

Mid-Market Mergers & Acquisitions Review

Full Year 2021 | Legal Advisors

Global Deals Intelligence

MID-MARKET DEAL MAKING HITS RECORD \$1.4 TRILLION DURING FULL YEAR 2021

Global mid-market M&A deals valued up to US\$500 million (including undisclosed value deals), reached US\$1.4 trillion during full year 2021, an increase of 46% compared to year-ago levels and the strongest opening full year period for mid-market M&A since records began in 1980. Mid-market transactions during the fourth quarter increased 7% compared to the third quarter of this year and ranked as the largest quarter for mid-market deal making on record. By number of deals, mid-market deal making reached of 62,055 deals during full year 2021, a 25% increase compared to a year ago and an all-time high.

RECORD PRIVATE EQUITY-BACKED M&A UP 89%; CROSS-BORDER M&A UP 65%

Private equity-backed mid-market M&A deals totaled US\$424.0 billion during full year 2021, an increase of 89% compared to year ago levels and an all-time high. By deal value, the Technology, Healthcare and Financials sectors accounted for 63% of private equity deal making during full year 2021, up from 61% a year ago. Cross-border mid-market M&A activity totaled US\$473.8 billion during full year 2021, a 65% increase compared to 2020 levels and an all-time high.

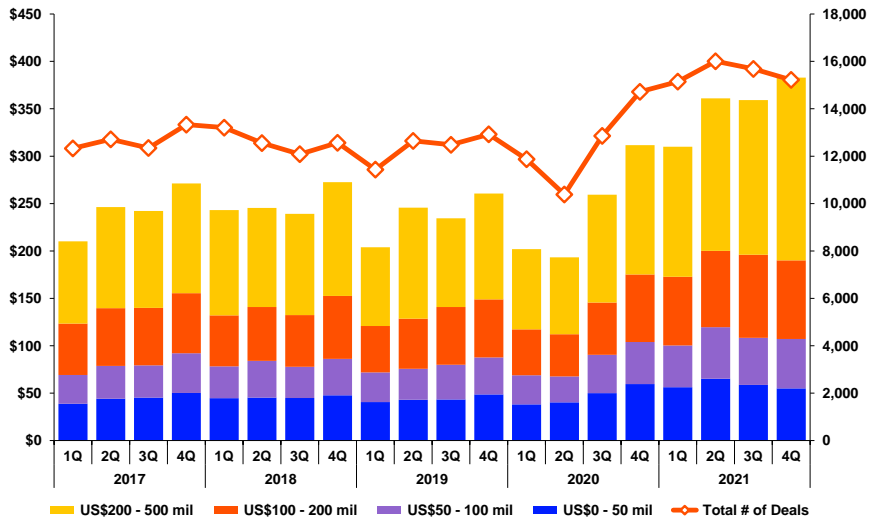
TECHNOLOGY, FINANCIALS AND REAL ESTATE LEAD MID-MARKET SECTOR MIX

The value of mid-market M&A in the Technology sector accounted for an industry-leading 22% of overall deal making, or \$313.2 billion, up 80% compared to year ago levels. Financials-related M&A transactions accounted for 13% of deal activity during full year 2021, or \$179.6 billion. Mid-market M&A in the Retail sector lead the year's advancing sectors with an increase of 81% compared to full year 2020 levels.

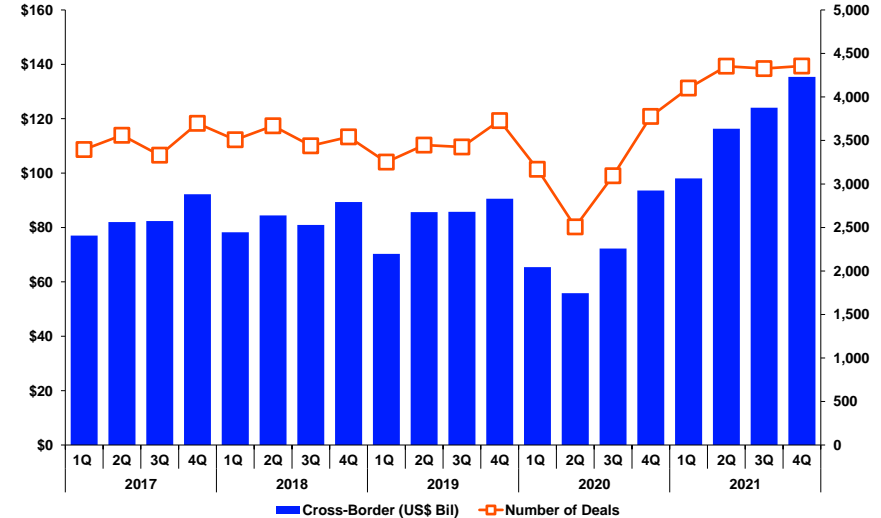
Global Scorecard: Announced Mid-Market M&A by Target Nation (Up To US\$500mil)

