

UK Corporate M&A: 2020 into 2021

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2020 was an unprecedented year of new challenges and opportunities.

When the pandemic struck, our team adapted quickly to support all of our clients, drawing on our extensive experience of volatile conditions. We have been delighted to advise a large number of high-profile clients on cutting-edge deals, as well as providing valuable strategic insight to a broad range of investors and companies in the London market.

We are excited about 2021 and have a number of predictions as to transaction flows, market developments and techniques which we expect to see in the coming months.

In the last quarter of 2020, we hosted a series of webinars with leading experts considering issues including energy transition, cyber security, sustainability, digital transformation, and much more!

Here are some highlights of 2020 and our predictions for 2021.

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Message from Patrick Sarch,
Co-head, UK Corporate M&A

2021 predictions



Highlights of 2020



Advising Avon Rubber p.l.c. on
an aggregate of approximately
US\$500 million in cross-border deals

Representation of SoftBank
on multiple advisory and
transactional matters

Advising Deutsche Bank AG, financial
adviser to Caesars Entertainment
Inc, on its £2.9 billion cash offer for
William Hill PLC

Highlights of 2020 (continued)



Advising BC Partners on acquisition
aimed at taking private IMA

Advising GSO Capital Partners on
financing for Advent International's
£4 billion acquisition of Cobham plc

Advising Zynga Inc on acquisitions
totalling circa US\$2 billion

Highlights of 2020 (continued)



Representation of UniCredit on
multiple transactions

We have worked with various
companies on a broad range of
“activist” matters

Advising Takeda on the divestments
of select OTC and prescription
pharmaceutical products in
multiple transactions

2020 success

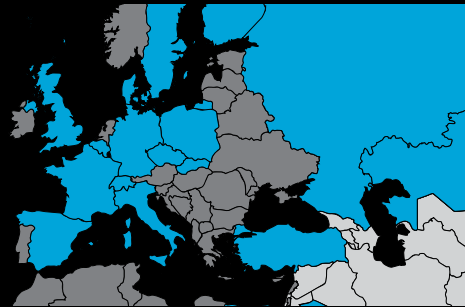


UK

"They are our trusted first port of call for an international issue where I need someone on my time-zone to explain to me in plain English."

"The team offers a 'strong private equity M&A business and cross-border M&A' abilities."

Chambers Global, Corporate/M&A

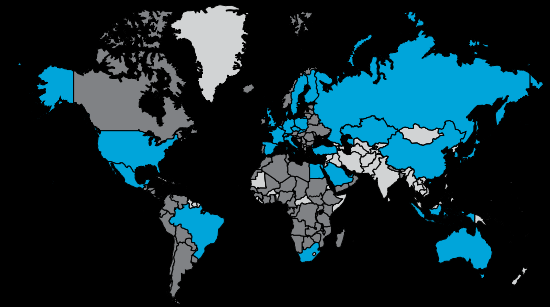


Europe-wide

"One client praises the 'rapid grasp of the business and its complexities, highly practical approach, and excellent engagement in terms of communication and attitude.'"

"Another source states: 'White & Case is a very solid and reliable source for legal support and a definite choice for a one-stop shop in legal services.'"

Chambers Europe, Europe-Wide, 2020, Corporate/ M&A



Global

"Distinguished firm with a truly global footprint...Has an enviable global offering with a combination of strong teams in many major markets, and a widespread presence in emerging global economies."

Chambers Global 2020, Corporate/M&A

Practical and insightful webinars



This webinar features senior executives from the energy industry, the finance community and government, who debated and commented on the strategies being adopted for energy transition. [Watch here](#)



This webinar covers crucial steps you should be taking to protect against cybersecurity threats and what you should do when disaster strikes. [Watch here](#)



This webinar focuses on the market opportunity today for sustainable capital and the risk mitigation that businesses and governments should otherwise be undertaking to transition away from non-sustainable practices. [Watch here](#)

**Look out
for more
webinars
in 2021**



This webinar brings together market experts to debate and comment on issues relevant to the SPACs market, including an introduction by our leading US SPAC expert, Joel Rubinstein. [Watch here](#)



This webinar features a discussion focusing on how digital transformation has been accelerated by COVID-19 and the need to adapt and change current business models in order to adjust to new ways of working in this virtual world. [Watch here](#)



[Watch our 30-minute panel discussion](#) on the key takeaways from the 2020 AGM season and lessons for next year.

Introducing new partner Margot Lindsay



We are delighted to announce that Margot Lindsay has been promoted to partner.

Margot specialises in international and domestic private and public mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate advisory matters for listed companies, private companies, financial sponsors and international corporates. She has a broad experience across a range of industries, with particular experience in healthcare, energy, mining and metals, consumer products and infrastructure.

Patrick Sarch, Co-head of the Corporate M&A practice, says: "Since joining the firm two years ago, Margot has become a key member of our team. She is a standout M&A lawyer and a great asset to the firm."

Commenting on her promotion, Margot says: "I'm excited to be starting the next phase of my career at White & Case, especially at such a pivotal time for the London Corporate M&A practice. Last year saw the team work on a number of ground-breaking deals and I'm looking forward to seeing what the future brings."

[Read Margot's full bio](#)

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