

Small-Cap Mergers & Acquisitions Review

First Nine Months 2021 | Legal Advisors

Global Deals Intelligence

SMALL-CAP M&A DEAL MAKING UP 37%; STRONGEST FIRST NINE MONTHS ON RECORD

Worldwide small-cap M&A deals valued up to US\$50 million (including undisclosed value deals) reached US\$181.2 billion during the first nine months of 2021, an increase of 37% compared to a year ago and the strongest opening nine-month period for small-cap M&A since records began in 1980. Small-cap M&A during the third quarter of 2021 decreased 15% compared to the second quarter of this year, while the number of deals declined by 9% during the third quarter. By number of worldwide deals, small-cap deal making increased 24% compared to the first nine months of 2020, hitting an all-time high.

RECORD PE-BACKED M&A UP 77%; CROSS-BORDER SMALL-CAP M&A UP 33%

Private Equity-backed small-cap M&A deals totaled US\$62.1 billion during the first nine months of 2021, up 77% compared to year ago levels and the strongest first nine months for small-cap private equity-backed M&A on record. The Technology, Healthcare and Consumer Products sectors accounted for 68% of private equity-backed deal making, reaching a combined US\$42.0 billion in deal value. Cross-border small-cap M&A activity totaled US\$41.5 billion during the first nine months of 2021, a 33% increase compared to a year ago and the strongest first nine months for cross-border M&A on record.

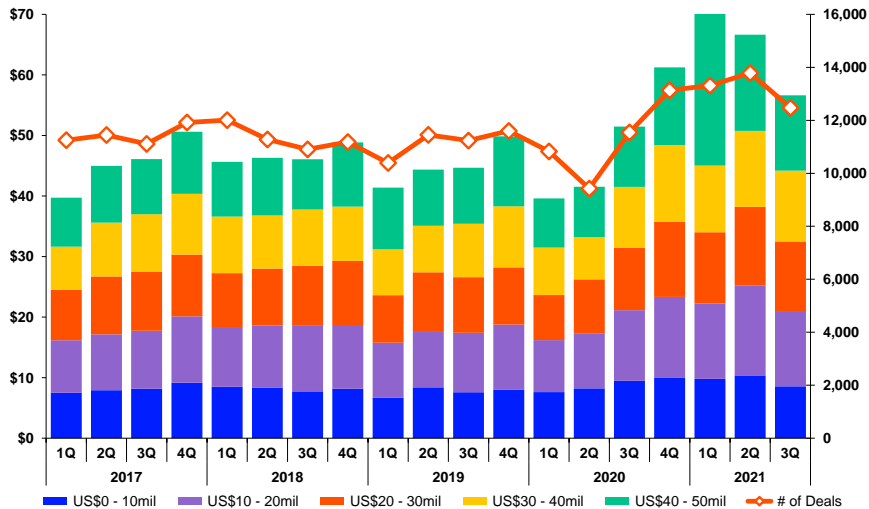
TECH LEADS ALL SMALL-CAP SECTORS; STRONGEST GROWTH IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS

The value of Technology-related M&A transactions reached US\$49.7 billion during the first nine months of 2021, an increase of 57% compared to a year ago, and accounted for 27% of global small-cap M&A deal making during the first nine months of 2021. The Healthcare and Industrials sectors comprised the two next largest sectors, each accounting for 12% of deal making during the first nine months of 2021.

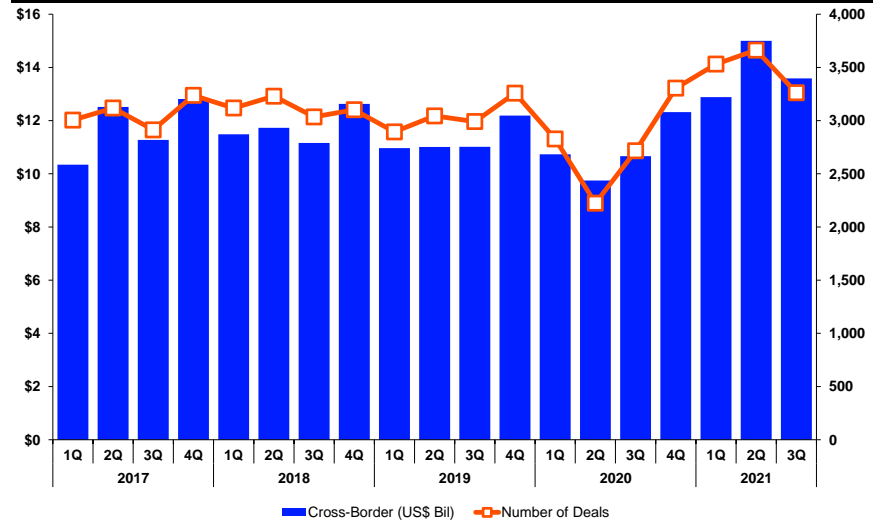
Global Scorecard: Announced Small-Cap M&A by Target Nation (Up To US\$50mil)