Target Region / Nation	01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021		01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020		YoY % Chg. (\$)	YoY % Chg. (#)
	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals	Value (\$mil)	# of Deals		
Worldwide	1,413,066.0	62,055	966,203.5	49,831	46% ▲	25% ▲
Americas	524,730.9	19,956	326,751.5	16,439	61% ▲	21% ▲
United States of America	432,050.7	15,197	276,104.9	12,398	56% ▲	23% ▲
Canada	43,973.8	2,983	22,766.3	2,688	93% ▲	11% ▲
Brazil	31,301.9	1,089	16,951.5	844	85% ▲	29% ▲
Mexico	4,721.0	174	1,615.1	112	192% ▲	55% ▲
Chile	4,462.9	138	2,838.4	93	57% ▲	48% ▲
Colombia	2,230.4	93	1,028.0	52	117% ▲	79% ▲
Peru	939.8	37	387.9	21	142% ▲	76% ▲
Africa/Middle East/Central Asia	50,862.5	1,994	24,615.1	1,429	107% ▲	40% ▲
Israel	19,916.0	445	7,499.3	296	166% ▲	50% ▲
South Africa	7,514.9	275	3,274.0	258	130% ▲	7% ▲
Europe	293,979.7	19,451	183,846.1	14,348	60% ▲	36% ▲
United Kingdom	87,014.4	4,861	45,074.2	3,074	93% ▲	58% ▲
France	32,252.7	2,201	19,223.0	1,335	68% ▲	65% ▲
Germany	30,272.6	2,204	19,605.8	1,640	54% ▲	34% ▲
Spain	17,422.7	1,172	11,608.7	810	50% ▲	45% ▲
Netherlands	14,967.4	996	7,426.8	686	102% ▲	45% ▲
Asia-Pacific	494,993.1	16,468	396,657.7	14,060	25% ▲	17% ▲
China	262,302.6	7,731	229,738.2	6,517	14% ▲	19% ▲
South Korea	63,789.6	2,329	47,797.7	1,784	33% ▲	31% ▲
Australia	50,280.3	2,046	29,963.4	1,533	68% ▲	33% ▲
India	50,147.6	1,823	30,808.4	1,438	63% ▲	27% ▲
Singapore	17,646.0	465	12,319.1	486	43% ▲	-4% ▼
Japan	48,499.9	4,186	34,333.0	3,555	41% ▲	18% ▲

Global Mid-Market M&A (up to US\$500mil) - Deal Size Composition (US\$bil)



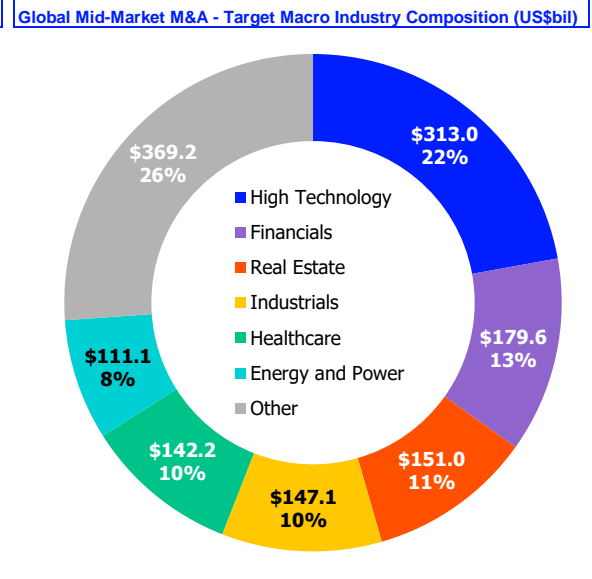
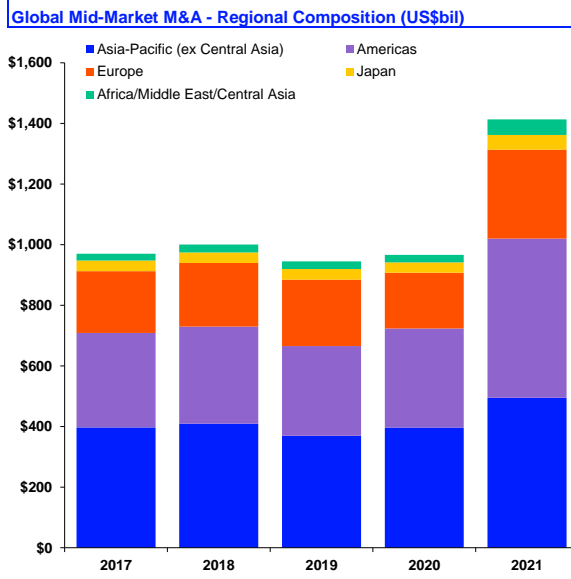
Global Mid-Market Cross-Border M&A (up to US\$500mil)



