

Small-Cap Mergers & Acquisitions Review

First Quarter 2021 | Legal Advisors

Global Deals Intelligence

SMALL-CAP M&A DEAL MAKING UP 30%; STRONGEST FIRST QUARTER ON RECORD

Worldwide small-cap M&A deals valued up to US\$50 million (including undisclosed value deals) reached US\$51.5 billion during the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 30% compared to a year ago and the strongest opening period for small-cap M&A since records began in 1980. Small-cap M&A during the first quarter of 2021 decreased 15% compared to the fourth quarter of last year, which set an all-time quarterly record, by deal value and number of deals. By number of worldwide deals, small-cap deal making increased 9% compared to the first quarter of 2020, hitting a three-year high.

RECORD PE-BACKED M&A DOUBLES; CROSS-BORDER SMALL-CAP M&A UP 4%

Private Equity-backed small-cap M&A deals totaled US\$15.9 billion during the first quarter of 2021, more than double year ago levels and the strongest first quarter for small-cap private equity-backed M&A on record. The Technology, Healthcare and Industrials sectors accounted for 71% of private equity-backed deal making, reaching a combined US\$11.3 billion in deal value. Cross-border small-cap M&A activity totaled US\$11.2 billion during the first quarter of 2021, a 4% increase compared to a year ago and the strongest first quarter for cross-border M&A since 2008.

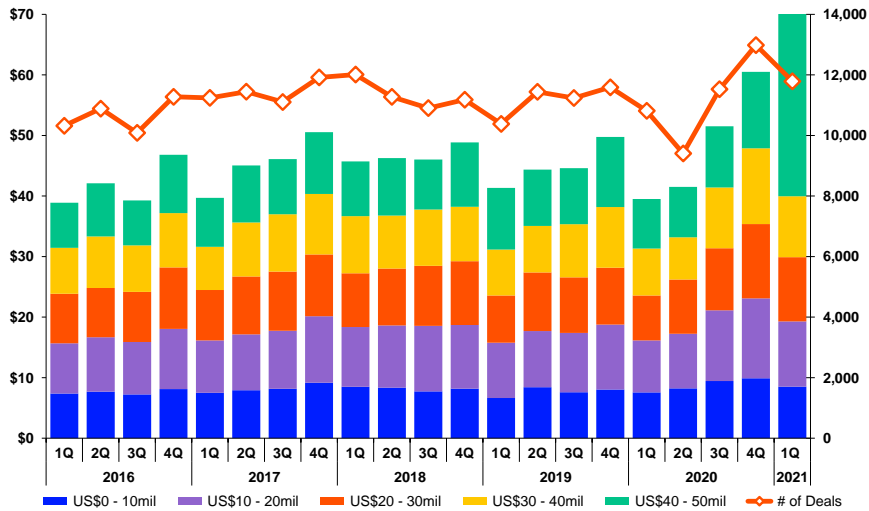
TECHNOLOGY LEADS ALL SMALL-CAP SECTORS; STRONGEST GROWTH IN RETAIL

The value of Technology-related M&A transactions reached US\$13.8 billion during the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 68% compared to a year ago, and accounted for 27% of global small-cap M&A deal making during the first quarter of 2021. The Industrials and Healthcare sectors comprised the two next largest sectors, accounting for 12% and 11%, respectively, during first quarter 2021.

