

TMT – Corporate



We have dedicated regional and international industry experience, with TMT sector specialists in our offices across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. We regularly advise on complex, cross-border transactions.

What others say about us

“Provided the client with an appropriate assessment in a timely manner to help them make a proper business decision.”
Chambers UK 2015

They are excellent technology lawyers - pragmatic with a good commercial focus.”
Chambers UK 2016

Recent experience

Our lawyers have advised on the following deals:

M&A

- **Alcatel-Lucent** – on the €145m cash disposal of its electric motors business to Triton, the leading German private equity house and on its acquisition of Velocix
- **Anite plc** – the international software and solutions company – on the £65m acquisition of the Nemo Network Test business unit from Elektrobit Group plc and on the £55m disposal of its public sector business to Northgate Information Solutions
- **Dentsu Inc.** – on its investments and operations throughout Europe and other jurisdictions
- **Dubai International Financial Centre Investments LLC** – on its £200m acquisition of SmartStream Technologies Group plc from TA Associates
- **eircom ESOP Trustee Limited** – on the €155m sale and leaseback by eircom Group Limited of its radio mast business
- **Emirates International Telecommunications Limited** – on the acquisition of a strategic stake of 21% in Forthnet, a telecoms operator in Greece
- **HMV** – on the £53 million sale of Waterstone’s, the leading UK high street bookseller, to Russian businessman Alexander Mamut.
- **Lebedev Holdings** – on its high profile acquisition of a 75.1% controlling interest and subsequent investment in the London Evening Standard newspaper from the Daily Mail group
- **Morgan Stanley** – advising on a cash confirmation exercise in connection with Time Warner Inc’s £100m recommended offer for Shed Media plc
- **MTN Group** – on a range of African M&A transactions, including the acquisition of mobile telecoms operators in Congo Brazzaville and Ivory Coast
- **NBC Universal** – on its acquisition of Carnival Film & Television, a leading independent production company and on its acquisition of Monkey Kingdom, the independent British production company
- **NIIT Technologies** – on its acquisition of SofTec
- **PCCW** – on China Netcom’s HK\$7.9bn acquisition of a 20% strategic stake, the largest ever investment in a Hong Kong company by a Chinese state-owned enterprise
- **PCCW** – on the sale of the Indian assets of its Reach joint venture to Telstra
- **Telecom Italia** – on a range of Italian and international investments and divestments
- **Telefónica** – on a range of international M&A transactions, including the £2bn sale of Airwave to Macquarie, the acquisition of a 3% (US\$290m) equity stake in China Netcom and the £158m sale of Manx Telecom

- **TPV Technology** – on its US\$350m acquisition of part of the PC monitor and flat screen television businesses of Koninklijke Philips Electronics

Private Equity & Funds

- **Apax Partners** – on its €700m investment in PCM Utigever, the largest newspaper publisher in the Netherlands, and on its recapitalisation and exit
- **Centaurus Capital** – on the acquisition of a 22% (€500m) shareholding in Atos Origin and on its concert party action with Pardus
- **Cinven** – on its €2.6bn agreement with Warburg Pincus to acquire Essent Kabelcom, the second largest cable company in the Netherlands
- **Oak Investment Partners** – on the €140m sale of iTouch to Buongiorno, the Italian-based mobile media and technology company
- **Oakley Capital** – on the acquisition of the network services and hosting business of FREEDOM4 plc (formerly Pipex Communications)
- **South Light Investment Ltd** – on its participation in the joint acquisition of Springer Science +Business Media S.A. by private equity firm EQT bought from Candover and Cinven.

Equity Capital Markets

- **Centron Telecom** – on its global offering and the listing of its shares on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- **Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company** – also known as du – on its Dh2.42bn IPO on the Dubai Financial Market
- **Evolution Securities** – as nominated adviser and broker to Eros International plc, the international media and entertainment group that owns and distributes Bollywood content globally, on its admission to AIM
- **Mondo Home Entertainment** – on its listing on the Mercato Expandi, the Italian small caps market, raising €48m
- **Vocento** – the Spanish media group, on its €360m international offering

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