Global & Americas Rankings

Full Year 2021 | Mid-Market M&A | Legal Advisors

Worldwide Mid-Market (MML1)					
	YoY Change (\$) 46%				
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	1	1,022	336	58,812.9
DLA Piper LLP	2	2	833	176	25,222.0
Kirkland & Ellis	3	3	789	168	30,029.6
Latham & Watkins	4	4	787	208	49,572.6
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	5	28	561	411	28,062.5
CMS	6	7	526	209	13,012.7
Jones Day	7	5	422	63	17,281.4
Baker Mckenzie	8	6	398	41	20,617.3
White & Case LLP	9	8	388	95	21,785.3
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	10	17	364	169	23,191.7
Sidley Austin LLP	11	11	335	106	19,886.2
McGuireWoods LLP	12	9	311	70	5,291.1
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	13	16	300	104	16,103.4
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	14	29*	299	150	19,265.1
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	15	15	289	88	7,477.7
Gowling WLG	16*	21	288	113	5,418.7
Allen & Overy	16*	10	288	50	12,468.6
Ropes & Gray	18	23	260	90	12,466.7
Hogan Lovells	19	12	257	36	14,615.8
Linklaters	20*	14	254	42	14,210.6
McDermott Will & Emery	20*	18	254	72	4,249.7
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	22	22	245	72	18,249.4
Weil Gotshal & Manges	23	26	241	75	13,661.5
Cooley LLP	24	19*	230	53	15,142.9
Dentons	25	36	227	89	10,214.1
Industry Total			62,055	12,224	1,413,066.0



United States Target Mid-Market (MML2)					
	YoY Change (\$) 57%				
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Goodwin Procter LLP	1	1	793	257	45,894.3
Kirkland & Ellis	2	2	657	135	22,563.0
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	3	13*	458	325	21,908.8
Latham & Watkins	4	3	430	114	26,637.1
McGuireWoods LLP	5	5	304	73	4,724.6
DLA Piper LLP	6	4	274	16	9,673.2
Sidley Austin LLP	7	7	270	93	14,135.1
Jones Day	8	6	238	57	9,344.1
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	9	8	236	71	11,299.6
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	10	11	227	86	15,494.9
Ropes & Gray	11	13*	216	83	9,854.0
McDermott Will & Emery	12	12	200	62	2,245.6
Cooley LLP	13	10	191	39	12,522.0
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	14*	16	148	55	9,834.6
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	14*	29*	148	80	11,995.6
Alston & Bird	16	22	142	62	7,341.6
Weil Gotshal & Manges	17	15	141	42	7,750.9
Paul, Weiss	18	24	125	49	9,458.6
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	19	49	123	85	5,529.7
Paul Hastings LLP	20	31	122	55	6,945.1
Skadden	21	17*	120	30	8,274.2
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP	22	9	115	-49	2,728.3
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	23	23	112	34	7,478.9
White & Case LLP	24	37	109	54	7,861.6
Morrison & Foerster	25	28	106	37	6,242.9
Industry Total			15,195	2,804	432,142.4

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Canadian Involvement Mid-Market (MML22)					
	YoY Change (\$) 86%				
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP	1	1	257	79	6,054.5
Gowling WLG	2	3	199	73	2,814.0
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP	3	2	195	67	9,320.7
Stikeman Elliott	4	5	166	71	11,209.7
Blake Cassels & Graydon	5	4	113	16	8,693.5
Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP	6	7*	86	26	5,205.8
McCarthy Tetrault	7	6	79	18	4,800.3
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP	8	7*	63	3	2,512.0
Torys	9	13	52	19	4,246.7
Kirkland & Ellis	10	10	48	5	2,579.9
Norton Rose Fulbright	11	18	44	24	3,228.2
Borden Ladner Gervais LLP	12*	12	43	8	1,073.1
DLA Piper LLP	12*	14	43	13	1,822.1
Dorsey & Whitney LLP	14*	15	35	6	2,828.6
Latham & Watkins	14*	11	35	-1	3,420.1
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	16	19	28	10	1,756.9
Dentons	17	17	27	5	693.8
Goodwin Procter LLP	18*	16	25	0	1,087.9
White & Case LLP	18*	25*	25	13	1,680.0
Jones Day	20	20	24	8	1,068.6
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP	21	135*	23	22	1,258.8
CMS	22	48*	22	16	1,066.2
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	23	97*	21	19	1,810.8
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	24*	30*	17	7	977.3
Ropes & Gray	24*	62*	17	13	1,777.5
Industry Total			4,473	777	88,858.3

