

# **CORPORATE PRACTICE OVERVIEW**

As a **GLOBALLY INTEGRATED FIRM** with a **SOLUTIONS-DRIVEN CORPORATE PRACTICE** serving as primary outside counsel to a multitude of growing and middle-market businesses, we are committed to providing pragmatic legal advice to enhance our clients' businesses in today's fast-paced, global market.

We are AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING OUR CLIENTS across myriad industries including Technology, Financial Services, Manufacturing & Industrials, Health Care, and Transportation & Logistics.

Our team delivers **FULL-SERVICE CORPORATE COUNSEL TO CLIENTS LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, AND GLOBALLY.** 

Our day-to-day counseling on operational issues means we know our clients' businesses and what is important to them when it comes time to helping them structure, finance, and successfully complete domestic and cross-border transactions.

Our deep appreciation for our clients' concerns, challenges, and business objectives, matched with our **UNSURPASSED FOCUS ON COLLABORATION AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**, is what sets our corporate team apart.

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# **TECHNOLOGY**



K&L Gates advised **Microsoft** on an equity investment in Grab, the leading on-demand transportation, mobile payments, and online-to-offline services platform in Southeast Asia. This investment is one step in a partnership between the two companies that will transform the delivery of Grab's digital services by leveraging Microsoft's world-class technology.

The strategic partnership will transform the delivery of digital services and mobility in the region by leveraging Microsoft's expertise in machine learning and other artificial intelligence capabilities. Grab operates in 235 cities across eight Southeast Asian countries, and Grab's digital wallet, GrabPay, is the leading player in Southeast Asia.

# TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS



Akoustis Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: AKTS)

Private offering of 6.5% convertible senior secured notes due 2023



**Apax Partners LLP** 

Series B preferred financing of Wizeline, Inc.



Apex Learning Inc.

Acquisition of assets from Youth Digital, Inc.

## ASTUTA

Astuta Ltd

Acquisition of Trojan Consultants Limited



Capgemini SE (EPA: CAP)

Acquisition of LiquidHub, Inc.



Deako, Inc.

Series A preferred stock financing



**Evolution Equity** 

Investment in series A preferred stock of defined crowd



Element Data, Inc.

Bridge note financing



Element 8 Angels
Investment in Membrion, Inc.



Elixiter, Inc.

Sale to Perficient, Inc. (Nasdaq: PRFT)



ERP Maestro, Inc.

Venture capital financing



eXp World Holdings, Inc. (Nasdag: EXPI)

> Acquisition of VirBELA LLC



FlexShopper, Inc. (Nasdaq: FPAY)

\$10 million offering of units consisting of common stock and warrants



Hahparking, Inc.
SAFE financing



Hotels Combined Pty Ltd

Sale of company to Kayak Software Australia Pty Ltd

# limeade

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Acquisition of Sitrion Systems



Maven Technologies, Inc.

Series seed preferred stock financing



NEP Group, Inc.

Acquisition of SIS Live Limited





onXMaps, Inc.

Series A preferred stock financing



Parsyl, Inc.
Convertible note financing

# TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS



Parsyl, Inc. Series seed financing

#### **A Private Investor**

Sale of TenTwoEight GmbH to Profile Partners Ltd.

#### REC ORD360

Record360, Inc.
Acquisition by Alpine SG

# SCOUT 24

Scout24 AG
Acquisition of
Classmarkets GmbH



SoundCommerce Technologies Inc. Convertible note financing



SplashLabSocial, LLC
Angel financing



ThinkHR Recapitalization and merger



UCW Limited (ASX: UCW)

Acquisition of Proteus Technologies Pty Ltd

# **Velocity**EHS

VelocityEHS Holdings, Inc.

Acquisition of Humantech, Inc.