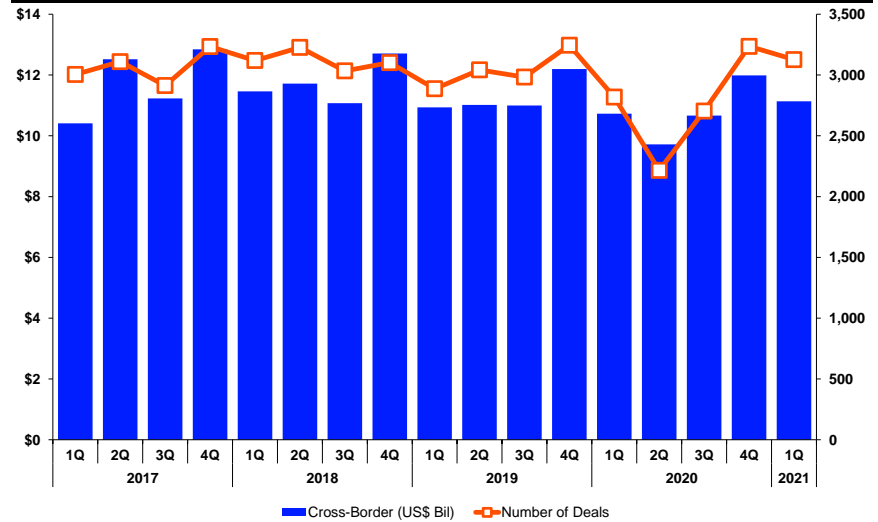
Global Scorecard: Announced Small-Cap M&A by Target Nation (Up To US\$50mil)

Target Region / Nation	01/01/2021 - 03/31/2021		01/01/2020 - 03/31/2020		YoY %	YoY %
	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals		
Worldwide	51,520.0	11,792	39,498.7	10,814	30% ▲	9% ▲
Americas	14,759.6	3,806	13,792.0	3,640	7% ▲	5% ▲
United States of America	11,427.2	2,755	10,981.4	2,855	4% ▲	-4% ▼
Canada	2,148.5	754	1,755.2	530	22% ▲	42% ▲
Brazil	638.8	189	474.0	139	35% ▲	36% ▲
Mexico	233.3	34	46.6	25	401% ▲	36% ▲
Cayman Islands	63.9	4	58.1	7	10% ▲	-43% ▼
British Virgin Islands(United King	51.7	2	0.0	1	-	100% ▲
Colombia	44.1	11	104.4	19	-58% ▼	-42% ▼
Africa/Middle East/Central Asia	1,684.7	361	981.0	301	72% ▲	20% ▲
Israel	841.5	66	318.5	41	164% ▲	61% ▲
Egypt	254.6	66	205.0	41	24% ▲	61% ▲
Europe	10,142.9	3,882	7,254.4	3,400	40% ▲	14% ▲
United Kingdom	3,131.7	1,028	1,613.0	732	94% ▲	40% ▲
France	1,168.6	353	703.7	341	66% ▲	4% ▲
Germany	1,062.5	472	667.7	431	59% ▲	10% ▲
Sweden	854.5	257	271.0	193	215% ▲	33% ▲
Netherlands	426.5	197	204.4	148	109% ▲	33% ▲
Asia-Pacific	22,333.0	2,887	15,224.0	2,490	47% ▲	16% ▲
China	11,868.6	1,368	6,321.3	789	88% ▲	73% ▲
South Korea	3,964.2	357	2,845.0	336	39% ▲	6% ▲
India	1,618.5	320	1,702.4	406	-5% ▼	-21% ▼
Australia	1,524.0	306	1,207.3	313	26% ▲	-2% ▼
Hong Kong	837.8	122	790.9	131	6% ▲	-7% ▼
Japan	2,599.8	856	2,247.4	983	16% ▲	-13% ▼

