

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS TOPS M&A LEAGUE TABLES AS GLOBAL DEALMAKING SURGES PAST US\$5.9TN IN RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

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International law firm Herbert Smith Freehills has cemented its position as a leading legal adviser in mergers and acquisitions. The firm came top in [Refinitiv's 2021 end-of-year M&A legal adviser league tables](#) in 2021 in Asia Pacific, Australia and the UK, having advised on global transactions with a total value of US\$306 billion.

The firm was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Europe with a total deal value of US\$196 billion. It came 9<sup>th</sup> in the global principal advisers table, having advised on over 250 transactions with a total value of over US\$291 billion.

Head of Global M&A practice Gavin Davies commented:

*"Thanks to the trust from our clients and the dedication of our people, we have achieved some fantastic results in 2021 together. As highlighted in our [latest global M&A report](#), M&A is a tool of choice for effecting rapid business transformation, which adds to the need for legal expertise in international M&A. We are well positioned to assist our clients in this and we are doing just that in our offices around the world."*

According to Refinitiv, worldwide M&A activity totalled US\$5.9 trillion during full year 2021, an increase of 64% compared to year-ago levels and the strongest annual period for mergers & acquisitions since records began in 1980.

## KEY CONTACTS

If you have any questions, or would like to know how this might affect your business, phone, or email these key contacts.



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