Veritone (Nasdag: VERI)

> Acquisition of Wazee Digital



Veritone (Nasdag: VERI)

Acquisition of Performance Bridge Media



1026 Labs, Inc. DBA Vertex.Al

Sale to Intel Corporation (Nasdaq: INTC)



Washington Research Foundation (NYSE: SSW)

Representation on various investment transactions



Yellowstone Growth Partners, LLC

Investment in OpenMethods



# FINANCIAL SERVICES



The world of FinTech is experiencing an extraordinary rise that is buoyed in part by a surge in investments and regulatory encroachment across the globe as new technology both partners with and disrupts traditional financial services. Our leading national and global banking clients have recognized that our unique combination of experience with technology, venture capital markets, and the financial services regulatory landscape make K&L Gates the ideal partner to assist them in structured growth capital investments in companies across the complexly regulated FinTech space, including:

• **Veem, Inc.**, the leading payments system for small business, which helps them send and receive payments in local currency.

- Nav Technologies, a leading online platform providing small business owners with streamlined access to financing.
- Better Mortgage, a technology-driven mortgage lender that provides consumers with a painless and successful mortgage experience.
- BitGo Holdings, Inc., an industry leader in institutional-grade cryptocurrency investment services.
- Axoni, a premier capital markets technology firm that specializes in blockchain.
- Alpharank, Inc., a leading developer of artificial intelligence products and APIs, which are designed to optimize advertising and marketing efforts for financial institutions and other customers.

# FINANCIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS



## Arable Capital Partners, LLC

Acquisition financing from Farmwest Credit



## **Blackbird Ventures**

Tender offer for common shares and Series A-2 preferred shares



## Capitala Finance (Nasdag: CPTA)

Senior secured term loan facility to Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC



### Cardtapp, Inc.

Series A-2 preferred stock financing



## Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

Secondary sale of fund assets



## Goldman Sachs & Co (NYSE: GS)

Preferred stock financing of Even Financial Inc.



# Grant Thornton

#### Grant Thornton UK LLP

Nominated adviser to finnCap Group plc on its admission to trading on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange and its related fundraising and its acquisition of Cavendish Corporate Finance



### Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC)

Investment in convertible note and series seed preferred stock financing of Hurdlr, Inc.



## L2 Capital, LLC

Equity line offering investment in common stock in MGT Capital Investments, Inc. (OTCMKTS: MGTI)



## Goldman Sachs & Co (NYSE: GS)

Series C and series C-1 preferred stock financing of Nav Technologies, Inc.



### Nubank

Series E round of financing



### PI Financial Corp.

Private placement of Plus Products, Inc.



## The Residential REIT (IC) Limited

Acquisition of a portfolio of residential building investment



## Goldman Sachs & Co (NYSE: GS)

Preferred stock financing of Veem Inc.



## WesBanco, Inc. (Nasdag: WSBC)

Acquisition of First Sentry Bancshares, Inc. (OTC Pink: FTSB)



## Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC)

Investment in series seed-1 preferred stock of WhiteFox Defense Technologies, Inc.



#### Witnet Foundation

Regulation CF crowdfunding financing

# **MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIALS**



K&L Gates represented II-VI **Incorporated**, a global leader in engineered materials and optoelectronic components, in its acquisition of leading optical communications developer, Finisar Corporation, in a cash and stock transaction valued at approximately \$3.2 billion, and in II-VI's related \$2.4 billion syndicated acquisition financing. The strategic merger creates a new company that will be positioned to take a primary role in developing and manufacturing next-generation technologies used in new markets such as 5G telecommunications. 3D sensing, cloud computing, and autonomous and electric cars.

K&L Gates' technology experience and ability to assemble a global team on short notice was central to the acquisition

of Finisar, which has complex, hi-tech manufacturing operations in Australia, China, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Sweden, and the U.S.

The acquisition will create an industry-leading photonics and compound semiconductor company, employing 24,000 associates in 70 locations worldwide and serving a variety of markets including communications, consumer electronics, military, industrial processing lasers, automotive semiconductor equipment, and life sciences. Upon conclusion of the transaction, Finisar shareholders will own approximately 31 percent of the combined company.

