis. In certain circumstances, the sale of the whole or a significant part of the business is the only remaining solution. Distressed mergers and acquisitions used to be the domain of a handful of specialists; today, they are omnipresent and each M&A lawyer should be familiar with the particular challenges they raise. The session will focus on acquisitions of and sales by privately-held companies which are in financial distress. The panel will mainly discuss the legal aspects, but will also touch upon some financial and tax issues. Recent developments and trends in the distressed M&A market are also covered.

Moderator

Christian Hoedl *Uría Menéndez Abogados, Madrid, Vice-Secretary, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Speakers

Luca Fassati *Chiomenti & Associati, Milan*

Jean-Claude Rivalland *Allen & Overy, Paris*

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6–7 February 2014

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- Reception on Thursday 6 February (registered delegates only)

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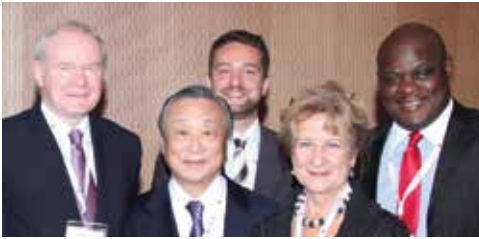
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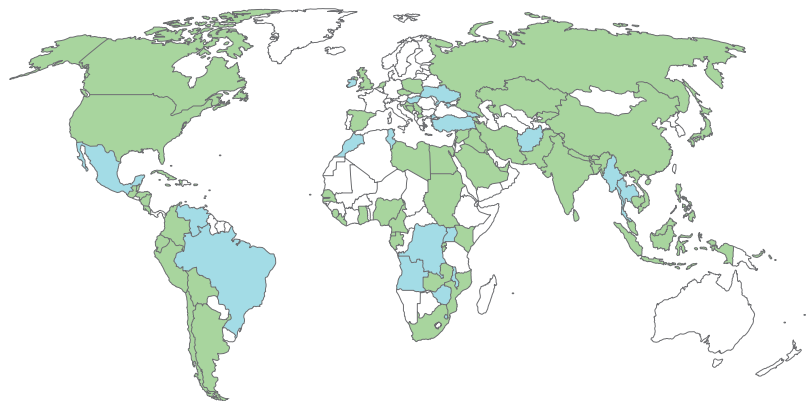


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Corporate law is central to every modern economy, whether developed or developing. Internationalisation and globalisation of economic activity make corporate law and mergers and acquisitions issues central to the practice of business law.

The Corporate and M&A Law Committee aspires to be the leading global forum for the education, exchange of know-how and networking of corporate, corporate compliance, private equity and M&A practitioners around the world.

In order to enhance focus on special areas of interest within corporate and M&A law, the Committee has created the following subcommittees:

- Current Legal Developments Subcommittee
- Private Equity Subcommittee
- Corporate Governance Subcommittee

European Regional Forum overview

The European Regional Forum was established in 1989 to provide a focus originally on the work undertaken by the IBA in developing the practice under changing legal systems of lawyers in Eastern and Central Europe. The forum was also intended to act as a channel for IBA communication with the bar associations of these local lawyers.

Since 2004 the forum has been developing and strengthening the existence of the IBA within the whole of Europe by promoting the goals of the IBA to members, non-members and others, disseminating professional know-how, and assisting the committees and other constituencies of the IBA to increase their presence in the different sub-regions of Europe, including parts of North Africa and the Middle East.

The goals of the forum include addressing current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation. The forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and bars in different European countries. The forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

The forum seeks to facilitate relevant networking and information/experience sharing opportunities and encompasses the social and collegial interests of both members and potential members with other regional fora, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Young Lawyers Committee and all LPD committees in general.

At present the forum has almost 8,000 members and its numbers continue to increase as it becomes one of the most integrated and dynamic fora of the IBA.

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