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



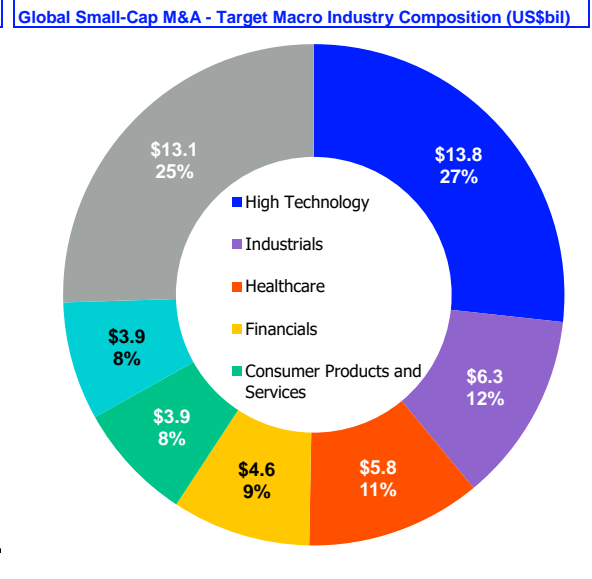
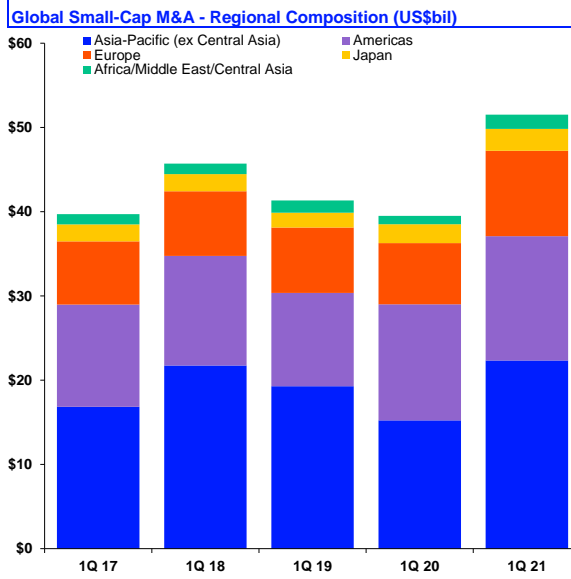
Global Small-Cap Cross-Border M&A (up to US\$50mil)



Global & Americas Rankings

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Worldwide Small-Cap (MM1a)						YoY Change (\$)	30%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	1	147	11	1,349.9		
Kirkland & Ellis	2	3	135	12	16.6		
Latham & Watkins	3	5	108	15	343.0		
Jones Day	4	4	82	-13	303.9		
DLA Piper LLP	5	2	76	-54	193.0		
White & Case LLP	6	9*	73	16	243.7		
Gowling WLG	7	25	62	31	231.8		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	8	20*	54	17	239.8		
CMS	9	7	52	-17	86.0		
McDermott Will & Emery	10	47*	51	29	0.0		
Allen & Overy	11	13*	50	5	15.9		
McGuireWoods LLP	12	6	47	-31	76.0		
Sidley Austin LLP	13*	11	46	-10	95.0		
Cooley LLP	13*	29*	46	17	58.1		
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	15	13*	43	-2	196.7		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	16	19	42	3	356.0		
Linklaters	17*	20*	38	1	134.0		
Baker Mckenzie	17*	9*	38	-19	147.2		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	19*	38*	37	11	95.6		
Ropes & Gray	19*	20*	37	0	0.0		
Stikeman Elliott	21	53*	34	14	135.2		
Addleshaw Goddard	22*	56*	33	14	28.4		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	22*	35*	33	6	0.0		
Hogan Lovells	24	8	32	-30	149.4		
Herbert Smith Freehills	25	38*	31	5	126.7		
Industry Total			11,792	978	51,520.0		



United States Target Small-Cap (MM2a)						YoY Change (\$)	4%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	1	117	8	1,044.9		
Kirkland & Ellis	2	2	110	8	16.6		
Latham & Watkins	3	7	62	13	164.0		
Jones Day	4	5*	48	-4	115.0		
McGuireWoods LLP	5	3	47	-28	76.0		
McDermott Will & Emery	6	24*	39	24	0.0		
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	7*	10	37	-3	156.5		
Cooley LLP	7*	15*	37	13	58.1		
Sidley Austin LLP	9	8*	35	-8	95.0		
Ropes & Gray	10	14	34	6	0.0		
Honigman LLP	11	5*	29	-23	87.6		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	12	13	23	-9	229.0		
King & Spalding	13	47*	21	15	0.0		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	14*	12	19	-15	10.0		
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	14*	53*	19	14	33.6		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	14*	27*	19	6	0.0		
Alston & Bird	17*	20*	18	1	0.0		
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	17*	24*	18	3	30.4		
Vinson & Elkins LLP	17*	35*	18	8	135.5		
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	17*	37*	18	9	64.7		
Bass Berry & Sims PLC	21	22*	17	1	0.0		
Davis Polk & Wardwell	22*	47*	16	10	40.0		
Morrison & Foerster	22*	17*	16	-3	26.6		
Paul, Weiss	22*	41*	16	8	0.0		
Industry Total			2,755	-99	11,427.2		