Target Region / Nation	01/01/2021 - 09/30/2021		01/01/2020 - 09/30/2020		YoY %	YoY %
	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals		
Worldwide	181,236.6	39,571	132,609.4	31,795	37% ▲	24% ▲
Americas	51,850.7	12,760	44,058.5	10,684	18% ▲	19% ▲
United States of America	40,501.1	9,598	35,088.7	8,036	15%	19%
Canada	6,728.3	2,079	5,774.2	1,855	17%	12%
Brazil	2,913.8	655	1,945.5	476	50%	38%
Mexico	533.8	107	195.2	69	173%	55%
Chile	249.6	82	190.0	49	31%	67%
Colombia	216.7	58	164.9	34	31%	71%
Argentina	135.7	47	271.0	40	-50%	18%
Africa/Middle East/Central Asia	7,075.9	1,212	4,256.9	916	66% ▲	32% ▲
Israel	3,315.0	256	1,682.8	176	97%	45%
Egypt	950.2	175	602.7	146	58%	20%
Europe	32,431.3	12,593	20,466.0	9,157	58% ▲	38% ▲
United Kingdom	8,826.7	3,037	5,062.8	1,934	74%	57%
France	4,125.7	1,381	2,262.7	882	82%	57%
Germany	3,504.5	1,415	1,851.8	1,071	89%	32%
Sweden	2,763.5	794	1,151.1	560	140%	42%
Spain	1,486.5	792	1,096.4	494	36%	60%
Asia-Pacific	82,132.8	10,207	57,655.7	8,472	42% ▲	20% ▲
China	42,738.4	4,933	30,608.4	3,620	40%	36%
South Korea	16,704.9	1,442	9,786.4	1,120	71%	29%
Australia	6,405.4	1,210	3,573.0	922	79%	31%
India	5,809.5	1,043	4,733.2	966	23%	8%
Hong Kong	2,784.2	373	2,237.2	371	24%	1%
Japan	7,745.9	2,799	6,172.3	2,566	25%	9%

Global Small-Cap M&A (up to US\$50mil) - Deal Size Composition (US\$bil)



Global Small-Cap Cross-Border M&A (up to US\$50mil)