The transaction is expected to close in mid-2019, subject to certain antitrust regulatory approvals, as well as other customary closing conditions.

# MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIALS HIGHLIGHTS



II-VI Incorporated (Nasdaq: IIVI)

Acquisition of CoAdna Holdings, Inc (TWSE: 4984)



II-VI Incorporated (Nasdaq: IIVI)

Acquisition of **Finisar Corporation** 



AeroVironment (Nasdag: AVAV)

Joint venture with SoftBank Corp. (HAPSMobile)



**Arable Capital Partners** 

Acquisitions of:

Hydratec

Universal Irrigation & Supply



#### **Arable Capital Partners**

Acquisitions of: U.S. Pipe and Irrigation Lodi Pump and Irrigation

## ASSA ABLOY

ASSA ABLOY Entrance Systems US Inc. (OTCMKTS: ASAZY)

> Acquisition of Konematic, Inc.



Billi Pty Ltd

Sale of a water filter manufacturing business

#### connect-homes

Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC)

Investment in series A-2 preferred stock of Home EC, Inc. d/b/a Connect Homes



Continental AG

A \$350M acquisition of Kmart Tyre & Auto Service



The Cook & Boardman Group, LLC

Sale to LittleJohn & Co.



**DRA Group Holdings Proprietary Limited** 

> Acquisition of Minnovo Pty Ltd



**EHR Resources Limited** (ASX:EHX)

Acquisition of the La Victoria gold and silver project in Peru



EYE-FI Holdings

Acquisition of Fabriform, Inc.



Fortive Corporation (NYSE: FTV)

Acquisition of Initial State Technologies, Inc.



**Hecla Mining Company** (NYSE: HL)

> Acquisition of Klondex Mines Ltd. (NYSE: KLDX)



Jett Capital Advisors, LLC.

Placement by Sayona Mining Limited



Johnson Controls Joint venture in Wuxi, China **■ MODUMETAL** 

Lead Investor

Series B financing of Modumetal



PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk (IDX: MDKA)

Financing of acquisition of issued share capital of Finders Resources Limited



PT Bumi Suksesindo

Increase in existing syndicated facility for funding capacity expansion

# MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIALS HIGHLIGHTS



Southern Cross Electrical **Engineering Limited** (ASX:SXE)

Acquisition of leading east coast electrical contractor



Selmet, Inc., a Blue Point Capital Partners Portfolio Company

Sale to Consolidated Precision Products Corp.



Sumatra Copper & Gold PLC (ASX: SUM) Share purchase plan



Teal Jones Forest Inc. Purchase of Potomac Supply Holdings, Inc.



Teal Jones Forest Inc.

Purchase of Pine Products, Inc. TYCHE PARTNERS

Tyche Partners LP

Lead investment in series C preferred stock financing of Formlabs, Inc.



Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdag: USAP)

Public offering



The Weir Group PLC (OTCMKTS: WEGRY)

> Special counsel in acquisition of **ESCO** Corporation

Acquisition of R.A. Hiller

Chambers and Partners has ranked

K&L GATES LLP AND 30 OF ITS LAWYERS AS **LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS OF PRACTICE** in the

2019 editions of the *Chambers Asia-Pacific* and Chambers FinTech guides. The guides recognize the firm and its lawyers in nearly 20 categories across eight countries and regions.



# **HEALTH CARE**



K&L Gates represented **Patricia Industries**, a part of Investor AB, on the \$903 million acquisition of a majority stake in health care product specialty distributor Sarnova Holdings, Inc. from Water Street Healthcare Partners and Sarnova founder Matthew D. Walter.

The acquisition consisted of Patricia Industries injecting \$513 million in equity financing for an 86 percent ownership of Sarnova. The remainder of the enterprise value has been financed by external debt and equity participation from Water Street Healthcare Partners, Matthew D. Walter, and Sarnova's management group and board of directors.

# HEALTH CARE HIGHLIGHTS



Accutar Biotechnology Inc.

Series A financing and additional series A-3 financing



AIVITA Biomedical, Inc.

