HIGHLIGHTS

Wilson Sonsini Ranked Among the Top 5 in Bloomberg’s 2022 Global Rankings
Wilson Sonsini was recently ranked among the top five law firms worldwide, based on the number of M&A deals, in Bloomberg’s Global M&A Legal Rankings. The firm ranked No. 4 by number of U.S. announced deals; No. 5 by number of UK announced deals; and No. 6 by number of global announced deals.

Advising on Hundreds of M&A Deals Annually
In 2022, Wilson Sonsini advised on more than 135 M&A deals that were announced and/or completed during the year, with an aggregate disclosed value of more than $119 billion. In 2021, the firm advised on more than 220 M&A deals that were announced and/or completed during the year, with an aggregate disclosed value of more than $90 billion.

Comprehensive Scope of Transactions Experience
Wilson Sonsini M&A attorneys advise companies on both the buy and sell sides of all manner of transactions, including small "tuck-in" acquisitions, public company acquisitions, strategic mergers and business combinations, complex cross-border transactions, SPACs and reverse mergers, business and asset acquisitions, growth equity investments, joint ventures, and spin-offs and other business dispositions.

OVERVIEW

A Top-Ranked M&A Firm
Representing more technology companies in merger and acquisition transactions than any other U.S. law firm, Wilson Sonsini consistently is ranked among the top M&A advisors, based on the number of announced and/or completed transactions, by such authorities as Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, and Refinitiv.

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Comprehensive Scope of Transactions Experience
Wilson Sonsini counsels on the full range of M&A transactions involving domestic and foreign technology, life sciences, and other enterprises at all stages of development. Our M&A teams advise companies on both the buy and sell sides of all manner of transactions, including small "tuck-in" acquisitions, public company acquisitions, strategic mergers and business combinations, complex cross-border transactions, SPACs and reverse mergers, business and asset acquisitions, growth equity investments, joint ventures, spin-offs, and other business dispositions.
An Interdisciplinary Team

Our corporate and M&A attorneys often serve as the coordinating interface with in-house counsel for a multidisciplinary Wilson Sonsini team, including our attorneys who have expertise in areas of importance to transactions, including corporate governance; corporate securities; IP; executive compensation and employee benefits; tax; and real estate. We also have an elite merger clearance team of antitrust attorneys and advise on regulatory matters inherently involved in completing transactions, including CFIUS, export controls, FCPA anti-corruption compliance, and privacy. In addition, we have established relationships with leading law firms in international markets that are not in proximity to our own global office locations.

Our cross-disciplinary approach has been highly effective for our clients. For example, our track record of obtaining favorable outcomes before U.S. federal antitrust agencies in connection with technology-related M&A transactions is without peer. To date, we successfully have defended hundreds of Hart-Scott-Rodino-reportable M&A transactions, and none of our clients has ever abandoned a merger or acquisition or had it blocked as a result of action by the FTC or the DOJ.

Aligned with Client M&A Strategies

Our attorneys aim to align with our clients’ M&A strategies in a manner that reflects each client’s business profile, objectives, and internal operations, as well as the unique elements of the transaction. The combination of our breadth of M&A transactional experience and our client-driven approach has enabled us to become a trusted advisor to numerous companies in connection with their strategic acquisition programs.

Recent and Milestone Transaction Examples

Recent M&A transactions in which the firm participated include representing:

- **Twitter** in its $44 billion acquisition by Elon Musk
- **KnowBe4** in its $4.6 billion acquisition by Vista Equity Partners
- **ForgeRock** in its $2.3 billion acquisition by Thoma Bravo
- **MaxLinear** on its $3.8 billion acquisition of Silicon Motion
- **Poly** in its $3.3 billion acquisition by HP Inc.
- **Mandiant** in its $5.4 billion acquisition by Google
- **Bungie** in its $3.6 billion acquisition by Sony
- **Zynga** in its $12.7 billion acquisition by Take-Two
- **DoorDash** in its $8.1 billion acquisition of Wolt
- **Medallia** in its $6.4 billion acquisition by Thoma Bravo
- **Lumentum** in its $5.7 billion acquisition of Coherent
- **Talend** in its $2.4 billion acquisition by Thoma Bravo
- **Credit Karma** in its $7.1 billion acquisition by Inhibt
- **Careem** in its $3.1 billion acquisition by Uber
- **CA Technologies** in its $18.8 billion acquisition by Broadcom
- **Axcion** in the $2.3 billion sale of Axcion Marketing Solutions to Interpublic Group
- **MuleSoft** in its $6.5 billion acquisition by Salesforce
- **KLA-Tencor** in its $3.4 billion acquisition of Orbotech
- **Microchip** in its $8.3 billion acquisition of Microsemi

Other representative M&A transactions in which the firm participated include:

- **Genentech** in its $48 billion acquisition by Roche
- **LinkedIn** in its $26.2 billion acquisition by Microsoft
- **Pharmacyclics** in its $21 billion acquisition by AbbVie
- **Altera** in its $16.7 billion acquisition by Intel
- **Linear Technology** in its $14.8 billion acquisition by Analog Devices
- **Sun Microsystems** in its $7.8 billion acquisition by Oracle
- **Brocade** in its $5.9 billion acquisition by Broadcom
- **Yahoo** in its $4.83 billion acquisition by Verizon
- **Microchip Technology** in its $3.4 billion acquisition of Atmel
- **3Com** in its $3.3 billion acquisition by Hewlett-Packard