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Canadian Involvement Small-Cap (MM22a)						YoY Change (\$)	15%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Gowling WLG	1	2*	38	14	121.3		
Stikeman Elliott	2	4	28	9	48.7		
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	3	1	21	-4	68.5		
Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP	4	10	11	1	36.7		
Kirkland & Ellis	5*	13	10	3	0.0		
Blake Cassels & Graydon	5*	2*	10	-14	66.0		
McCarthy Tétrault	7	5	9	-7	33.7		
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP	8	7	8	-6	43.2		
Torys	9	11*	7	-1	9.9		
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP	10	6	5	-10	0.0		
Borden Ladner Gervais LLP	11*	22*	4	1	0.0		
White & Case LLP	11*	27*	4	2	11.2		
Goodwin Procter LLP	13*	8*	3	-8	0.0		
Jones Day	13*	27*	3	1	0.0		
Linklaters	13*	53*	3	2	0.0		
Paul Hastings LLP	13*	18*	3	-1	0.0		
Industry Total			1,005	242	2,969.1		

Latin America Involvement Small-Cap (MM17a)						YoY Change (\$)	4%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	1	1	15	-4	46.5		
Veirano Advogados	2	2*	13	-1	8.0		
Lefosse Advogados	3	17*	12	11	33.7		
Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	4	10*	9	7	14.2		
Demarest Advogados	5*	6	8	1	14.2		
Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr	5*	2*	8	-6	84.9		
Barbosa Mussnich & Aragao	7*	17*	6	5	54.3		
Stocche Forbes Advogados	7*	8	6	1	78.1		
Cescon, Barriue, Flesch & Barreto Advogados	9*	5	5	-3	44.2		
Machado Meyer Sendacz & Opice	9*	4	5	-5	0.0		
Cuatrecasas	11	10*	4	2	30.0		
Garrigues	12*	17*	3	2	8.4		
Tozzini Freire Teixeira e Silva	12*	-	3	3	0.0		
Creel, Garcia-Cuellar y Muggenburg	12*	-	3	3	53.4		
Baker Mckenzie	12*	17*	3	2	0.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	16*	-	2	2	0.0		
CMS	16*	-	2	2	0.0		
DLA Piper LLP	16*	17*	2	1	0.0		
Linklaters	16*	-	2	2	0.0		
Derraik & Menezes Advogados	16*	-	2	2	2.0		
Studio Tombari	16*	-	2	2	8.1		
Rymarz Zdort Gasinski Her Iwaniszyn Miklas Uzielo	16*	-	2	2	21.7		
Latham & Watkins	16*	-	2	2	0.0		
Allen & Overy	16*	10*	2	0	15.5		
Paul Hastings LLP	16*	17*	2	1	0.0		
Industry Total			315	65	1,161.6		

Asia-Pacific Rankings

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Hochinma Involvement Small-Cap (MM13a) YoY Change (\$) **59%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Fangda Partners	1	4	19	1	102.0
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	2	1	18	-9	314.6
Khaitan & Co	3	3	17	-2	195.2
AZB & Partners	4	2	14	-9	147.4
J Sagar Associates	5	20*	9	5	98.3
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	6	26*	6	3	35.5
Goodwin Procter LLP	7*	34*	4	2	77.2
DLA Piper LLP	7*	20*	4	0	0.3
Krishnamurthy & Co	7*	34*	4	2	74.1
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co	7*	9*	4	-3	21.3
Linklaters	11*	57*	3	2	0.0
Jones Day	11*	57*	3	2	50.0
Ashurst	11*	-	3	3	34.7
Trilegal	11*	6*	3	-9	21.3
Latham & Watkins	11*	14*	3	-2	36.5