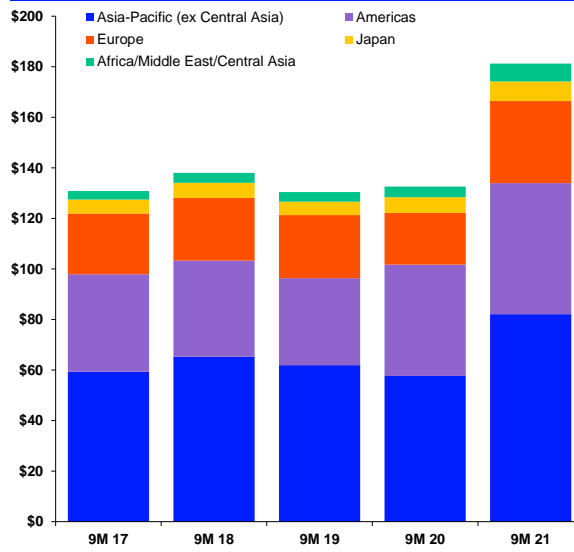
Global & Americas Rankings

First Nine Months 2021 | Small-Cap M&A | Legal Advisors

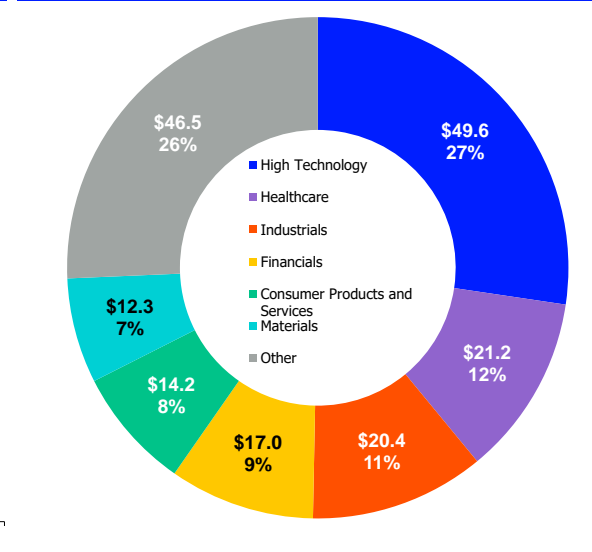
Worldwide Small-Cap (MM1a) YoY Change (\$) 37%

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	2	511	113	6,094.3
Kirkland & Ellis	2	3	452	129	155.7
DLA Piper LLP	3	1	413	-7	1,218.6
Latham & Watkins	4	4	363	75	1,668.3
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	5	26*	299	211	2,378.9
CMS	6	7	266	92	514.0
Jones Day	7	5	255	32	1,071.0
White & Case LLP	8	8	220	56	714.5
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	9	12	200	76	829.6
McGuireWoods LLP	10	9	194	46	243.9
Baker McKenzie	11	6	193	7	530.3
Gowling WLG	12	20	183	84	917.5
McDermott Will & Emery	13	18	176	74	43.7
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	14	16	167	62	1,193.1
Allen & Overy	15	15	164	48	180.1
Sidley Austin LLP	16	11	159	25	529.7
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	17	14	156	35	802.4
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	18	25	135	45	383.4
Cuatrecasas	19	39	133	64	358.2
Weil Gotshal & Manges	20	24	130	36	229.6
Linklaters	21*	21	126	29	362.0
Ropes & Gray	21*	28	126	40	80.5
Hogan Lovells	23*	10	125	-13	502.4
Cooley LLP	23*	19	125	25	198.1
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	25	22*	123	28	541.2
Industry Total			39,571	7,776	181,236.6

Global Small-Cap M&A - Regional Composition (US\$bil) YoY Change (\$) 37%



Global Small-Cap M&A - Target Macro Industry Composition (US\$bil) YoY Change (\$) 37%



United States Target Small-Cap (MM2a) YoY Change (\$) 16%

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	1	392	82	5,005.7
Kirkland & Ellis	2	2	379	107	115.3
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	3	13	250	175	1,891.1
Latham & Watkins	4	4	195	49	880.7
McGuireWoods LLP	5	5	190	48	243.9
DLA Piper LLP	6	3	155	-23	454.3
Jones Day	7	7	140	24	281.7
McDermott Will & Emery	8	11	138	57	39.0
Sidley Austin LLP	9	8	135	30	481.0
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	10	9	128	25	656.6
Ropes & Gray	11	15	110	44	80.5
Cooley LLP	12	10	106	18	142.1
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	13	12	99	22	782.9
Weil Gotshal & Manges	14	19	78	30	144.5
Alston & Bird	15	20	74	28	106.8
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP	16*	6	69	-52	428.0
Honigman LLP	16*	14	69	-1	169.5
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	16*	54	69	56	324.8
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	19	27	66	29	159.3
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	20	24	62	21	0.0
White & Case LLP	21	33*	59	27	117.4
Paul, Weiss	22	37*	57	29	130.6
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	23	22*	56	13	137.0
Skadden	24	25	54	15	24.4
King & Spalding	25	28*	51	15	16.0
Industry Total			9,598	1,565	40,501.1

