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7th Mergers and Acquisitions in the Technology Sector Conference

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Thursday

 14 March

All working sessions will take place in the Great Room 1+2.
All coffee/tea breaks and lunch will take place in the Great Room foyer and Refresh terrace.

0800 – 1730 **Registration**

0845 – 0850 **Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs**

0850 – 0910 **Keynote speaker: global trends in technology M&A**
Stefani Silverstein *Managing Director, Goldman Sachs, New York*

0910 – 1040 **HOT TOPIC ROUNDTABLES**

Moderator

Yuval Horn *Horn & Co, Tel Aviv; Member, IBA Technology Law Committee Advisory Board*

1. Going public, staying private or selling

Moderators

Alethea Au *Stikeman Elliott, Toronto, Ontario*

Richard Burrows *MacFarlanes, London*

Patrik Peyer *Niederer Kraft Frey, Zurich*

2. Competitive processes

Moderators

Kosturi Ghosh *Trilegal, Bangalore, Karnataka; Membership Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Daniel Hasler *Homburger AG, Zurich*

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3. Startup acquisitions

Moderators

Elena Annez de Taboada *ECIJA, Barcelona*

Uri Dotan *Horn & Co, Tel Aviv*

Larry Naughton *Mintz, Boston, Massachusetts*

4. Price adjustments and earn-outs

Moderators

André Dufour *Borden Ladner Gervais, Montreal, Quebec; Member, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee Advisory Board*

Takashi Toichi *TMI, Tokyo; Education Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

5. Incentivising employees: retaining people in the deal

Moderators

Rodger Cairns *Shepherd and Wedderburn, Glasgow*

Annalisa Reale *Chiomenti, Milan; Secretary, IBA Women Lawyers' Committee*

6. Reg Tech

Moderators

Norman Heckh *Ramón y Cajal, Madrid; Vice Chair, IBA Fintech Subcommittee*

Sajai Singh *J Sagar Associates, Bengaluru, Karnataka; IBA LPD Council Member*

7. Crypto currencies

Moderators

Pedro Mendez de Vigo *Kraken, Madrid*

Tim Ryan *DAC Beachcroft, London*

8. Cybersecurity – latest developments and insurance

Moderators

Laur Badin *Allen & Overy, Madrid*

Peter Katko *Ernst & Young, Munich*

Erik Valgaeren *Stibbe, Brussels*

9. W&I – latest developments

Moderators

Dagmar Dubecka *KSP, Prague; Conference Coordinator Europe, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

David González *Gómez Acebo Pombo, Madrid*

10. Defence JVS: issues with shareholders and IP

Moderators

Marc Hilber *Oppenhoff, Cologne; Member, IBA Technology Law Committee Advisory Board*

Johan Kahn *Kahn Pedersen, Stockholm*

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11. Directors' liability in M&A transactions

Moderators

Ariella Dreyfuss *Barnea Jaffa Lande & Co, Tel Aviv*

Gisèle Rosselle *Strelia, Brussels; Member, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee Advisory Board*

12. FDI - latest developments

Moderators

William Barry *Miller & Chevalier, Washington, DC*

Per Lagerkvist *MAQS, Stockholm*

13. Virtual closings – improvements and challenges

Moderators

Ignacio Javier Boisán *Public Notary, Barcelona*

Manuel Calavia *Crowe Legal, Madrid*

14. Due diligence in tech (AI) M&A deals

Moderators

Raphaël Dana *Dana Associates, Paris; Vice Chair, IBA Fintech Subcommittee*

Stefan Weidert *Gleiss Lutz, Berlin; Member, IBA Technology Law Committee Advisory Board*

15. Barcelona Tech City

Moderators

Ignasi Costas *Rousaud Costas Duran, Barcelona*

Miguel Marti *CEO, Tech Barcelona, Barcelona*

16. M&A meets platforms

Moderators

Johan Hübner *Delphi, Stockholm; Membership Officer, IBA Technology Law Committee*

Marlene Schreiber *HAERTING, Berlin; Vice Chair, IBA Technology Law Committee*

Paulina Silva *Bitlaw, Santiago; Publications Officer, IBA Technology Law Committee*

17. Navigating ESG challenges in AI

Moderator

Florencia Rosati *Beccar Varela, Buenos Aires; Vice Chair, IBA Technology Disputes Subcommittee*