Industry Total 2,075 482 16,061.3

Japan Involvement Small-Cap (MM15a) YoY Change (\$) **-4%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	1*	2	20	-8	290.8
TMI Associates	1*	4	20	3	104.8
Nishimura & Asahi	1*	1	20	-10	247.4
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	4	5	15	2	62.9
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	5	3	8	-15	43.5
Miura&Partners	6	9*	7	2	44.7
Jones Day	7*	6	3	-5	0.0
Hibiya-Nakata	7*	7*	3	-4	15.9
White & Case LLP	7*	14*	3	0	13.6
Ashurst	10*	-	2	2	0.2
Kitahama Partners	10*	29*	2	1	3.1
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	10*	14*	2	-1	10.0
Tokyo International Law Office	10*	7*	2	-5	22.2
Paul, Weiss	10*	-	2	2	0.0
Lee & Ko	10*	20*	2	0	28.6

Industry Total 1,024 -159 3,145.1

Chinese Involvement Small-Cap (MM20a) YoY Change (\$) **77%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Fangda Partners	1	1	19	1	102.0
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	2*	19*	3	1	0.0
DLA Piper LLP	2*	31*	3	2	0.3
Clifford Chance	4*	11*	2	-1	0.0
Covington & Burling	4*	-	2	2	0.0
Jones Day	4*	31*	2	1	50.0
Linklaters	4*	31*	2	1	0.0
P+P Pollath + Partners	4*	-	2	2	0.0
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	4*	-	2	2	0.0
Guantao Law Firm	4*	31*	2	1	55.0
Paul Hastings LLP	4*	31*	2	1	0.0
JunHe LLP	4*	6	2	-4	0.0

Industry Total 1,467 574 12,515.1

Hong Kong Involvement Small-Cap (MM12a) YoY Change (\$) **18%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	1	15*	3	2	35.5
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	2*	-	2	2	0.0
Goodwin Procter LLP	2*	-	2	2	49.2
Fangda Partners	2*	1	2	-7	34.5
JunHe LLP	2*	-	2	2	0.0
White & Case LLP	2*	-	2	2	0.0

Industry Total 291 3 2,334.6

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Australia/New Zealand Involvement Small-Cap (MM11a) YoY Change (\$) **35%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Talbot Sayer Lawyers	1*	5*	19	7	50.0
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	1*	11*	19	13	64.1
Herbert Smith Freehills	3	1	16	2	111.2
Thomson Geer	4	9	15	7	54.9
Minter Ellison	5	2*	8	-5	32.0
King & Wood Mallesons	6*	2*	7	-6	39.0
Gilbert & Tobin	6*	2*	7	-6	0.0
Johnson Winter & Slattery	8	20*	6	3	57.7
DLA Piper LLP	9*	7*	5	-5	22.7
Chapman Tripp	9*	31*	5	4	55.6
Allens	9*	11*	5	-1	0.0
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	12	5*	4	-8	7.5
Jones Day	13*	10	3	-4	11.1
Lander & Rogers Lawyers	13*	31*	3	2	47.2
Clifford Chance	13*	11*	3	-3	0.0
Gadens Lawyers	13*	25*	3	1	4.9
Ashurst	17*	11*	2	-4	0.2
Addleshaw Goddard	17*	-	2	2	16.4
Clayton Utz	17*	11*	2	-4	0.0
Cooley LLP	17*	31*	2	1	0.0
Latham & Watkins	17*	31*	2	1	0.0
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	17*	31*	2	1	30.5
HopgoodGanim	17*	20*	2	-1	47.2
Steinepreis Paganin	17*	-	2	2	16.7