Canadian Involvement Small-Cap (MM22a) YoY Change (\$) 22%

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	1	1	179	66	731.0
Gowling WLG	2	2	130	52	564.0
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP	3	3	75	5	566.1
Stikeman Elliott	4	5	74	22	396.5
Blake Cassels & Graydon	5	4	57	-2	440.0
McCarthy Tetrault	6	7	49	16	129.2
Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP	7	8	46	15	286.2
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP	8	6	33	-2	123.4
Borden Ladner Gervais LLP	9	14	28	11	111.0
Kirkland & Ellis	10	10	26	2	0.0
Torys	11	15	23	7	235.0
DLA Piper LLP	12	12*	22	4	57.4
Jones Day	13*	22*	17	10	20.4
Dentons	13*	17*	17	7	138.3
White & Case LLP	13*	28*	17	12	33.2
Goodwin Procter LLP	16*	11	16	-4	73.5
Norton Rose Fulbright	16*	17*	16	6	93.3
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	16*	90*	16	15	100.3
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	19	20*	12	4	111.8
Dorsey & Whitney LLP	20	16	11	-4	82.8
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	21	56*	10	8	106.6
CMS	22*	42*	9	6	20.0
AZB & Partners	22*	56*	9	7	0.0
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	22*	42*	9	6	24.2
Industry Total			3,032	563	10,227.1

Latin America Involvement Small-Cap (MM17a) YoY Change (\$) 46%

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	1	1	91	35	308.8
Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr	2	2	47	-5	313.2
Veirano Advogados	3	3*	44	9	165.2
Lefosse Advogados	4	8	43	26	170.0
Demarest Advogados	5	5	33	10	130.7
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados	6*	7	32	11	182.2
Machado Meyer Sendacz & Opice	6*	3*	32	-3	93.2
Barbosa Müssnich & Aragao	8	10*	24	14	91.5
Tozzini Freire Teixeira e Silva	9	13*	23	14	113.7
Cuatrecasas	10	19	22	17	71.0
Posse, Herrera & Ruiz	11	39*	18	17	0.1
Bronstein Zilberberg Chuelri & Potenza Advogados	12	-	14	14	138.5
DLA Piper LLP	13*	17*	13	7	5.3
Stocche Forbes Advogados	13*	6	13	-9	135.3
Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	15*	10*	12	2	19.1
Baker McKenzie	15*	9	12	-2	66.5
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	17	22*	9	6	155.3
Carey & Cia	18	10*	8	-2	95.3
Morrison & Foerster	19*	39*	7	6	82.5
Latham & Watkins	19*	26*	7	5	50.0
Clifford Chance	21*	39*	6	5	0.0
CMS	21*	-	6	6	17.7
Hogan Lovells	21*	22*	6	3	80.0
Creel Garcia-Cuellar Aiza y Enriquez SC	21*	-	6	6	53.4
Linklaters	21*	26*	6	4	37.2
Industry Total			1,118	343	4,729.9

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Asia-Pacific Rankings

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Hochinma Involvement Small-Cap (MM13a)					YoY Change (\$) 37%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Khaitan & Co	1	1	80	21	996.2
AZB & Partners	2	4	70	14	743.7
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	3	2	64	6	957.3
Fangda Partners	4	3	60	3	493.9
J Sagar Associates	5	12	35	20	259.5
Jingtian & Gongcheng	6	5	29	-5	211.2
Trilegal	7	7	21	-4	139.6
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	8*	31*	14	6	55.0
Goodwin Procter LLP	8*	17*	14	3	307.2
Herbert Smith Freehills	8*	31*	14	6	110.9
Krishnamurthy & Co	11	31*	13	5	179.9
Clifford Chance	12*	31*	12	4	33.8
Tatva Legal	12*	15	12	-1	18.3
Jia Yuan Law Offices	12*	22*	12	2	64.5
AllBright Law Offices	15	16	11	-1	199.9
Norton Rose Fulbright	16*	31*	10	2	53.1
JunHe LLP	16*	13*	10	-4	0.0
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	16*	108*	10	9	10.3
Baker Mckenzie	16*	11	10	-6	0.0
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	16*	-	10	10	0.0
White & Case LLP	21*	42*	9	3	132.5
Latham & Watkins	21*	9	9	-9	107.5
Industry Total			7,143	1,358	56,819.9

