Mergers & Acquisitions

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Leading M&A Advisor**
  Wilson Sonsini is consistently ranked by Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters among the nation’s top M&A advisors, and represents more technology companies in M&A transactions than any other U.S. law firm.

- **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.

- **Highly Effective Multidisciplinary Approach**
  Clients benefit from our multidisciplinary teams that include experts in corporate governance, securities, IP, tax, employee benefits, antitrust and other regulatory matters, export controls, anti-corruption compliance, privacy, real estate, and litigation.

- **Countless Landmark Deals**
  Wilson Sonsini’s representative transactions include Google’s $3.1 billion acquisition of DoubleClick, Genentech’s $48 billion acquisition by Roche, Sun Microsystems’ $7.8 billion acquisition by Oracle, 3Com’s $3.3 billion acquisition by HP, McAfee’s $7.7 billion acquisition by Intel, and Total’s $1.4 billion acquisition of SunPower.

OVERVIEW

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 in the United States by such authorities as Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters. In 2020, the firm was involved in over 150 M&A transactions with an aggregate disclosed value of more than $87 billion. Over the last five years, we advised on more than 800 announced and/or completed M&A transactions, with an aggregate disclosed value of more than $600 billion.

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, and spin-offs and other business dispositions.

Our corporate and M&A lawyers often serve as the coordinating interface with in-house counsel for a multidisciplinary Wilson Sonsini team, including our experts in the fields of corporate governance, securities, employee benefits and compensation, IP, 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 in Greater China, Brussels, and the UK.
Our cross-disciplinary approach has been highly effective for our clients. For example, no other law firm in the U.S. can match Wilson Sonsini’s success in obtaining favorable outcomes before the U.S. federal antitrust agencies in connection with technology-related M&A transactions. To date, we successfully have defended hundreds of Hart-Scott-Rodino-reportable M&A transactions before the U.S. government, and none of our clients has ever abandoned a merger or acquisition or had it blocked as a result of action by the Federal Trade Commission or the Department of Justice.

Our attorneys strive to execute a client’s M&A strategy in a customized manner that reflects the client’s business profile, strategic objectives, and internal operations and processes, as well as the unique elements of each individual transaction. The combination of our unique breadth of M&A transactional experience and our customized approach has enabled us to become a trusted advisor to numerous companies in connection with their strategic acquisition programs, including Autodesk, Cypress Semiconductor, Google, Microchip, Salesforce, and other industry leaders.

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

- **Forescout** in its $1.43 billion merger agreement with Advent International (announced)
- **Credit Karma** in its $7.1 billion acquisition by Intuit (announced)
- **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
- **Acxiom** in the $2.3 billion sale of Acxiom Marketing Solutions to Interpublic Group
- **MuleSoft** in its $6.5 billion acquisition by Salesforce
- **KLA-Tencor** in its $3.4 billion acquisition of Orbotech
- **Lumentum** in its $1.8 billion acquisition of Oclaro
- **Microchip** in its $8.3 billion acquisition of Microsemi
- **Flatiron Health** in its $1.9 billion acquisition by Roche
- **Barracuda Networks** in its $1.6 billion acquisition by Thoma Bravo
- **AppDynamics** in its $3.7 billion acquisition by Cisco
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- **Gartner** in its $2.6 billion acquisition of CEB

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 $4.83 billion acquisition by Verizon
- **Microchip Technology** in its $3.4 billion acquisition of Atmel
- **3Com** in its $3.3 billion acquisition by Hewlett-Packard