Series B preferred stock financing



Atos Medical

Acquisition Griffin Laboratories



Avid Bioservices, Inc. (Nasdag: CDMO)

Sale of assets



Avid Bioservices, Inc. (Nasdaq: CDMO) Follow-on offering

# Catalent.

Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc.

Sale of tablet and soft-gel capsule manufacturing facility to Blackmores Ltd



Cancer Targeted Technology

Exclusive license transaction



Cell Care Australia Pty Ltd.

> Sale to CHAMP Private Equity



Chembio Diagnostics Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: CEMI)

Acquisition of Optricon GmbH



DiaMonTech GmbH

Bridge and additional equity financings



Endo International (Nasdaq: ENDP)

Acquisition of Somerset Therapeutics and Wintac Limited



ENDRA Life Sciences, Inc. (Nasdag: NDRA)

\$1.1 million secured convertible bridge notes and follow-on public offering



Evolus, Inc. (Nasdaq: EOLS) Initial public offering



Evolus, Inc. (Nasdaq: EOLS)

Follow-on offering



Exact Sciences Corporation (Nasdaq: EXAS)

Offering and sale of 1.0% convertible senior notes due 2025



Exact Sciences Corporation (Nasdaq: EXAS)

Acquisition of Biomatrica, Inc.



Healthnotes, Inc. Sale of company



IEG (Deutschland) GmbH

Investment in series A financing of DoctorBox



L2 Capital, LLC

PIPE financing of Precision Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: AIPT)



L2 Capital, LLC

PIPE financing of Jaguar Health, Inc. (Nasdag: JAGX)

# HEALTH CARE HIGHLIGHTS



Laborie Medical Technologies, Inc. **Acquisition of Cogentix** Medical, Inc.



Mölnlycke Health Care AB

Acquisition of SastoMed GmbH from SanderStrothmann GmbH



Muse Microscopy, Inc. Series seed financing



NeoGenomics, Inc. (Nasdag: NEO)

> Issuance of common stock



NeoGenomics, Inc. (Nasdaq: NEO)

Acquisition of Genoptix, Inc. (Nasdaq: GXDX)



NeoGenomics, Inc. (Nasdaq: NEO)

Secondary offering of all outstanding stock



Össur Americas, Inc. Acquisition of SRT Prosthetics & Orthotics, LLC

**PATRICIA INDUSTRIES** a part of Investor AB

Patricia Industries Acquisition of Sarnova Holdings Inc.



PhenoPath Laboratories, PLLC

Acquisition accomplishing strategic alliance with Quest Diagnositics (NYSE: DGX)

**PROBIOTIC** SOLUTIONS

**Probiotic Solutions** Pty Ltd.

Sale to Carnot Investment Ptv Ltd ATF Perkins Family Trust



rMark Bio. Inc.

Series seed preferred stock financing



SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

Acquisition of Wrangell Medical Center



Syneos Health, Inc. (Nasdaq: SYNH)

Acquisition of Kinapse

TANDEM LIFE

CardiacAssist (dba TandemLife) (Nasdag: LIVN)