Industry Total 437 5 2,176.0

Singapore Involvement Small-Cap (MM14a) YoY Change (\$) **-35%**

Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Khaitan & Co	1	11*	4	2	1.0
White & Case LLP	2	-	3	3	0.0
Bae Kim & Lee	3*	-	2	2	24.0
Loyens & Loeff	3*	-	2	2	0.0
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	3*	19*	2	1	0.0
Rajah & Tann LLP	3*	4*	2	-1	12.7
DLA Piper LLP	3*	11*	2	0	7.7
Ashurst	3*	-	2	2	0.0
WongPartnership LLP	3*	3	2	-3	48.9
Cooley LLP	3*	19*	2	1	0.0
Dentons	3*	19*	2	1	0.0
Linklaters	12*	19*	1	0	0.0
J Sagar Associates	12*	-	1	1	0.0
Lefosse Advogados	12*	-	1	1	0.0
King & Wood Mallesons	12*	-	1	1	0.0
Herbert Smith Freehills	12*	-	1	1	0.0
William Fry	12*	-	1	1	48.5
De Pardieu Brocas Maffei	12*	-	1	1	0.0
Demarest Advogados	12*	-	1	1	0.0
Latham & Watkins	12*	1	1	-7	0.0
Minter Ellison	12*	19*	1	0	0.0
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	12*	-	1	1	22.5
Beijing Kangda Law Firm	12*	-	1	1	33.3

Industry Total 166 -47 958.9



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European Involvement Small-Cap (MM3a)						YoY Change (\$)	34%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
DLA Piper LLP	1	2	62	-2	148.8		
White & Case LLP	2	4	56	15	238.7		
Latham & Watkins	3	5	55	15	160.5		
CMS	4	1	49	-18	86.0		
Allen & Overy	5	6*	48	9	15.9		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	6	10	43	13	236.4		
Linklaters	7	9	36	3	134.0		
Addleshaw Goddard	8	19*	33	14	28.4		
Goodwin Procter LLP	9	13*	31	4	269.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	10	24*	30	14	34.6		
Gowling WLG	11*	46*	29	19	95.0		
Baker McKenzie	11*	3	29	-14	128.9		
Jones Day	13*	6*	28	-11	202.8		
Kirkland & Ellis	13*	18	28	7	16.6		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	15	34*	27	14	29.0		
Loyens & Loeff	16*	68*	25	19	0.0		
Cuatrecasas	16*	11	25	-4	129.5		
Noerr LLP	18*	13*	22	-5	30.8		
Dentons	18*	15	22	-3	51.6		
Clifford Chance	20*	12	21	-7	0.0		
P+P Pollath + Partners	20*	56*	21	13	30.2		
Travers Smith	22*	27*	20	5	70.7		
Hogan Lovells	22*	8	20	-17	60.1		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	24	50*	18	9	97.0		
Ellex	25	30*	17	3	24.1		
Industry Total			4,430	521	12,019.1		

United Kingdom Involvement Small-Cap (MM4a)						YoY Change (\$)	47%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	1	3	40	16	236.4		
Addleshaw Goddard	2	4	33	14	28.4		
DLA Piper LLP	3	1	28	-3	70.9		
Latham & Watkins	4	9*	24	11	52.2		
Gowling WLG	5*	18*	23	15	95.0		
Allen & Overy	5*	6	23	7	0.3		
Travers Smith	7	8	18	4	70.7		
Kirkland & Ellis	8	16*	17	8	16.6		
Goodwin Procter LLP	9*	9*	16	3	135.6		
CMS	9*	2	16	-10	11.5		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	11	24*	15	9	34.6		
White & Case LLP	12	12*	14	3	93.6		
Linklaters	13	16*	11	2	0.0		
A&L Goodbody	14	43*	10	7	0.0		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	15	64*	9	7	97.0		
Baker McKenzie	16	31*	8	4	0.0		
Dentons	17*	64*	7	5	42.8		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	17*	64*	7	5	0.0		
Clifford Chance	19*	14*	6	-4	0.0		
Slaughter and May	19*	27*	6	1	2.7		
P+P Pollath + Partners	19*	64*	6	4	0.0		
Industry Total			1,489	359	4,374.7		

