HIGHLIGHTS

Wilson Sonsini Ranked Among the Top 5 in Refinitiv's 2021 Global Rankings
Wilson Sonsini was recently ranked among the top five law firms worldwide, based on the number of M&A deals, in the 2021 Global Mergers and Acquisitions Review published by Refinitiv. The firm ranked No. 4 for (a) any U.S. involvement completed M&A deals; (b) any U.S. target announced M&A deals; and (c) U.S. target completed M&A deals. The firm also ranked No. 5 for (a) global announced M&A deals and (b) global completed M&A deals. Based on the same Refinitiv results, The American Lawyer noted that “[i]n terms of deal volume, Wilson Sonsini had the biggest jump in ranking, moving from No. 31 in 2020 to No. 5 in 2021.”

Advising on Hundreds of M&A Deals Annually
In 2021, Wilson Sonsini 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 $80 billion. In 2020, the firm advised on more than 150 M&A deals that were announced and/or completed during the year, with an aggregate disclosed value of more than $87 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 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:

- 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
- Twitter in its $1.05 billion sale of MoPub to AppLovin
- Forescout in its $1.43 billion merger agreement with Advent International
- Credit Karma in its $7.1 billion acquisition by Intuit
- Careem in its $3.1 billion acquisition by Uber
- WageWorks in its $2 billion acquisition by HealthEquity
- CA Technologies in its $18.9 billion acquisition by Broadcom
- Axciom in the $2.3 billion sale of Axciom Marketing Solutions to Interpublic Group
- MuleSoft in its $6.5 billion acquisition by Salesforce
- KLA-Tencor in its $34.5 billion acquisition of Orbotech
- Lumentum in its $1.8 billion acquisition of Oclaro
- 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
- NetSuite in its $9.3 billion acquisition by Oracle
- Sun Microsystems in its $7.8 billion acquisition by Oracle
- McAfee in its $7.7 billion acquisition by Intel
- Brocade in its $5.9 billion acquisition by Broadcom
- Yahoo in its $4.93 billion acquisition by Verizon
- Microchip Technology in its $3.4 billion acquisition of Atmel
- 3Com in its $3.3 billion acquisition by Hewlett-Packard