Sale to LivaNova



Teligent, Inc. (Nasdag: TLGT) Secured term loan



Tolmar International Limited

Sale of its Australian subsidiary to Mundipharma



Tonghua Dongbao **Pharmaceuticals** 

Strategic arrangement with Adocia



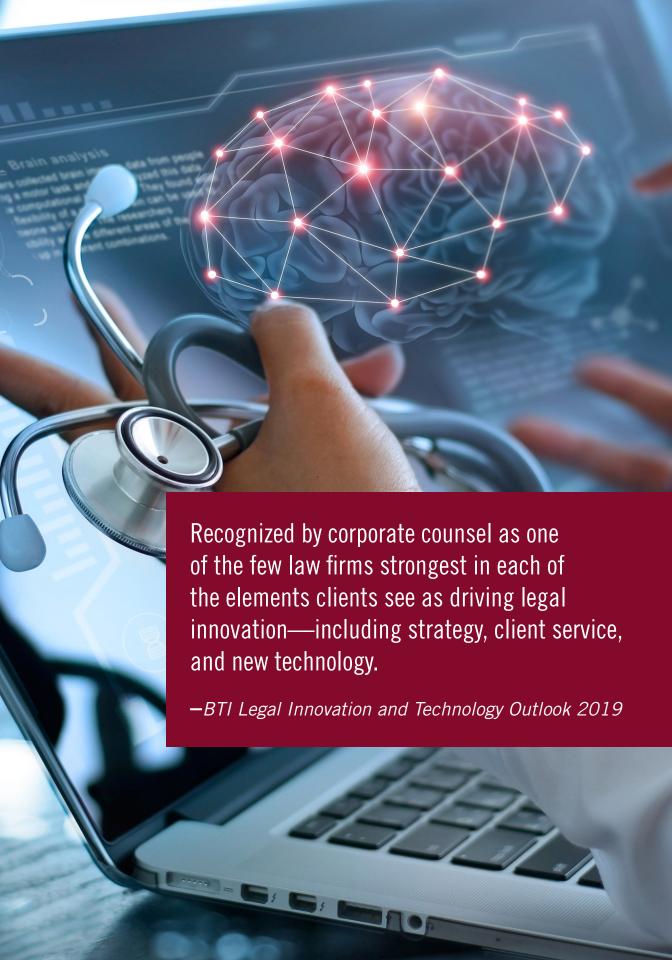
University of North Carolina Health Care System

> Sale of High Point Regional Health



Visionary Venture Fund, L.P.

Series B financing of Orasis Pharmaceuticals



# **ENERGY**



K&L Gates represented **Hudson Clean** Energy Partners, L.P. and Stafford **Capital Partners** in connection with the \$298 million sale of 100% of the equity interests of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy LLC, who owns and operates high-quality hydroelectric facilities throughout the United States, to Ontario Power Generation (OPG). Canada's largest electricity generator. Our firm served as lead deal counsel, coordinating the transaction on behalf of four selling parties, including one in Canada and one

in Australia. Eagle Creek will continue to operate independently as a wholly owned subsidiary of OPG, with its own Board of Directors and management team.

This transaction exemplifies the strength of the K&L Gates global cross-disciplinary platform; we leveraged the knowledge of lawyers in various specialties, including antitrust, national security (CFIUS), energy regulatory, investment management, and employee benefits, among others, across 11 of our offices on two continents.

# **FNFRGY HIGHLIGHTS**

## Avenue Europe International Management L.P.

Acquisition and financing of Schletter Group



Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC)

Investment in series B preferred stock of CleanFund Commercial PACE Capital, Inc.



**ENGIE** 

Acquisition of Unity International Group



FNGIF

Acquisition of Donnelly Mechanical Corp.



EnSync, Inc. (NYSMKT: ESNC)

Registered direct common stock offering



Chariot
Oil & Gas Limited

finnCap Ltd and Cenkos Securities plc, as placing agent on the placing and open offer by Chariot Oil & Gas Limited

### HALLIBURTON

Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: HAL)

Acquisition of Barree & Associates LLC



Hudson Clean Energy Partners

Sale of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy LLC



Innogy (OTCMKTS: INNYY)

Acquisition of Recargo Inc.



Nithio Holdings, Inc.

Series A preferred stock financing



Origis Energy USA, Inc.

