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Transactions**

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Recent Highlights

- Anchorage Capital Group, a principle stockholder in MGM Studios, in MGM's \$8.45 billion merger with Amazon.
- Tempur Sealy in its acquisition of Dreams.
- LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton in multiple transactions, including its acquisition of 50% stake in Jay-Z's Ace of Spades.
- dMY III in its merger with IonQ, becoming the first publicly traded pure-play quantum computing company.
- Astound Broadband, the sixth-largest U.S. cable operator, in its \$8.1 billion sale to Stonepeak Infrastructure.
- ArcelorMittal in its \$1.4 billion sale of ArcelorMittal USA to Cleveland-Cliffs.
- América Móvil in its \$6.25 billion sale of TracFone to Verizon.
- Schibsted, the majority shareholder of Adevinta, in Adevinta's \$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay Classifieds.
- Sony in its \$250 million investment in Epic Games.
- MEDNAX in its sale of American Anesthesiology to North American Partners in Anesthesia.
- Tech Data in its \$6 billion sale to Apollo Global Management.
- LATAM Airlines in its \$1.9 billion strategic partnership with Delta, bringing together the leading airlines in North and Latin America for the first time.
- 3M in numerous transactions, including its \$6.7 billion acquisition of Acelity and its \$1 billion acquisition of M*Modal's technology business.
- JUUL Labs in a \$12.8 billion minority investment by Altria Group.
- ESL Investments with respect to its investment in Sears, including its \$5.2 billion acquisition of Sears.
- GiVi Holding (the Versace Family holding company of Gianni Versace S.p.A.) and Donatella Versace in the \$2.13 billion sale of Versace to Michael Kors Holdings.
- Luigi Lavazza in its acquisition of Mars Drinks from Mars.
- Lowe's Companies in its acquisition of Boomerang Commerce's retail analytics platform.
- Google in dozens of M&A transactions, including its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Fitbit.
- General Mills in its \$8 billion acquisition of Blue Buffalo Pet Products.
- International Flavors & Fragrances in its \$45.4 billion merger with DuPont Nutrition & Biosciences and its \$7.1 billion acquisition of Frutarom.
- McCormick & Company in its \$4.2 billion acquisition of Reckitt Benckiser Group's food business.
- Kindred Healthcare in its \$4.1 billion sale to a consortium consisting of TPG Capital, Welsh Carson, and Humana.
- National Amusements (the Redstone family holding company) with respect to its controlling position in CBS and Viacom, including the \$30.5 billion merger of the companies, and litigation regarding CBS's attempt to dilute NAI's voting position.
- Verizon in its acquisition of Fleetmatics, a leading provider of mobile workforce solutions for service-based businesses, for approximately \$2.4 billion.

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Chambers Latin America, 2009–2022

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Warburg-backed Allied Universal Security acquires G4S)

The Deal Awards, 2021

M&A Practice Group of the Year

Law360, 2020

M&A Law Firm of the Year

IFLR Americas Awards, 2020

M&A Law Firm of the Year: International

China Law & Practice, 2020

M&A (Public) Deal of the Year (Suzano's merger with Fibria)

Latin Lawyer, 2019

Best of 2019: M&A

Corporate Counsel, 2019

Deal of the Year (Versace sale to Michael Kors)

Legal Community Corporate Awards, 2019

Deal of the Year and Activist Campaign of the Year (Perry Ellis privatization)

The Deal Awards Middle Market, 2019

Russia Deal of The Year (CJSC Transmashholding and LocoTech-Service merger)

CEE Legal Matters Awards, 2019

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