

## Simpson Thacher Advises on Largest Private Equity Deals of the Year

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Simpson Thacher advised clients on five of the 10 largest U.S. private equity deals and five of the 10 top global PE deals in the first half of 2019, according to *Bloomberg* data. The Firm is representing Blackstone in its \$18.7 billion acquisition of GLP's logistics assets, the largest U.S. private equity deal of the year and the largest ever private real estate transaction globally. Among the other largest U.S. deals, Simpson Thacher is advising Digital Colony and EQT on their \$14.3 billion acquisition of Zayo Group Holdings; Hellman & Friedman in the \$11 billion acquisition of Ultimate Software; Apax Partners, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Public Sector Pension Investment Board in their sale of Acelity and its KCI subsidiaries to 3M for \$6.725 billion; and Oaktree Capital in its \$4.8 billion sale of approximately 62% of the Oaktree business to Brookfield Asset Management. Among the other top global transactions, the Firm is representing KKR on the financing for its \$7.68 billion acquisition of German publisher Axel Springer.

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