Sale of solar photovoltaic plant to Prisma Capital



(Nasdaq: TRCH)
Follow-on offering
Represented underwriters

"K&L Gates has 'A LARGE BENCH OF EXPERIENCED

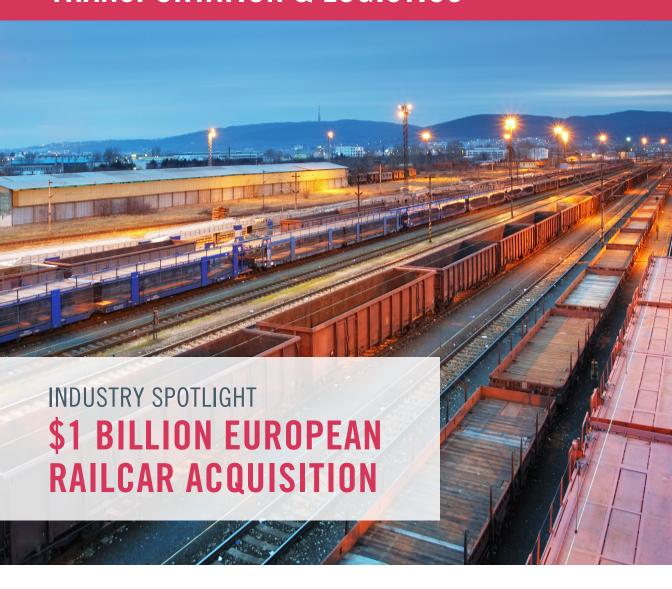
**LAWYERS'**, who advise on national and international energy transactions, including M&A, joint ventures, debt and equity offerings, and project finance and development."

Legal 500, U.S., Industry Focus -Energy Transactions: Conventional Power



(Nasdaq: TRCH)
Follow-on offering
Represented underwriters

# **TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS**



K&L Gates advised **VTG AG** on an acquisition that expanded its position as one of the largest private railcar leasing companies in Europe. The newly acquired Nacco Group had a fleet of more than 10,000 rail freight cars with major markets across Europe. The purchase price amounted to nearly \$1 billion.

To complete the expansion, VTG purchased all shares of Paris-based CIT Rail Holdings

(Europe) SAS and its related Nacco Group from U.S.-based holding company, CIT Group Inc. In order to advise the Germanlisted VTG on the acquisition of the French parent company, K&L Gates deployed a truly global team comprising, among others, German, English, and French lawyers, also taking into consideration that the U.S. seller took legal advice from the London office of a U.S. firm.

# TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS HIGHLIGHTS



ADOMANI, Inc. (Nasdag: ADOM)

Follow-on public offering



#### The Appointment Group

Acquisition of the travel planning group of Satellite Office Services



#### Barn2Door, Inc.

Series seed preferred stock financing

# divert

Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC)

Investment in series A preferred stock of Divert, Inc.



## Expedited Travel, LLC

Acquisition of Fastport Passport LLC and Fastport Passport Florida, Inc.



#### Felix Capital Partners IIP

Investment in series B preferred stock of TravelPerk, Inc.



#### Gramercy Europe

Acquisition of seven french logistics assets from Tristan Capital Partners



#### Jersey Post Global Limited

Investment in **DAI Post Holdings** 

Investment in **APG International** 



#### Kenmore Air Harbor, Inc.

Investment from Seattle Hospitality Group



#### Microsoft Global Finance

Investment in Grab Holdings, Inc. redeemable convertible series H preference shares

# Ridgemont EQUITY PARTNERS

## **Nolan Transportation** Group, LLC

Sale to Gryphon Investors



## Tokyo Century Corporation

Acquisition of Aviation Capital Group



Transportation Insight, LLC

Sale to Gryphon Investors



Westinghouse Air **Brake Technologies** (NYSE: WAB)

Acquisition of Lynx Engineering Consultants Pty Ltd.



### The Washington Companies

Sale of joint venture interests to Seaspan Corporation (NYSE: SSW)

# **CROSS-BORDER**



# INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

# EXPANDING TO BETTER SERVE GLOBAL CUSTOMERS

K&L Gates advised **Ipsos SA**, a global market research and consulting group, in connection with its acquisition of parts of GfK's Customs Research Business. Ipsos is one of the leading market research companies in the world and is listed on Euronext Paris.

