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Australia M&A Forum

26 September 2019 | The Westin Hotel, Sydney

After a strong 2018, with deal value reaching A\$123.1 billion (US\$88.5 billion) through some significant transactions, together with an increase in mid-market M&A, deal-making in Australia continues to be robust. Despite regulatory headwinds and macroeconomic uncertainties, M&A within Australia looks to remain stable, driven largely by interest from private equity and superannuation funds, deal flow from regulatory fallout, and overseas interest, as well as continued activity in the EMU, TMT, and consumer sectors.

Mergermarket's inaugural Australia M&A Forum will bring together over 200 leading corporates, investors, private equity fund managers, and senior advisors from Australia and Asia for a one-day intensive dive into the main topics that will shape the M&A landscape in the coming 12 months. The event will feature fireside chats, data presentations, and case studies to facilitate greater understanding of the latest trends and opportunities in Australian and cross-border M&A.



The conference will bring together:

200+
Attendees

80+
Corporate investors

30+
Speakers

140+
Companies represented



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Topics will include:

- 1** **What** factors will impact Australian M&A going forward?
- 2** **How** will local and global regulatory developments affect the M&A landscape?
- 3** **What** are the opportunities and challenges for Australian cross border transactions?
- 4** **How** can public market activity affect M&A; shareholder activism, public to private and innovative deal structuring?
- 5** **What** are the best strategies for corporates, private equity funds and investors to get deals done?
- 6** **The changing world** of Due Diligence and how to deliver effective post-merger integration?

Reasons to attend:

- 1** **Stay** ahead of the upcoming trends and opportunities in M&A for the year ahead
- 2** **Gain** unrivalled access to regional and international corporates, senior advisors and private equity practitioners
- 3** **Learn** the truth behind a deal in our in-depth case study
- 4** **Gain** insights into the growth strategies of leading corporates and superannuation funds across Australia
- 5** **Network** with leading industry players from Australia and across Asia

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Programme

Thursday, 26 September 2019

08.00 Registration and refreshments

08.50 Opening remarks

09.00 Keynote address

09.30 M&A update: Outlook and opportunities in Australia and beyond

Australian M&A has been in good shape in recent years, with M&A volume increasing 5% year-on-year; and 2019 only sees this ascent continuing. Apart from the mega deals at the top end of the market, the mid-market has firmly established itself as good source of deal activity. The continued presence of private equity and more focus from superannuation funds and family offices helps to fuel momentum. However, at the forefront of everyone's minds is increased regulatory scrutiny and macroeconomic uncertainty. Against this backdrop, join our panel of leading advisors to examine the current M&A landscape in Australia and beyond, and hear their views on the next 12 months.

- What are the macroeconomic and political developments shaping the M&A landscape?
- What role are superannuation funds, private equity and family offices playing in addition to traditional advisers?
- Which sectors are most attractive and less impacted by instability?
- What is outlook for 2019 and beyond?

11:45

Case Study: The Good, the bad, and the lessons learnt

This session will provide a deep dive into the nuts and bolts of a transaction, with perspectives from each participant in the deal.

12:15

 Networking lunch

13:15

Public markets: Shareholder activism and public company takeover defences

As investment strategies such as shareholder activism, hostile takeover bids, and other special situations become increasingly influential, corporates in Australia must ensure that they have developed a distinct playbook in order to communicate and engage with shareholders. In this session, our expert panel of speakers share their insights.

- How is activism and hostile M&A unfolding, and which sectors and countries have seen the most activity?
- What sort of activity are we seeing in M&A activism, and what can we learn from recent transactions?
- What defensive measures should be taken to decrease the likelihood of an attack, and what sort of procedure and plans should be in place if a shareholder decides to take action?
- What new role will boards have to take?

10:30

 Networking coffee break

11:00

Regulatory focus: An update on the current environment

Australia, just like many countries around the globe, has been making wholesale changes to the way it regulates. Whether it is the increased scrutiny on foreign investments, stricter governance, or protectionism, they all have the ability to extend the time it takes to get deals done. The Royal Commission findings have shaken up banking sector and, in the longer term, have the potential to create M&A opportunities. However, smart investors are looking to see what might come next. Our panellists will discuss how these regulatory hurdles are impacting M&A.

- What are the latest government policy shifts and regulatory updates?
- Which sectors outside of finance are likely to see increased deal flow due the Royal Commission findings?
- What sort of regulatory challenges do international buyers face in Australia, and how can they effectively manage them to get deals done?
- In the event that a deal is subject to regulatory review, how can this be planned for in advance, from announcement to completion?

14:00

Private equity and corporates: A winning partnership?

Record levels of dry powder in private equity has increased the pressure on fund managers to commit capital towards deals, with them now appearing in every deal. For corporates this increased competition has driven up prices and slowed down the execution process. However, with access to capital, expertise in navigating regulatory hurdles, good deal-sourcing channels, and post-deal value creation capabilities, private equity can be a natural partner instead of competitor. With this in mind, our seasoned GPs and corporates discuss the opportunities and challenges.

- How can private equity support Australian M&A, and what are the benefits of GP/corporate partnerships?
- Strategic investors vs private equity firms: What different expertise and approaches does each player bring to the table?
- What are the differences in expectations and interests, and how can they be minimised?
- What do the panel predict will happen over the next 12 months?

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Presentation: Effective post-merger integration

This session will focus on developing a solid post-merger integration plan, as well as what needs to be in place once the deal-makers walk away, and how to avoid the pitfalls that cause many transactions to fail.

15:15

Networking coffee break

15:45

Cross-border: Australia, open for business

Australia has firmly established its position as an attractive destination for international strategic and private investors, through its ability to deliver favourable deal opportunities, positive economics, and relative political stability. Although the US remains its top partner, Japan, Europe, and China also have a strong interest in the availability of quality companies and good returns. While there has been some push back by FIRB in recent months, sentiment and interest remains strong. Our panel of industry experts will give an overview of the current situation and discuss how Australia can position itself to take advantage of the right opportunities.

16:30

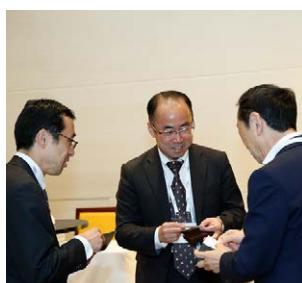
Hot industries in focus: Deal drivers for Australian M&A

Moderated by industry leaders, these roundtable discussions will focus on each sector: where the deal flow is coming from, the best practices when conducting due diligence, and how to source the right local partners to work alongside.

- Natural resources
- Healthcare
- Education
- Infrastructure

17:15

Close of conference and cocktail reception



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