Latin America Involvement Mid-Market (MML17)					
	YoY Change (\$) 72%				
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil
Pinheiro Neto Advogados	1	2	174	76	8,072.5
Mattos Filho Veiga Filho Marrey Jr	2	1	98	-1	6,461.6
Machado Meyer Sendacz & Opice	3	3	73	3	3,546.0
Lefosse Advogados	4	6	69	24	2,264.8
Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados	5	7	58	18	3,150.3
Demarest Advogados	6*	5	55	9	1,768.1
Bronstein Zilberberg Chuelri & Potenza Advogados	6*	-	55	55	1,085.5
Veirano Advogados	8	4	54	-2	577.8
Barbosa Mussnich & Aragao	9	9	53	25	2,618.7
Stocche Forbes Advogados	10	8	31	-7	3,203.8
Tozzini Freire Teixeira e Silva	11*	14*	29	12	396.6
Cuatrecasas	11*	14*	29	12	1,264.0
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	13	34*	27	24	1,790.2
Baker Mckenzie	14	11	25	0	856.0
DLA Piper LLP	15	17	22	11	152.1
Posse, Herrera & Ruiz	16	45*	20	18	162.9
Creel Garcia-Cuellar Aiza y Enriquez SC	17	-	19	19	491.7
Latham & Watkins	18	25*	18	13	1,829.5
Lobo de Rizzo Advogados	19	10	16	-10	316.9
Morrison & Foerster	20	23*	15	9	820.3
Carey & Cia	21	12	13	-7	1,062.1
White & Case LLP	22	13	11	-7	1,369.7
Linklaters	23	20*	10	2	498.9
Industry Total			1,837	479	51,838.1

Asia-Pacific Rankings

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Hochinma Involvement Mid-Market (MML13)						YoY Change (\$)	20%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
AZB & Partners	1	3	179	76	15,375.0		
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	2	2	164	50	12,224.4		
Fangda Partners	3	1	151	6	13,381.6		
Khaitan & Co	4	4	141	45	11,493.0		
Jingtian & Gongcheng	5	5	74	8	6,013.8		
J Sagar Associates	6	16*	68	42	4,166.1		
Trilegal	7	8	64	22	4,184.6		
Herbert Smith Freehills	8	29	37	21	2,979.7		
Baker Mckenzie	9	10*	32	-1	3,296.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	10*	22*	31	11	3,018.6		
Goodwin Procter LLP	10*	22*	31	11	2,945.8		
Latham & Watkins	10*	9	31	-10	2,463.2		
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co	13	40*	30	18	2,501.6		
Jia Yuan Law Offices	14	16*	27	1	1,366.9		
Clifford Chance	15*	15	23	-5	2,740.8		
AllBright Law Offices	15*	10*	23	-10	1,903.7		
Linklaters	15*	20	23	1	2,662.9		
Norton Rose Fulbright	15*	18*	23	-2	2,135.5		
JunHe LLP	15*	14	23	-8	2,230.2		
White & Case LLP	15*	33*	23	9	2,285.9		
DLA Piper LLP	21	12*	22	-10	1,890.1		
Grandall Law Firm	22	6	20	-41	2,701.0		
Sidley Austin LLP	23*	26	19	0	2,411.5		
Commerce & Finance Law Offices	23*	65*	19	13	1,359.8		
Industry Total			11,447	1,631	371,653.9		

Japan Involvement Mid-Market (MML15)						YoY Change (\$)	23%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Nishimura & Asahi	1	2	181	60	8,286.5		
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	2	1	172	41	7,137.7		
TMI Associates	3	5	117	44	4,069.6		
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	4	4	116	36	9,150.8		
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	5	3	99	-1	6,875.8		
Miura&Partners	6	7	30	6	2,114.0		
Hibiya-Nakata	7*	9*	20	3	219.9		
Latham & Watkins	7*	14*	20	8	1,834.0		
Morrison & Foerster	9	8	16	-3	1,629.8		
White & Case LLP	10	13	15	2	937.5		
DLA Piper LLP	11	31*	14	9	1,265.9		
Allen & Overy	12*	18*	13	4	30.8		
James Day	12*	14*	13	1	450.4		
Kitahama Partners	14	31*	11	6	942.8		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	15*	23*	10	3	1,356.2		
Kim & Chang	15*	23*	10	3	553.4		
Baker Mckenzie	15*	6	10	-22	405.0		
Clifford Chance	18*	9*	9	-8	404.0		
CMS	18*	23*	9	2	632.9		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	18*	39*	9	5	568.3		
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pitt LLP	21*	64*	8	6	1,015.7		
Sidley Austin LLP	21*	31*	8	3	121.4		
Skadden	21*	16	8	-3	899.4		
Herbert Smith Freehills	21*	11	8	-7	66.7		
Ashurst	21*	47*	8	5	298.2		
Industry Total			5,098	678	72,158.2		

