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- *Gouverner, c’est prévoir* – how to prepare a target business for sale
- Data protection in M&A transactions – what an M&A advisor should know
- The day before – pre-contractual issues in the M&A process
- M&A disputes: To litigate or to arbitrate, that is the question
- M&A in the life science and pharmaceutical industry

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1100 – 1200

**Gouverner, c’est prévoir – How to prepare a target business for sale**

It is a common truth that properly preparing the sale of a business is key to optimising the return. The discovery of unknown material risks during a sales process has often disproportionate negative effects on the sales price, and sometimes even the overall deal. From missing documentation to change-of-control provisions in key contracts, from carelessly drafted employment contracts to unpredictable tax risks, from inflexible financing terms and conditions to uncontrollable disputes. It is often, if not always, worth identifying and appropriately addressing such issues beforehand. The panel will discuss the most common issues in the preparation of a target business for sale and how they can best be addressed.

**Moderator**

Dovilé Burgiené  Valiunas Ellex, Vilnius; Regional Fora Liaison Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

**Speakers**

Michael Coates  Associate General Counsel and UK Head of Legal, Shell International Ltd, London; Treasurer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Stefano Grace  Senior Advisor, Starman, Tallinn

Per Granström  Delphi, Stockholm

Harry Rubin  Ropes & Gray, New York

Paul White  A&L Goodbody, Dublin

1200 – 1300

**Data protection in M&A transactions – what an M&A advisor should know**

Data protection is one of those legal issues which can be treated fundamentally differently between jurisdictions. M&A practitioners frequently lack the awareness or underestimate the risk of serious problems and disruptions in cross-border transactions that certain data protection issues can create. The panel will discuss the common problems and the latest trends in data protection in the context of M&A transactions.
Thursday continued

Moderator
Roland Mathys Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Zurich

Speakers
Bradley Joslove Franklin Law, Paris
Alejandro Payá Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Barcelona; Website Officer, Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee

1300 – 1400 Buffet lunch

1400 – 1500
The day before – pre-contractual issues in the M&A process

Before signing, the parties to an M&A transaction engage in diverse dealings and interactions. This phase is normally only partially governed by written agreements. In addition, general legal principles such as the duty to act in good faith govern this phase. What is allowed and what is illegal is often hard to ascertain, in particular in a cross-border context. Where does the freedom to contract (or not to contract) end and where does culpa in contrahendo start? The panel will identify the common pre-contractual agreements as well as their typical scope and discuss the general principles applicable in pre-contractual dealings across some European countries.

Moderator
Jean-Claude Rivalland Allen & Overy, Paris; Secretary, Corporate Governance Subcommittee, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Speakers
Florian Kusznier Schönherr, Vienna
Dr Marcin Olechowski Sołtysiński Kawecki & Slezak, Warsaw
Biörn Riese Mannheimer Swartling, Stockholm; Treasurer, Law Firm Management Committee

1500 – 1530 Coffee/tea break

1530 – 1630
M&A disputes: to litigate or to arbitrate, that is the question

M&A practitioners spend considerable time and energy in avoiding post-closing disputes. However, sometimes they seem unavoidable. In light of this awareness, we turn our attention to one of the contractual provisions, which are often negotiated at the end of a deal: the jurisdiction clause. What considerations are important in that context? Is litigation by definition seller-friendly? Is arbitration favouring the party with more financial means? Is arbitration faster than litigation, but more expensive? Which should be chosen if supervisory measures are anticipated? The panel will discuss these questions and shed some more light on other aspects of the ‘right choice’ between arbitration and litigation.

Moderator
Guy Harles Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg; Vice-Chair, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Speakers
Bertrand Cardi Darrois Villey Maillot Brocher, Paris; Newsletter Vice Editor, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee
Marnix Leijten De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam
Wolfgang Peter Peter & Partners International Ltd, Geneva

1630 – 1730
Who pays the piper, calls the tune – incentivising managers in M&A transactions

Over the last few years there’s been much focus on executive salaries which have been a dominant corporate governance issue. One possible feature of the variable compensation in an executive’s remuneration package is the less discussed ‘transaction bonus’. Other common features include such perks as the so-called ‘stay-on bonus’. What needs to be borne in mind when incentivising managers in M&A transactions? What are the legal limitations and what is ‘best practice’ to align interests instead of creating conflicts?

Moderator
Herman Kaemingk Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam

Speakers
Anna Babych Aequo, Kiev
Jens Eggenberger Flick Gocke Schaumburg, Bonn
Rabbe Sittnikow Hannes Snellman, Helsinki; Vice-Chair, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

1730 Conference reception
Imperial, The Westin Paris – Vendôme
1130 – 1230

The ‘known unknown’: material adverse change in European M&A deals

Confucius said: ‘First, let’s define our terms’. This is particularly true with respect to the term ‘material adverse change’ or ‘MAC’. Everybody in M&A refers to it and uses it, sometimes rather light-heartedly. For when parties in an M&A transaction agree to apply a MAC, did they really reach consensus? Is there a universal definition of material adverse change? If not, what are the common definitions and points of negotiation? Where in a sale and purchase agreement does material adverse change play a role and how should it best be addressed? The panel will discuss those issues and try to materially positively change your perception and understanding of the term and its ramifications.

Moderator
Stefano Micheli  Bonelli Erede, Milan

Speakers
Helen Croke  Travers Smith, London
Diana Dimova  Kinstellar, Sofia
Ramón Girbau  Garrigues, Barcelona
David Oser  Homburger AG, Zurich

Friday 12 February

0800 – 1400  Registration
0830 – 0900  Welcome coffee/tea
0900 – 1000  European private equity: where do we stand and what is in the cards?

Some commentators say that private equity is ‘over the hill’, that its business model reached its peak. Given that the low-hanging fruit has gone, it will by definition lose out against strategic buyers and therefore decrease in importance in future. While this seems to be greatly exaggerated, it is true that private equity is facing its challenges these days. The panel will discuss on the basis of recent PE deals, the state of the industry in Europe, its business model, its role in the future and its challenges.

Moderator
Frank Thiäner  P+P Pöllath + Partners, Munich; Chair, Private Equity Subcommittee, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee

Speakers
Carlo Croff  Chiomenti Studio Legale, Milan
David Patrick Eich  Kirkland & Ellis, London
Adriana Gaspar  Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen, Bucharest

1000 – 1030  Coffee/tea break

1030 – 1130  M&A in the life science and pharmaceutical industry

The life science and pharmaceutical industry has been one of the most active M&A sectors in the last few years. The panel, consisting of experienced in-house and outside counsels, will identify and discuss the motivations behind the deals, the typical value drivers of target companies, the specific challenges M&A practitioners encounter in this sector and how to address them with state-of-the-art solutions.

Moderator
Paul Cronheim  De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam

Speakers
Andreas Bohrer  Group General Counsel, Lonza AG, Basel
Ben Gaffikin  McCann Fitzgerald, Dublin
Matthias Hentzen  Hengeler Müller, Düsseldorf

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Information

Date
11–12 February 2016

Venue
The Westin Paris – Vendôme
3 Rue de Castiglione, 75001 Paris, France
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www.thewestinparis.com

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Thursday 11 February

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Corporate and M&A Law Committee overview
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.

Additionally, the Corporate and M&A Law Committee works with Closely Held and Growing Business Enterprises Committee and the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee to form the Corporate Law Section.

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.

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