The transaction concerned the Customer Experience, Experience Innovation, Health, and Public Affairs business divisions of GfK, a KKR portfolio company. It was implemented by way of a complex carve-out process in 25 countries where 1,000 GfK professionals joined Ipsos. We acted as lead counsel on all the legal aspects of this headline cross border transaction. K&L Gates utilized its global platform to deploy an international team including more than 100 K&L Gates lawyers to advise Ipsos on the transaction. The K&L Gates team advising on this complex transaction worked together in a seamless way and included members in our Paris and Frankfurt offices. matching the legal environments of the client and the seller.

# INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT ACQUISITION OPENS NEW MARKETS

Investors, Inc., one of the largest investment managers in the United States, on its acquisition of a 60% interest in Hermes Fund Managers Limited, a Londonheadquartered asset manager providing investment management and stewardship services. Hermes is a well-known pioneer of integrated environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles-based investing. Federated acquired the stake from BT Pension Scheme for a total purchase price of approximately \$340 million.

The transaction represents a significant multi-jurisdictional expansion for both Federated and Hermes. The acquisition provides Federated with an increasing number of equity and fixed income options, along with opening up new geographic markets for Federated by leveraging Hermes' strong client base in Europe and Asia. Hermes will gain new substantial distribution opportunity into the U.S. market where the ESG investing model continues to grow and define new product development.

# OTHER INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Landmark Operations Ltd, a subsidiary Agrium Asia Pacific Limited

> Acquisition of MacroFertil Australia Ptv Ltd



AKKA Technologies SE (EPA: AKA)

Acquisition of PDS Tech, Inc.



Allegion Public Limited Company d/b/a Allegion plc (NYSE: ALLE)

Acquisition of ISONAS, Inc.



**Arable Capital Partners** 

Acquisitions of: Fresh Innovations Farmington Fresh Cuts



Pocko Pty Ltd./ BoozeBud

Sale of BoozeBud



BrightView Landscapes, LLC (NYSE: BV)

Multiple acquisitions of commercial landscaping businesses in Texas, Connecticut, California, and New Jersey



Carousel Capital Partners V, L.P.

Acquisition of Huseby, LLC



D.A. Davidson & Co.

Public offering of Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPWH)



Fuzzy Events Pty Limited

Restructuring and partial sale to a foreign venture capital acquirer



Grace Loves Lace Pty. Ltd.

Sale to Seidler Equity Partners



HVAC Investigators, LLC

Acquisition of certain assets of Donan Claim Services, LLC



Preferred stock financing and conversion of convertible notes



Malek Family / Grove Academy

Sale of childcare businesses to MindChamps Early Learning Australia Pty Ltd



PPDS (VIC) Pty Ltd

Acquisition of Pet Products and Developments Services Pty Ltd (Pet Products)



Primo Water Corporation (Nasdag: PRMW)

Follow-on public offering

sanctuary

Sanctuary Clothing LLC

Leveraged buyout of Camuto Group



Teadora, Inc. Convertible note financing round



# OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

At K&L Gates, one of our core values is to create and sustain a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture that encourages satisfaction and productivity for all of our attorneys and professional staff.

Diversity is a key component of our firm's strategic plan and a standing agenda item at all Management Committee meetings. Additionally, our firmwide Diversity and Women in the Profession Committees are led by two women equity partners (including one Management Committee member). These global committees oversee robust budgets and our employee resource groups (ERGs), which include groups for women lawyers; LGBT employees and allies; lawyers of color; working parents; veterans; and lawyers with disabilities. These groups spearhead programs ranging from women's business mentorship training in Portland and promoting mental health awareness in London and Melbourne, to assisting transgender individuals with name changes in Melbourne, Pittsburgh, and Sydney.

We are committed to collaborating with our clients and communities in furtherance of our goals and we strive to maintain an inclusive culture that enriches the experience of our lawyers and staff, enabling them to better serve our clients.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Human Rights Campaign awarded K&L Gates a 100 PERCENT SCORE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S 2019 CORPORATE EQUALITY INDEX, and named the firm a "Top Law Firm for Equality."

Recognized with a GOLD STANDARD CERTIFICATION BY THE WOMEN IN LAW EMPOWERMENT FORUM (WILEF) for the seventh time for achieving high levels of firm partnership and leadership roles held by women.