Chinese Involvement Mid-Market (MML20)						YoY Change (\$)	-14%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Fangda Partners	1	1	119	-22	10,416.4		
Jingtian & Gongcheng	2	2*	68	7	5,125.0		
Jia Yuan Law Offices	3	9	27	1	1,366.9		
JunHe LLP	4	7	20	-11	1,995.6		
AllBright Law Offices	5	5	19	-14	999.5		
Grandall Law Firm	6	2*	17	-44	2,562.2		
Commerce & Finance Law Offices	7	41*	16	10	1,328.4		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	8*	15*	15	3	1,188.5		
Baker Mckenzie	8*	14	15	2	2,354.4		
Zhong Lun Law Firm	8*	6	15	-17	1,584.4		
White & Case LLP	11	28*	14	6	1,509.6		
Clifford Chance	12	12	13	-2	1,338.3		
Han Kun Law Offices	13	4	11	-33	1,663.6		
DLA Piper LLP	14*	15*	9	-3	839.6		
Paul Hastings LLP	14*	63*	9	6	1,559.1		
Herbert Smith Freehills	14*	26*	9	0	206.8		
Norton Rose Fulbright	14*	28*	9	1	825.2		
Latham & Watkins	14*	8	9	-20	1,022.3		
Davis Polk & Wardwell	19*	26*	8	-1	1,204.6		
Linklaters	19*	20*	8	-3	715.9		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	19*	86*	8	6	605.3		
Dentons	19*	20*	8	-3	500.7		
King & Wood Mallesons	19*	10	8	-13	882.3		
Allen & Overy	19*	41*	8	2	1,715.9		
Industry Total			6,497	-563	212,507.7		

Hong Kong Involvement Mid-Market (MML12)						YoY Change (\$)	4%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Herbert Smith Freehills	1	21*	16	11	827.7		
Fangda Partners	2	1	15	-8	2,408.2		
Goodwin Procter LLP	3*	10*	13	6	742.3		
Latham & Watkins	3*	10*	13	6	654.1		
Norton Rose Fulbright	3*	2	13	-7	1,213.9		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	6	21*	12	7	831.1		
Kim & Chang	7*	8*	8	0	591.5		
Sidley Austin LLP	7*	10*	8	1	868.5		
Jingtian & Gongcheng	9*	4	7	-6	1,129.5		
Linklaters	9*	6*	7	-3	536.8		
Baker Mckenzie	9*	10*	7	0	1,152.8		
Allen & Overy	9*	17*	7	1	402.7		
Minter Ellison	9*	45*	7	5	759.7		
King & Wood Mallesons	14*	21*	6	1	847.7		
Morrison & Foerster	14*	45*	6	4	993.5		
Zhong Lun Law Firm	14*	45*	6	4	774.2		
Kirkland & Ellis	14*	5	6	-5	684.8		
Rajah & Tann LLP	18*	59*	5	4	763.9		
Clifford Chance	18*	3	5	-10	216.0		
Lee & Ko	18*	17*	5	-1	137.9		
White & Case LLP	18*	45*	5	3	488.8		
Slaughter and May	22*	17*	4	-2	246.2		
DLA Piper LLP	22*	10*	4	-3	377.2		
Dorsey & Whitney LLP	22*	33*	4	1	119.8		
Industry Total			1,517	77	54,393.2		

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Australia/New Zealand Involvement Mid-Market (MML11)						YoY Change (\$)	65%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Talbot Sayer Lawyers	1	3	127	63	486.2		
Minter Ellison	2	2	109	43	5,533.0		
Herbert Smith Freehills	3	1	103	21	3,932.7		
Gilbert + Tobin	4	7*	86	38	5,031.8		
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	5	10	82	44	3,296.1		
King & Wood Mallesons	6*	7*	77	29	5,130.2		
Thomson Geer	6*	11	77	40	1,094.8		
Kain Lawyers	6*	4	77	22	216.2		
Allens	9	5*	74	24	5,144.1		
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	10	7*	72	24	1,194.8		
DLA Piper LLP	11	5*	64	14	2,669.0		
Johnson Winter & Slattery	12	15*	43	22	1,520.8		
Gadens Lawyers	13	18*	35	15	518.6		
Clayton Utz	14	18*	30	10	2,344.1		
Norton Rose Fulbright	15	13*	23	1	1,209.0		
Lander & Rogers Lawyers	16*	30	22	12	204.9		
Ashurst	16*	13*	22	0	1,017.6		
Baker Mckenzie	16*	12	22	-1	1,738.0		
Arnold Bloch Leibler	19	15*	20	-1	1,047.3		
Clifford Chance	20	22*	19	6	1,548.0		
Allen & Overy	21	15*	18	-3	1,136.4		
Chapman Tripp	22*	20	17	-1	1,118.0		
Simpson Grierson	22*	22*	17	4	302.7		
Bell Gully	22*	56*	17	15	1,408.6		
Industry Total			2,760	629	68,950.0		