French Involvement Small-Cap (MM5a)						YoY Change (\$)	77%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Hogan Lovells	1	2*	16	1	60.1		
Latham & Watkins	2	7*	14	6	76.5		
CMS	3*	16*	13	8	36.5		
Jones Day	3*	2*	13	-2	124.7		
Allen & Overy	5	12*	12	6	0.0		
Gide Loyrette Nouel	6	1	9	-7	32.7		
McDermott Will & Emery	7*	22*	8	5	0.0		
Mayer Brown LLP	7*	5	8	-2	40.6		
White & Case LLP	7*	6	8	-1	9.5		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	10*	29*	7	5	0.0		
Goodwin Procter LLP	10*	12*	7	1	72.9		
Linklaters	12*	4	6	-5	77.4		
Dentons	12*	29*	6	4	8.8		
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	12*	47*	6	5	0.0		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	12*	11	6	-1	0.0		
Dechert	16*	12*	5	-1	43.0		
Bredin Prat	16*	47*	5	4	48.5		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	16*	29*	5	3	0.0		
Clifford Chance	19*	7*	4	-4	0.0		
Lamartine Conseil	19*	47*	4	3	36.4		
DLA Piper LLP	19*	7*	4	-4	41.6		
Noerr LLP	19*	-	4	4	0.0		
Paul Hastings LLP	19*	22*	4	1	0.0		
Industry Total			597	48	1,564.1		

German Involvement Small-Cap (MM6a)						YoY Change (\$)	56%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	1	4	26	13	29.0		
P+P Pollath + Partners	2	8*	20	13	30.2		
Noerr LLP	3*	2	14	-10	17.7		
Latham & Watkins	3*	6	14	3	30.3		
Heuking Kuehn Lueer Wojtek	3*	5	14	2	76.0		
CMS	6	1	12	-20	0.0		
Clifford Chance	7	8*	10	3	0.0		
Gleiss Lutz	8*	43*	9	8	30.8		
DLA Piper LLP	8*	8*	9	2	0.0		
Hengeler Mueller	10	11*	8	2	32.8		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	11*	11*	7	1	0.0		
Goodwin Procter LLP	11*	28*	7	5	35.3		
Sidley Austin LLP	11*	-	7	7	0.0		
Oppenhoff & Partner Rechtsanwaelte	11*	-	7	7	30.8		
White & Case LLP	11*	15*	7	2	30.3		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	11*	28*	7	5	0.0		
Linklaters	17*	18*	6	2	0.0		
Jones Day	17*	43*	6	5	18.2		
McDermott Will & Emery	17*	21*	6	3	0.0		
CMS-BFL SPFPL	17*	43*	6	5	0.0		
Baker McKenzie	17*	15*	6	1	33.7		
Hogan Lovells	22	3	5	-9	0.0		
Shearman & Sterling LLP	23*	-	4	4	17.7		
Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati	23*	43*	4	3	0.0		
Industry Total			669	50	1,577.3		

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Italian Involvement Small-Cap (MM7a)						YoY Change (\$)	-33%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
PwC TLS Avvocati E Commercialisti	1	4*	14	6	22.3		
Chiomenti Studio Legal	2	2	12	0	0.0		
Legance Avvocati Associati	3	8*	11	6	0.0		
NCTM	4	1	10	-5	2.8		
Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	5*	7	8	2	10.8		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	5*	4*	8	0	30.4		
LCA Studio Legale	7	14*	7	4	0.0		
Dentons	8	6	6	-1	8.8		
Bonelli Erede e Pappalardo	9*	12*	5	1	0.0		
Pedersoli Studio Legale	9*	8*	5	0	0.0		
Gatti Pavesi Bianchi	9*	3	5	-6	12.0		
DLA Piper LLP	12*	14*	4	1	19.9		
White & Case LLP	12*	14*	4	1	45.1		
Linklaters	14*	-	3	3	0.0		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	14*	31*	3	2	0.0		
Hogan Lovells	14*	31*	3	2	0.0		
Gattai Minoli Agostinelli & Partners	14*	8*	3	-2	6.1		
Grimaldi Studio Legale	14*	-	3	3	2.1		
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	14*	-	3	3	0.0		
Kirkland & Ellis	14*	-	3	3	0.0		
Allen & Overy	14*	-	3	3	0.0		
Industry Total			306	8	551.9		