Japan Involvement Small-Cap (MM15a)					YoY Change (\$) 14%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	1	2	79	8	790.0
Nishimura & Asahi	2	1	72	-11	872.6
TMI Associates	3	4	70	27	522.2
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	4	5	44	15	310.0
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	5	3	42	-2	307.8
Miura&Partners	6	7	19	7	116.3
Allen & Overy	7	38*	10	8	0.0
White & Case LLP	8	21*	9	5	33.6
Jones Day	9	9*	8	-1	7.0
Hibiya-Nakata	10*	8	7	-3	44.5
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	10*	21*	7	3	68.3
Morrison & Foerster	10*	15*	7	1	50.0
Latham & Watkins	10*	15*	7	1	50.0
Herbert Smith Freehills	10*	9*	7	-2	5.5
Ashurst	15	66*	6	5	5.7
DLA Piper LLP	16	31*	5	2	93.0
CMS	17*	21*	4	0	7.9
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	17*	15*	4	-2	18.3
Sidley Austin LLP	17*	31*	4	1	45.0
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	17*	31*	4	1	45.0
Kitahama Partners	17*	38*	4	2	74.4
Lee & Ko	17*	21*	4	0	38.5
Paul, Weiss	17*	38*	4	2	0.0
Minter Ellison	17*	-	4	4	5.5
Industry Total			3,369	234	9,765.7

Chinese Involvement Small-Cap (MM20a)					YoY Change (\$) 38%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Fangda Partners	1	1	60	4	493.9
Jingtian & Gongcheng	2	2	29	-2	211.2
Jia Yuan Law Offices	3	10	12	2	64.5
AllBright Law Offices	4	8	11	-1	199.9
JunHe LLP	5	5*	10	-4	0.0
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	6*	26*	9	5	0.0
Clifford Chance	6*	18*	9	3	33.8
Herbert Smith Freehills	8	21*	8	3	95.3
Zhong Lun Law Firm	9	5*	6	-8	12.4
Bae Kim & Lee	10*	-	5	5	114.7
Norton Rose Fulbright	10*	45*	5	3	1.6
Baker Mckenzie	10*	26*	5	1	0.0
White & Case LLP	10*	26*	5	1	32.5
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	14*	71*	4	3	18.1
Jones Day	14*	71*	4	3	57.0
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	14*	45*	4	2	0.0
Guantao Law Firm	14*	14*	4	-3	86.0
Linklaters	14*	32*	4	1	0.0
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	14*	71*	4	3	9.3
Latham & Watkins	14*	7	4	-9	98.5
Industry Total			5,272	1,308	45,188.5

Hong Kong Involvement Small-Cap (MM12a)					YoY Change (\$) 31%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Herbert Smith Freehills	1	9*	10	6	83.0
Goodwin Procter LLP	2	33*	7	6	125.1
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	3	33*	6	5	55.0
Norton Rose Fulbright	4	3	5	-3	53.1
Clifford Chance	5*	6*	3	-2	0.0
Fangda Partners	5*	1	3	-9	34.5
Lee & Ko	5*	9*	3	-1	33.3
Allen & Overy	5*	20*	3	1	0.0
Industry Total			908	51	7,654.0

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Australia/New Zealand Involvement Small-Cap (MM11a)					YoY Change (\$) 77%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Talbot Sayer Lawyers	1	2	75	39	140.2
Herbert Smith Freehills	2	1	54	16	459.1
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	3	8*	49	27	209.8
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	4	5	46	17	243.9
Minter Ellison	5*	3	44	13	353.0
Gilbert + Tobin	5*	4	44	14	256.5
King & Wood Mallesons	7	8*	40	18	148.8
Thomson Geer	8	8*	37	15	200.1
Allens	9	11	33	15	198.4
Johnson Winter & Slattery	10	19*	24	15	263.2
DLA Piper LLP	11	6	19	-7	43.6
Gadens Lawyers	12	13	16	4	23.7
Lander & Rogers Lawyers	13	34*	15	12	78.7
Ashurst	14	23*	14	6	29.3
Kain Lawyers Pty Ltd	15	7	13	-11	58.9
Clayton Utz	16	18	12	2	241.5
Jones Day	17*	19*	10	1	64.7
Norton Rose Fulbright	17*	14*	10	-1	60.7
Simpson Grierson	19*	27*	9	3	24.1
Arnold Bloch Leibler	19*	19*	9	0	108.5
Bell Gully	19*	50*	9	8	5.5
Clifford Chance	22	14*	8	-3	0.0
Chapman Tripp	23*	14*	7	-4	55.6
Allen & Overy	23*	19*	7	-2	42.4
Industry Total			1,626	334	8,380.7