Singapore Involvement Mid-Market (MML14)						YoY Change (\$)	25%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
WongPartnership LLP	1	2	46	13	2,828.7		
AZB & Partners	2	6	43	26	2,614.9		
Rajah & Tann LLP	3	3	30	2	2,096.4		
Allen & Gledhill	4	1	27	-27	1,816.1		
Khaitan & Co	5	15*	26	19	1,335.8		
Latham & Watkins	6	4	20	0	2,297.8		
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	7	5	16	-3	1,134.2		
CMS	8*	34*	13	10	269.1		
White & Case LLP	8*	24*	13	8	1,719.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	10*	10*	12	4	809.5		
Linklaters	10*	29*	12	8	422.2		
DLA Piper LLP	10*	8*	12	3	519.2		
Herbert Smith Freehills	13	18*	11	5	826.8		
J Sagar Associates	14*	34*	10	7	577.0		
Baker Mckenzie	14*	7	10	-5	847.1		
Bae Kim & Lee	16*	63*	9	8	290.3		
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto	16*	10*	9	1	259.2		
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	16*	29*	9	5	227.3		
Kim & Chang	19*	10*	8	0	381.2		
Trilegal	19*	18*	8	2	660.1		
Minter Ellison	19*	48*	8	6	584.7		
King & Wood Mallesons	22*	15*	7	0	349.7		
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	22*	18*	7	1	301.6		
Allen & Overy	22*	15*	7	0	183.0		
Industry Total			1,090	50	45,066.8		

EMEA Rankings

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European Involvement Mid-Market (MML3)						YoY Change (\$)	53%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
DLA Piper LLP	1	1	490	137	11,577.5		
CMS	2	2	488	186	11,941.9		
Latham & Watkins	3	4	339	111	17,619.4		
Baker McKenzie	4	3	296	38	13,325.5		
White & Case LLP	5	5	276	70	12,067.9		
Allen & Overy	6	6	233	33	8,661.2		
Goodwin Procter LLP	7	9	223	68	10,044.2		
Linklaters	8	7	220	40	11,844.4		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	9	14	191	65	11,515.8		
Hogan Lovells	10	11	183	36	10,353.9		
Clifford Chance	11	8	182	22	11,711.7		
Dentons	12	17	175	74	6,598.9		
Cuatrecasas	13	12	170	32	3,488.4		
Jones Day	14	10	163	9	8,174.1		
Kirkland & Ellis	15	16	158	52	5,110.9		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	16	22	156	73	8,081.7		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	17	15	142	20	2,074.9		
Pinsent Masons	18	18	136	37	3,122.7		
Addleshaw Goddard	19	20	128	38	2,387.1		
Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	20*	19	113	16	2,709.4		
A&L Goodbody	20*	39	113	57	2,597.9		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	22	29	110	44	6,777.2		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	23	46*	107	58	5,564.4		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	24	26	105	32	732.1		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	25	81*	103	76	4,810.6		
Industry Total			22,431	5,705	390,042.1		

United Kingdom Involvement Mid-Market (MML4)						YoY Change (\$)	69%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
DLA Piper LLP	1	1	211	80	6,174.5		
CMS	2	2	196	73	6,318.9		
Latham & Watkins	3	5*	142	58	7,490.9		
Addleshaw Goddard	4	4	126	36	2,387.1		
Goodwin Procter LLP	5	7	122	43	6,055.3		
Pinsent Masons	6	5*	119	35	2,393.4		
Squire Patton Boggs LLP	7	3	114	9	1,186.9		
Allen & Overy	8	10	92	26	3,186.1		
Kirkland & Ellis	9	13	86	27	3,569.1		
White & Case LLP	10	12	83	23	3,866.9		
Gowling WLG	11	18	70	25	1,450.6		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	12	14	66	11	4,415.1		
Linklaters	13	11	65	3	3,527.5		
A&L Goodbody	14	22	64	30	977.0		
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	15	52*	62	51	3,550.5		
Macfarlanes	16*	34*	55	36	3,131.6		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	16*	32*	55	33	4,051.0		
Clifford Chance	18*	15	53	1	4,321.7		
Baker McKenzie	18*	17	53	6	3,335.9		
Dentons	20	26	52	25	1,892.3		
Jones Day	21*	20	51	15	2,970.3		
Travers Smith	21*	8*	51	-16	1,935.9		
Eversheds Sutherland LLP	23	8*	49	-18	1,471.7		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	24*	24	46	15	1,549.6		
Hogan Lovells	24*	23	46	14	3,709.5		
Industry Total			7,280	2,426	153,253.2		

