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Ani Kusheva focuses on corporate matters, including cross-border mergers and acquisitions, public company takeovers, joint ventures and private equity transactions.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Kusheva has been named to *The Best Lawyers in the UK* and noted as Highly Regarded for M&A by *IFLR1000*. Her recent experience includes advising, among others:

- International Paper Company in its:
 - US\$9.9 billion contested all-equity possible offer to acquire U.K.-based DS Smith Plc
 - US\$508 million sale of its interests in the joint venture Ilim Group
 - US\$812 million sale of its pulp and paper mill in Kwidzyn, Poland, to Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG
 - acquisition of two packaging businesses in northwestern France and Portugal from DS Smith Plc
 - unsolicited US\$10.7 billion proposal to acquire Dublin-based Smurfit Kappa Group plc
 - creation of a 50/50 joint venture with Ilim Pulp via International Paper's US\$650 million acquisition of a 50% interest in Ilim Holding
- Silver Lake Partners, a global leader in technology investing, in connection with its:
 - €500 million (US\$565 million) acquisition of Silae, a French cloud-based payroll software provider
 - buyout of Meilleurtaux, a leading financial services provider, from Goldman Sachs PIA
- The Middleby Corporation in its:
 - acquisition of Novy Group, a leading manufacturer of premium residential ventilation hoods and cooktops based in Belgium
 - sale of Fired Earth Limited, a designer and manufacturer of home design products headquartered in London
 - acquisition of a 33% stake in Levens Beheer BV, a manufacturer of industrial kitchen equipment incorporated in the Netherlands
 - acquisition of Sveba Dahlen, a Swedish developer and manufacturer of baking equipment for the commercial foodservice and industrial baking industries
 - acquisition of Scanico A/S, a leading manufacturer of industrial cooling and freezing equipment for the food processing industry based in Denmark
- R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company in the sale of its European Global Document Solutions business to Paragon Group Limited
- Armstrong World Industries, Inc. in the US\$330 million sale of its EMEA and Pacific Rim businesses to Knauf International GmbH
- Globalworth Real Estate Investments Limited in its strategic investment in the Polish real estate platform Griffin Premium Re. N.V., effected by way of a public tender offer

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- Ctrip.com International, Ltd. in its US\$1.7 billion acquisition of Skyscanner Holdings Limited
 - Ball Corporation in its US\$8.4 billion acquisition of Rexam PLC and simultaneous divestiture of US\$3.4 billion assets to Ardagh Group
 - HellermannTyton Group PLC (a portfolio company of United Kingdom-based Doughty Hanson & Co.) in its US\$1.7 billion acquisition by Delphi Automotive PLC
 - Lightning Investors Limited, an entity jointly owned by FMR LLC and FIL Limited, in its US\$2.7 billion acquisition of the remaining stake in Colt Group S.A. it did not already own
 - CJSC Sibur Holding in the US\$1 billion sale of its mineral fertilizer business to CJSC Holding Company Siberian Business Union
 - DigitalBridge, Inc. in its acquisition of The Abraaj Group's Latin America private equity platform
 - Unitech Corporate Parks plc in the US\$349 million sale of the entire issued share capital of its subsidiary Candor Investments Ltd. to an affiliate of Brookfield Property Partners L.P.
 - Capgemini S.A., a consulting company based in France, in its US\$1.3 billion merger with Kanbay Inc.
 - Gazit-Globe, Ltd. in its US\$261 million acquisition of an additional 14% stake in Atrium European Real Estate Limited
 - FMR LLC and FIL Limited in their US\$164 million sale of KVH Co., Ltd. to Colt Group S.A.
 - Lucid Markets Trading Limited in the US\$176 million sale of a 51% stake to FXCM Inc.
 - The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. in its sale of International Derivatives Clearing Group, LLC to LCH.Clearnet Group Ltd.
 - Alpha Bank A.E., Greece's second-largest bank, in connection with its proposed merger with EFG Eurobank A.E.
 - Citigroup Inc. in:
 - its US\$512 million sale of Citigroup Global Services Limited to Tata Consultancy Services Limited
 - its US\$127 million sale of Citi Technology Services Limited to Wipro Limited
 - CitiCapital's sale of its vendor finance leasing business in the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany and Italy to CIT Group Inc.
 - CME Group Inc. in its acquisition of Credit Market Analysis Limited
 - Neochimiki LV Lavrentiadis S.A. in its €749 million sale of a 74% stake to The Carlyle Group
 - Valeant Pharmaceuticals International in its US\$392 million sale of certain subsidiaries in Western and Eastern Europe to Meda AB
 - SCOR, the French reinsurance company, in relation to:
 - its US\$775 million acquisition of Revios Rückversicherung AG
 - the merger of its German and Italian subsidiaries to become a Societas Europaea (a European public company)
 - its US\$221 million acquisition of a 47% stake in Irish Reinsurance Partners Ltd. from Highfields Capital Management LP
 - Fournier Pharma in its US\$1.7 billion acquisition by Solvay Pharmaceuticals
 - Citigroup Global Markets Limited as financial advisor to SAGEM SA in its US\$7 billion merger with Snecma, which resulted in the privatization of Snecma
 - AOL Europe S.à.r.l., a subsidiary of AOL Inc., in its US\$97 million acquisition of Goviral A/S
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