Singapore Involvement Small-Cap (MM14a)					YoY Change (\$) 12%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
WongPartnership LLP	1	3	26	9	362.8
AZB & Partners	2	7*	24	17	190.4
Rajah & Tann LLP	3*	2	15	-4	219.5
Khaitan & Co	3*	14*	15	11	117.3
Allen & Gledhill	5	1	8	-13	70.2
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	6	38*	7	6	0.0
Bae Kim & Lee	7*	-	6	6	43.6
J Sagar Associates	7*	-	6	6	69.2
White & Case LLP	7*	21*	6	4	50.0
CMS	10*	38*	5	4	0.0
DLA Piper LLP	10*	14*	5	1	22.7
King & Wood Mallesons	10*	-	5	5	0.0
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	10*	7*	5	-2	85.8
Allen & Overy	10*	38*	5	4	36.0
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	15*	-	4	4	0.0
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	15*	18*	4	1	0.0
Jones Day	15*	38*	4	3	9.4
Linklaters	15*	21*	4	2	0.0
Dentons	15*	38*	4	3	41.1
Minter Ellison	15*	38*	4	3	165.1
Industry Total			620	8	4,394.5

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European Involvement Small-Cap (MM3a)						YoY Change (\$)	51%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
CMS	1	2	255	83	497.0		
DLA Piper LLP	2	1	238	21	647.3		
Latham & Watkins	3	5	175	60	593.9		
White & Case LLP	4	4	164	44	522.6		
Baker Mckenzie	5	3	154	19	322.1		
Allen & Overy	6	6	141	40	130.1		
Linklaters	7*	11	114	30	362.0		
Goodwin Procter LLP	7*	8	114	24	760.5		
Cuatrecasas	9	14*	113	47	297.3		
Jones Day	10	7	101	5	796.9		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	11	13	97	26	513.3		
Dentons	12*	18	93	37	373.9		
Kirkland & Ellis	12*	19	93	41	35.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	14	16	91	28	130.6		
Clifford Chance	15	12	90	13	124.5		
Hogan Lovells	16	9	87	0	353.5		
Addleshaw Goddard	17	20*	86	36	212.2		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	18	22*	77	28	207.2		
Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	19	17	72	14	158.6		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	20	25	70	25	131.7		
Gowling WLG	21*	42*	59	29	250.0		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	21*	52*	59	36	218.3		
A&L Goodbody	23	40*	58	27	25.2		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	24*	26	57	13	135.1		
Perez Llorca	24*	30*	57	19	211.9		
Industry Total			14,349	3,736	39,166.9		

United Kingdom Involvement Small-Cap (MM4a)						YoY Change (\$)	57%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
DLA Piper LLP	1	1	101	21	256.2		
CMS	2	2	92	24	227.0		
Addleshaw Goddard	3	5	85	35	212.2		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	4*	3	80	16	396.1		
Latham & Watkins	4*	9	80	40	251.9		
Goodwin Procter LLP	6	6	61	12	358.2		
Allen & Overy	7	10	60	26	0.0		
Kirkland & Ellis	8	16*	54	28	0.3		
White & Case LLP	9	11*	49	19	150.6		
Gowling WLG	10	21	46	25	229.3		
Pinsent Masons	11	4	44	-12	90.9		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	12	14*	40	13	112.3		
A&L Goodbody	13	19*	39	17	161.3		
Travers Smith	14	7	37	-7	92.5		
Linklaters	15	13	34	5	12.1		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	16	53*	33	27	384.1		
Baker Mckenzie	17	18	31	8	86.1		
Dentons	18	31*	29	18	199.6		
Clifford Chance	19*	14*	28	1	19.8		
Macfarlanes	19*	65*	28	23	27.7		
Jones Day	21*	19*	27	5	227.2		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	21*	22	27	8	50.0		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	21*	34*	27	17	114.3		
Skadden	24	28*	23	10	65.8		
Eversheds Sutherland LLP	25	8	21	-21	105.6		
Industry Total			4,537	1,515	13,659.1		