French Involvement Mid-Market (MML5)						YoY Change (\$)	38%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Hogan Lovells	1	3	85	32	3,756.2		
Jones Day	2	1	79	-2	3,538.3		
CMS	3	10	74	35	1,364.3		
Latham & Watkins	4	4	72	20	4,146.5		
Gide Loyrette Nouel	5	2	64	4	2,659.7		
Goodwin Procter LLP	6*	12	58	23	1,488.2		
DLA Piper LLP	6*	5	58	10	1,952.8		
Mayer Brown LLP	8	13	54	20	1,960.3		
Weil Gotshal & Manges	9	11	51	15	3,707.9		
Linklaters	10	8*	49	9	2,334.4		
Allen & Overy	11	6*	48	5	715.8		
White & Case LLP	12	15	47	20	2,408.0		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	13	17*	37	20	1,202.6		
Clifford Chance	14*	8*	34	-6	1,515.2		
Paul Hastings LLP	14*	23*	34	19	766.0		
McDermott Will & Emery	16	17*	33	16	933.4		
Dentons	17	23*	32	17	539.5		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	18	21*	31	15	838.5		
Baker McKenzie	19	6*	30	-13	1,149.5		
Bredin Prat	20	27*	29	17	1,631.4		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	21*	23*	23	8	1,811.8		
Herbert Smith Freehills	21*	17*	23	6	1,335.3		
Dechert	23	14	22	-8	913.5		
Loyens & Loeff	24*	29	20	9	498.1		
Kirkland & Ellis	24*	23*	20	5	200.0		
Industry Total			3,379	1,165	52,802.6		

German Involvement Mid-Market (MML6)						YoY Change (\$)	26%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
CMS	1	1	134	32	2,186.5		
Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH	2	3	100	27	732.1		
Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	3	2	86	0	1,198.1		
Heuking Kuehn Lueer Wojtek	4*	4	70	12	1,042.8		
Latham & Watkins	4*	5	70	13	1,455.8		
P+P Pollath + Partners	6	9	64	27	844.9		
Geiss Lutz	7	18	61	36	3,632.9		
DLA Piper LLP	8	10*	56	21	734.3		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	9	7*	51	13	3,409.1		
Hengeler Mueller	10	7*	50	12	2,391.3		
Clifford Chance	11	10*	49	14	2,456.0		
Hogan Lovells	12	6	47	8	1,406.5		
Baker McKenzie	13	13*	46	15	2,009.4		
White & Case LLP	14	16*	44	18	1,006.9		
Linklaters	15	10*	38	3	1,351.0		
Dentons	16*	26	36	23	934.6		
Allen & Overy	16*	13*	36	5	1,309.8		
Shearman & Sterling LLP	18	31*	32	23	1,018.7		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	19	21*	29	12	1,340.9		
Willkie Farr & Gallagher	20	31*	26	17	1,036.3		
Goodwin Procter LLP	21	19	21	0	1,035.1		
Jones Day	22	21*	20	3	823.7		
Oppenhoff & Partner Rechtsanwalte	23*	38*	17	9	87.8		
Cuatrecasas	23*	27*	17	5	393.4		
Industry Total			3,209	733	48,573.5		

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Italian Involvement Mid-Market (MML7)						YoY Change (\$)	5%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
ADVANT Nctm	1	1	72	2	1,009.5		
Legance Avvocati Associati	2	3*	68	26	1,441.1		
Chiomenti Studio Legal	3	2	65	-3	2,476.3		
PwC TLS Avvocati E Commercialisti	4	3*	62	20	1,348.5		
Gattai Minoli Agostinelli & Partners	5	6	48	14	809.1		
Gianni Orioni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	6	7	42	10	937.4		
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	7	5	40	3	355.8		
DLA Piper LLP	8	8*	38	10	1,176.5		
Dentons	9*	11	26	1	344.5		
Latham & Watkins	9*	13*	26	8	1,250.3		
Pedersoli Studio Legale	11	12	25	4	284.2		
Bonelli Erede e Pappalardo	12*	10	24	-3	816.5		
White & Case LLP	12*	15*	24	9	1,191.1		
Gatti Pavesi Bianchi	14	8*	22	-6	607.7		
Russo De Rosa Bolletta & Associati	15	17*	21	7	0.0		
Pavia e Ansaldo	16	34*	18	11	9.4		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	17*	34*	17	10	551.3		
Linklaters	17*	24*	17	7	1,310.9		
CMS	17*	13*	17	-1	268.2		
Giuberti Pappaletta Triscornia E Associati	20*	19*	16	3	584.7		
Deloitte	20*	29*	16	8	94.6		
Hogan Lovells	20*	21*	16	5	756.8		
Baker McKenzie	23	17*	15	1	763.9		
Clifford Chance	24*	19*	13	0	188.8		
LCA Studio Legale	24*	21*	13	2	0.0		
Industry Total			1,391	135	20,673.9		