Anne Rose *Mishcon De Reya, London*

18. EU Digital Services Act

Moderators

Philip Nolan *Mason Hayes & Curran, Dublin*

Fredrik Roos *Setterwalls, Gothenburg*

Astrid Wagner *Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg City; Vice Chair, IBA Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Subcommittee*

19. Utilising AI in M&A deals

Moderator

Gordon Moodie *Harvey, San Francisco/New York*

20. Legal Tech

Moderators

Selin Beceni *BTS & Partners, Istanbul*

Derek Lou *CEO, Paralell, Barcelona*

Nathaniel Merino *CEO Closd, Paris*

1040 – 1100

Coffee/tea break

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Thursday continued

1100 – 1145

Fireside chat

Fusion of futures: embracing the next era of technological change and impact across the global landscape

Moderator

Ronald Chen *Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York; Assistant Secretary, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Speaker

Sabastian Niles *President and Chief Legal Officer, Salesforce, New York*

1145 – 1300

Artificial intelligence – the legal framework

Moderators

Clara-Ann Gordon *Niederer Kraft Frey, Zurich; Co-Chair, IBA Online Services Committee*

Harry Rubin *Kramer Levin, New York*

Speakers

Albert Agustino *Cuatrecasas, Barcelona; Vice Chair, IBA Technology Law Committee*

James Besley *Google DeepMind, London*

Philip Kempermann *Heuking, Dusseldorf*

Holger Lutz *Clifford Chance, Frankfurt*

Beatriz Rodriguez *Roca Junyent, Madrid*

1300 – 1400

Lunch

1400 – 1430

Keynote Speaker

Octavia Radulescu *General Counsel, vLex Group, Barcelona*

1430 – 1545

Sellers' liability in tech M&A transactions. Will sellers ever be liable again?

Moderators

Norma Peña *Pérez Llorca, Barcelona*

Emanuel Strehle *Hengeler Mueller, Munich*

Speakers

Rabindra Jhunjhunwala *Khaitan, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Conference Coordinator Asia Pacific, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Christopher Mesnooh *Fieldfisher, Paris*

Maire O'Neill *William Fry, Dublin*

Adina Shapiro *Herzog Fox & Neeman, Tel Aviv; Scholarship Officer, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

1545 – 1615

Coffee/tea break

1615 – 1730

Tech M&A issues in the US

Moderators

Jenny Hochenberg *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, New York*

Raaj Narayan *Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, New York*

Speakers

Sergio González Galán *Garrigues, Madrid; Conference Coordinator Europe, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee*

Stefani Silverstein *Managing Director, Goldman Sachs, New York*

Allison Leopold Tilley *Pillsbury, Palo Alto, California*

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- 1745 – 2000 **Host Committee Reception**
Altitude Terrace, W Barcelona

A cocktail reception kindly hosted by the Host Committee law firms before the conference dinner.
- 2030 – 2300 **Conference dinner**
Marina Port Vell
Moll de La Barceloneta, 1
Ciutat Vella
08039 Barcelona

Ticket price: €150

One place per registered delegate is permitted.

Friday 15 March

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- 0800 – 1245 **Registration**
- 0840 – 0850 **Welcome from the Committee Co-Chairs**
- 0850 – 1010 HOT TOPIC ROUNDTABLES**
- This session will repeat the previous hot topic roundtables session and attendees will have the opportunity to cover two further topics.
- 1010 – 1125 **Data protection – latest trends**
Moderators
Martin Schirmbacher *HAERTING, Berlin; Member, IBA Technology Law Committee Advisory Board*
Saskia Vermeer de Jong *HVG Law, Netherlands*

Speakers
Rebecca Cousin *Slaughter and May, London; Co-Vice Chair, IBA Corporate Membership Subcommittee*
Roland Marko *Wolf Theiss, Vienna*
Dr Omri Rachum-Twaig *FISCHER (FBC & CO), Tel Aviv*
Tim Wybitull *Latham Watkins, Frankfurt*
- 1125 – 1145 **Coffee/tea break**
- 1145 – 1245 **In-house counsel roundtable: a discussion of issues facing in-house counsel**
Moderator
Eduardo Bagaría *Uría Menéndez, Barcelona*

Speakers
Maria Pallares *Legal Counsel, SEAT-Cupra, Barcelona*
Milena Petkova *Head of Legal, Kindryl, Madrid*
Marita Rancé *Head of Legal, Glovo, Barcelona*
Anna Viñas *Head of Legal, Wallapop, Barcelona*
- 1245 – 1345 **Lunch**

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