French Involvement Small-Cap (MM5a)						YoY Change (\$)	79%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Jones Day	1*	1	46	-6	533.2		
CMS	1*	8	46	20	121.2		
Hogan Lovells	3	3	42	8	184.6		
Latham & Watkins	4	5*	41	12	108.0		
Allen & Overy	5	14	38	19	0.0		
Gide Loyrette Nouel	6	2	35	-4	167.2		
Goodwin Procter LLP	7	9	33	11	216.8		
DLA Piper LLP	8	4	30	0	74.4		
Linklaters	9	10*	28	8	177.4		
McDermott Will & Emery	10*	18*	26	17	0.0		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	10*	7	26	-1	39.0		
White & Case LLP	10*	10*	26	6	56.8		
Mayer Brown LLP	13	10*	22	2	52.6		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	14	28*	21	15	0.0		
Bredin Prat	15	28*	19	13	54.0		
Dentons	16	21*	17	9	45.3		
Clifford Chance	17*	10*	16	-4	0.0		
Dechert	17*	15	16	-2	56.3		
Paul Hastings LLP	17*	24*	16	9	40.0		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	20	16	15	4	44.1		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	21	24*	14	7	18.3		
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	22	24*	13	6	0.0		
Baker Mckenzie	23*	5*	12	-17	30.6		
Kirkland & Ellis	23*	18*	12	3	0.0		
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	23*	44*	12	9	41.4		
Industry Total			2,152	738	5,572.0		

German Involvement Small-Cap (MM6a)						YoY Change (\$)	64%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
CMS	1	1	84	24	94.8		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	2	3	66	21	131.7		
Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	3	2	56	6	99.0		
P+P Pollath + Partners	4	7	50	25	103.9		
Heuking Kuehn Lueer Wojtek	5	4	42	6	185.2		
Latham & Watkins	6	5	38	10	89.4		
Gleiss Lutz	7	13*	33	18	112.8		
Hengeler Mueller	8*	9*	31	9	156.3		
White & Case LLP	8*	13*	31	16	67.0		
Clifford Chance	10*	11	28	7	85.7		
Hogan Lovells	10*	6	28	2	15.1		
DLA Piper LLP	12	9*	25	3	61.5		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	13	8	22	-1	0.0		
Baker Mckenzie	14	17	21	7	58.1		
Linklaters	15*	13*	20	5	12.1		
Dentons	15*	19*	20	8	63.5		
Goodwin Procter LLP	17	25*	16	7	133.3		
Shearman & Sterling LLP	18*	38*	15	11	17.7		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	18*	32*	15	10	72.0		
Allen & Overy	18*	12	15	-4	0.0		
Cuatrecasas	21*	25*	13	4	7.1		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	21*	18	13	0	50.0		
Industry Total			2,063	466	5,051.4		

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Italian Involvement Small-Cap (MM7a)						YoY Change (\$)	-15%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Legance Avvocati Associati	1	8	44	28	107.7		
NCTM	2*	1	40	-6	70.0		
PwC TLS Avvocati E Commercialisti	2*	3	40	14	60.8		
Chiomenti Studio Legal	4	2	35	2	13.9		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	5	5	32	11	30.4		
Gianni Orioni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	6	4	31	9	14.1		
Gattai Minoli Agostinelli & Partners	7	6	25	5	7.4		
Pedersoli Studio Legale	8	12	20	7	10.1		
White & Case LLP	9	15	18	10	145.9		
Latham & Watkins	10*	13*	16	5	0.0		
Pavia e Ansaldo	10*	19*	16	11	0.0		
DLA Piper LLP	12*	9*	15	0	81.3		
Dentons	12*	9*	15	0	29.6		
Gatti Pavesi Bianchi	14	7	14	-3	54.6		
Russo De Rosa Bolletta & Associati	15*	19*	13	8	0.0		
CMS	15*	16*	13	6	13.6		
Bonelli Erede e Pappalardo	17*	11	11	-3	11.8		
LCA Studio Legale	17*	27*	11	7	0.0		
Baker Mckenzie	19	13*	10	-1	14.8		
Giulberti Pappalettera Triscornia E Associati	20*	27*	9	5	0.0		
Hogan Lovells	20*	27*	9	5	0.0		
Linklaters	22	38*	8	5	0.0		
Industry Total			976	189	1,641.7		