Spanish Involvement Mid-Market (MML8)						YoY Change (\$)	43%
Legal Advisor	Rank 2021	Rank 2020	# of Deals	YoY Chg # of Deals	Value US\$mil		
Cuatrecasas	1	1	31	31	3,346.1		
Garrigues	2	2	76	12	1,480.7		
Perez Llorca	3	3*	73	18	1,923.2		
Gomez Acebo & Pombo	4	5	70	24	1,192.3		
Uria Menendez	5	3*	68	13	2,734.7		
PwC Legal LLP	6	6*	48	19	2,007.9		
DLA Piper LLP	7	13*	36	20	240.0		
Clifford Chance	8	10*	35	15	2,528.7		
Baker McKenzie	9	8*	32	11	875.2		
CMS	10	19	29	22	725.3		
Linklaters	11	6*	28	-1	2,285.8		
Herbert Smith Freehills	12	12	24	7	710.8		
King & Wood Mallesons	13	20	23	17	656.3		
Latham & Watkins	14	15	22	8	1,412.5		
Allen & Overy	15*	8*	19	-2	821.0		
Deloitte	15*	10*	19	-1	57.0		
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	17	21*	18	14	1,195.4		
Hogan Lovells	18	13*	15	-1	447.0		
Jones Day	19*	18	9	1	69.3		
Pinsent Masons	19*	16*	9	-3	160.3		
McGuireWoods LLP	21*	-	8	8	955.0		
Dentons	21*	25*	8	5	458.1		
White & Case LLP	23	25*	7	4	159.9		
Legance Avvocati Associati	24*	31*	6	4	32.2		
Watson Farley & Williams LLP	24*	25*	6	3	0.0		
Industry Total			1,482	435	25,913.0		

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Benelux Involvement Mid-Market (MML10)						Nordic Involvement Mid-Market (MML9)						Eastern Europe Involvement Mid-Market (MML16)						
YoY Change (\$) 63%						YoY Change (\$) 60%						YoY Change (\$) 40%						
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	
DLA Piper LLP	1	2	91	12	1,162.6	White & Case LLP	1	1	87	9	1,785.3	Ellex	1	1	78	16	498.4	
Allen & Overy	2	1	83	1	1,856.8	DLA Piper LLP	2	5	67	32	2,177.6	DLA Piper LLP	2	3	71	22	978.2	
Linklaters	3	3	76	20	4,929.4	Baker Mckenzie	3	2	61	-9	3,523.2	CMS	3	8	68	39	1,261.7	
CMS	4	4	74	21	1,632.9	Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS	4	3*	48	8	2,294.7	Cobalt	4	4	56	15	328.7	
Loyens & Loeff	5	5	69	17	2,297.6	CMS	5*	17*	41	26	1,473.3	Baker Mckenzie	5	2	55	-1	2,036.4	
Baker Mckenzie	6	6	65	17	2,709.1	Roschier	5*	3*	41	1	2,779.3	Dentons	6	10	52	26	2,921.3	
Houthoff	7	7	54	16	1,711.9	Hannes Snellman	7	6	37	6	831.8	Havel & Partners sro	7	6	43	9	56.3	
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	8	10	53	21	1,717.9	Eversheds Sutherland LLP	8*	10*	34	14	313.7	SORAINEN	8	5	39	-1	210.1	
Latham & Watkins	9	11*	52	24	2,339.9	Latham & Watkins	8*	9	34	12	2,330.9	Schoenherr Attorney's at Law	9	7	30	-2	746.5	
Clifford Chance	10*	9	45	10	2,917.2	Linklaters	10	15*	32	16	1,911.7	TGS Baltic	10	11	28	3	87.2	
White & Case LLP	10*	8	45	8	1,706.5	Castren & Snellman	11	10*	28	8	321.1	White & Case LLP	11*	9	25	-2	967.4	
Dentons	12	14	41	18	1,652.9	Ellex	12	24	27	18	647.7	Allen & Overy	11*	14	25	7	784.5	
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	13	13	40	15	1,207.7	Dittmar & Indrenius	13	17*	25	10	1,249.4	Clifford Chance	13	13	23	4	2,061.6	
Jones Day	14	11*	27	-1	551.4	Advokatfirman Vinge	14	7	24	-1	1,999.7	Noerr Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB	14	12	22	1	68.4	
Skadden	15	25*	23	12	1,321.1	Allen & Overy	15	12*	22	4	1,093.6	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	15*	23*	16	10	1,596.4	
Stibbe	16*	23*	22	10	776.4	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	16*	21	20	9	1,316.0	Linklaters	15*	16*	16	4	876.1	
Hogan Lovells	16*	15	22	1	1,393.6	Advokatfirman Delphi	16*	12*	20	2	697.3	WALLESS	15*	16*	16	4	9.5	
Kirkland & Ellis	16*	18*	22	8	534.3	Goodwin Procter LLP	18*	14	19	2	581.0	Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	18	19	15	5	491.5	
Goodwin Procter LLP	19*	18*	20	6	990.8	Kirkland & Ellis	18*	36*	19	13	223.7	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	19	65*	11	10	952.9	
NautaDutilh	19*	16	20	1	285.3	Gernandt & Danielsson	20	8	18	-5	779.3							
Industry Total			2,877	729	57,119.1	Industry Total			3,390	901	59,874.7	Industry Total			2,926	266	31,557.5	

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