Spanish Involvement Small-Cap (MM8a)						YoY Change (\$)	-4%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Cuatrecasas	1	1	24	-3	129.5		
Gomez Acebo & Pombo	2*	6	12	4	23.1		
Garrigues	2*	2	12	-1	0.0		
Perez Llorca	4	3*	10	-2	44.7		
Herbert Smith Freehills	5	12*	7	5	0.0		
Linklaters	6*	10*	4	1	0.0		
CMS	6*	20*	4	3	0.0		
Uria Menendez	6*	3*	4	-8	26.0		
Allen & Overy	6*	20*	4	3	0.0		
DLA Piper LLP	10*	12*	3	1	1.9		
Baker McKenzie	10*	8*	3	-3	0.0		
Latham & Watkins	10*	-	3	3	40.1		
Clifford Chance	13*	12*	2	0	0.0		
Jones Day	13*	10*	2	-1	0.0		
White & Case LLP	13*	-	2	2	0.0		
King & Wood Mallesons	13*	20*	2	1	0.0		
Industry Total			274	10	481.9		

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Benelux Involvement Small-Cap (MM10a)						Nordic Involvement Small-Cap (MM9a)						Eastern Europe Involvement Small-Cap (MM16a)					
YoY Change (\$) 45%						YoY Change (\$) 52%						YoY Change (\$) -10%					
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
Loyens & Loeff	1	12	21	16	0.0	White & Case LLP	1	1	24	4	49.1	Ellex	1	1	17	3	24.1
DLA Piper LLP	2	2*	13	1	40.8	DLA Piper LLP	2	6*	12	7	53.1	Cobalt	2	3	12	2	16.9
Linklaters	3	5*	12	4	0.0	Hannes Snellman	3	6*	9	4	0.0	SORAINEN	3	4*	10	1	24.6
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	4	13*	11	7	0.0	Squire Patton Boggs LLP	4	19*	7	5	0.6	Noerr LLP	4*	6*	9	3	13.1
CMS	5*	2*	10	-2	2.2	Gernandt & Danielsson	5	4*	6	0	28.2	Allen & Overy	4*	14*	9	6	0.3
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	5*	9*	10	4	28.1	Ellex	6	19*	5	3	0.0	CMS	6*	18*	7	5	12.1
Allen & Overy	5*	1	10	-9	0.0	Clifford Chance	7*	33*	4	3	0.0	Baker McKenzie	6*	2	7	-4	50.0
Baker Mckenzie	8	2*	8	-4	33.7	Goodwin Procter LLP	7*	19*	4	2	22.0	DLA Piper LLP	8*	10*	6	1	0.3
Houthoff	9*	9*	6	0	29.1	Linklaters	7*	6*	4	-1	56.6	Schoenherr Attorney's at Law	8*	6*	6	0	0.0
Jones Day	9*	5*	6	-2	17.6	Advokatfirman Delphi	7*	12*	4	0	0.0	Dentons	10	4*	5	-4	0.0
White & Case LLP	9*	20*	6	3	0.0	Noerr LLP	7*	19*	4	2	0.0	White & Case LLP	11	14*	4	1	0.0
Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH	12*	-	5	5	0.0	Cuatrecasas	7*	19*	4	2	0.0						
Latham & Watkins	12*	13*	5	1	0.0	Cobalt	7*	16*	4	1	0.0						
McDermott Will & Emery	14*	13*	4	0	0.0	Thomson Geer	7*	-	4	4	29.4						
Stibbe	14*	49*	4	3	0.0	Castren & Snellman	7*	12*	4	0	0.0						
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	14*	49*	4	3	1.5												
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	14*	-	4	4	0.0												
Industry Total			514	72	1,278.4	Industry Total			686	142	2,131.1	Industry Total			601	-1	1,270.5

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