Spanish Involvement Small-Cap (MM8a)						YoY Change (\$)	27%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Cuatrecasas	1	1	102	47	289.6		
Perez Llorca	2	3	57	23	211.9		
Gomez Acebo & Pombo	3	4*	50	22	76.9		
Uria Menendez	4	4*	44	16	113.3		
Garrigues	5	2	33	-3	27.6		
DLA Piper LLP	6	11*	27	18	55.9		
PwC Legal LLP	7	6	25	6	40.0		
Baker Mckenzie	8	8*	20	9	0.0		
Clifford Chance	9	16*	18	11	5.0		
CMS	10	18	17	12	25.6		
Herbert Smith Freehills	11	16*	13	6	12.1		
Linklaters	12*	8*	12	1	0.0		
King & Wood Mallesons	12*	23*	12	10	17.2		
Allen & Overy	14	14*	11	3	0.0		
Jones Day	15*	19	9	5	69.3		
Hogan Lovells	15*	8*	9	-2	0.0		
Latham & Watkins	17	11*	7	-2	49.5		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	18	23*	6	4	0.0		
Legance Avvocati Associati	19*	23*	4	2	32.2		
White & Case LLP	19*	32*	4	3	0.0		
McGuireWoods LLP	21*	-	3	3	20.0		
Dentons	21*	20*	3	0	20.8		
Ernst & Young Abogados SLP	21*	-	3	3	0.0		
Industry Total			983	344	1,914.5		

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Benelux Involvement Small-Cap (MM10a)						Nordic Involvement Small-Cap (MM9a)						Eastern Europe Involvement Small-Cap (MM16a)					
YoY Change (\$) 67%						YoY Change (\$) 78%						YoY Change (\$) 33%					
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil	Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil	Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Allen & Overy	1	2	50	1	114.2	White & Case LLP	1	1	58	7	144.5	Ellex	1	1*	50	17	111.1
DLA Piper LLP	2	1	46	-5	186.9	Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS	2	7	38	21	75.4	SORAINEN	2	6	37	16	131.6
Loyens & Loeff	3	4	43	12	55.5	DLA Piper LLP	3	6	37	19	145.8	DLA Piper LLP	3*	1*	34	1	220.4
Linklaters	4	5	42	16	115.2	Baker McKenzie	4	2	32	3	113.8	Cobalt	3*	4	34	5	118.1
CMS	5	3	41	9	14.0	Hannes Snellman	5	4*	28	9	68.0	Baker McKenzie	5	3	31	0	77.6
Baker McKenzie	6	6	39	15	94.7	Eversheds Sutherland LLP	6	8	25	10	226.1	CMS	6	14	29	20	30.1
Houthoff	7	7*	35	16	154.0	Ellex	7	20*	17	10	14.2	Dentons	7	10*	26	13	74.0
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	8	10*	31	16	22.5	Castren & Snellman	8	9	16	2	58.2	Havel & Partners sro	8	5	24	1	28.3
Dentons	9	12*	26	13	118.8	Latham & Watkins	9	13*	15	6	86.3	Schoenherr Attorney's at Law	9	9	21	7	69.8
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	10	12*	25	12	29.8	Gernandt & Danielsson	10*	10	14	2	81.0	Allen & Overy	10	15*	19	12	8.3
Jones Day	11*	9	24	7	122.5	SORAINEN	10*	27*	14	10	1.2	Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	11*	7	17	1	13.1
White & Case LLP	11*	7*	24	5	3.6	Linklaters	12*	16*	13	5	100.7	TGS Baltic	11*	8	17	2	84.6
Latham & Watkins	11*	12*	24	11	124.7	Advokatfirman Delphi	12*	16*	13	5	70.8	WALLESS	13	15*	16	9	9.5
Clifford Chance	14	10*	23	8	48.6	Goodwin Procter LLP	14*	13*	12	3	76.0	White & Case LLP	14	10*	13	0	21.9
NautaDutilh	15	28*	17	11	72.1	Dittmar & Indrenius	14*	11	12	1	12.0	Linklaters	15*	15*	9	2	0.0
Stibbe	16	31*	14	9	36.0	Squire Patton Boggs LLP	14*	36*	12	9	14.9	Clifford Chance	15*	13	9	-2	26.7
Skadden	17	25*	13	6	17.6	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	17*	13*	11	2	0.0	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	15*	18*	9	4	66.9
Cuatrecasas	18	43*	12	8	31.7	Advokatfirman Vinge	17*	4*	11	-8	16.9	Goodwin Procter LLP	18*	40*	6	5	81.4
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	19*	76*	10	8	3.8							Morgan Lewis & Bockius	18*	40*	6	5	26.0
Kirkland & Ellis	19*	25*	10	3	0.0							Eversheds Sutherland LLP	18*	12	6	-6	0.0
Industry Total			1,798	501	4,945.1	Industry Total			2,299	759	6,708.9	Industry Total			1,867	98	4,156.3

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