# OUR ENGAGEMENT IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC SERVICE

We actively encourage lawyers around the world to make significant contributions to pro bono matters and to participate in other charitable, community, educational, and professional activities. Together, our lawyers handle hundreds of pro bono matters a year. Among other things, firm lawyers litigate civil rights cases; establish and advise nonprofit organizations; assist such organizations in transactions; and represent indigent persons in consumer, landlord-tenant, and immigration matters. In addition to providing legal assistance directly to individuals who have limited means but substantial civil legal needs, we provide legal counsel and public policy advocacy to help organizations advance their public-service programs, work to advance the rule of law around the world, and accept court appointments to provide pro bono counsel.

# INDUSTRY RECOGNITION—ASIA PACIFIC

K&L Gates was **RANKED BY LEGAL 500** IN THE ASIA PACIFIC FOR OUR CORPORATE AND M&A PRACTICE in Australia, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan

The *Legal 500* Asia Pacific 2019 guide has recognized K&L Gates LLP and its lawyers in more than **30 CATEGORIES ACROSS EIGHT COUNTRIES AND REGIONS.** 

"MORE ACTIVE THAN EVER in public M&A, K&L Gates' practice acts for corporates and funds in a variety of sectors."

— Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Australia, Corporate and M&A

"Clients benefit from its **WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF OFFICES**, making it a popular choice for cross-border mandates."

— Chambers Asia-Pacific,

Taiwan, Capital Markets

"K&L Gates' team **LEVERAGES ITS PRESENCE** in the U.S., Hong Kong and mainland China to advise clients on a range of corporate and M&A matters, frequently with a cross-border dimension."

— Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Taiwan, Corporate and M&A

"K&L Gates' **EXCELLENT REPUTATION** in China-related outbound and inbound deals sees it act for Chinese SOEs and private enterprises, multinational corporates, financial institutions and fund clients."

— Legal 500, Asia Pacific, Hong Kong, Corporate



# INDUSTRY RECOGNITION—EMEA

- "Increasingly popular practice **ADVISING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CLIENTS,** primarily from Europe, the USA and China, on M&A deals, often with a **CROSS-BORDER** element."
  - Chambers Europe, Germany, Corporate/M&A: Mid-Market
- "K&L Gates provides an **EXCELLENT LEVEL OF SERVICE**, with a very strong feel for the key issues that are crucial to getting the deal done."
  - Legal 500 EMEA, Commercial, Corporate and M&A

"Has a **STRONG INTERNATIONAL OFFERING**, regularly handling transactions involving continental Europe and the Middle East. Particularly proficient in advising U.S. companies on cross-border acquisitions into the UK and Europe, as part

of a **BROAD CLIENT BASE OF CORPORATE ENTITIES AND FINANCIAL SPONSORS.**"

— Chambers UK, London, Corporate/M&A: Mid-Market





# INDUSTRY RECOGNITION—U.S.

K&L Gates was again AMONG THE TOP THREE FIRMS

— OUT OF MORE THAN 14,000 RANKED — for most national first-tier rankings in the 2019 U.S. News-Best Lawyers®

"Best Law Firms" survey. This includes Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Tax Law, Corporate Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law - Management, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Securities/ Capital Markets Law.

# 2018 NATIONAL TIER 1 M&A/MIDDLE MARKET RANKING

K&L Gates has been ranked in more than 20 nationwide practice areas in the 2018 edition of the *Legal 500* United States guide, including a Tier 1 ranking in the M&A/middle market (\$500 million - \$999 million) category.

# **K&L GATES**

K&L Gates is a fully integrated global law firm with lawyers located across five continents. The firm represents leading multinational corporations, growth and middle-market companies, capital markets participants, and entrepreneurs in every major industry group, as well as public sector entities, educational institutions, philanthropic organizations and individuals. For more information about K&L Gates or its locations, practices and registrations, visit klgates.com.

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