

## Harris Kyriakides LLC – Cyprus

Harris Kyriakides LLC has had an impressive 2010, with its M&A deals achieving an aggregate value of €800m

### About us

Harris Kyriakides LLC is one of the most active M&A law firms in Cyprus. Building on almost four decades of experience, the firm's corporate team regularly advises major international and domestic clients, private equity players, corporate groups, banks and management on the leading transactions in the Cyprus market. The services cover the full spectrum of public and private M&A, across a broad range of industries, from the most strategic M&A deals through to bolt-on acquisitions. The scope of services includes friendly and hostile takeovers, schemes of arrangement, reorganisations, mergers, negotiated acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, spinoffs and de-mergers. The firm's lawyers draw on expertise in specialist areas such as competition law and tax.

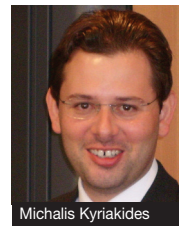
### How the firm performed in 2010 and future plans

Within 2010, the firm concluded successfully over 30 M&A deals with an aggregate value in the range of €800m. These included M&A deals in several sectors and industries, such as real estate, retail, energy, technology, cars,

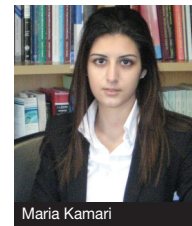
construction, healthcare and other. In several of these transactions, the firm has acted in association with major international law firms, including UK magic circle firms or their branches in other countries, such as Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Czech Republic and others.

Michalis Kyriakides, partner and head of the corporate department, comments on the firm's achievements:

"Our reflection of the Cyprus M&A market for 2010 could be headed 'The year of market correction'. We have seen the restoration of a balance between mainstream M&A transactions, which had been reduced within the 2008/9 period, and a consequent reduction of liquidations/reorganisations, which had been increased within the 2008/9 period. Our feeling is that the trend is towards the increase of mergers and acquisitions within 2011, as a result of the gradual fading of the credit crunch cloud. We believe that this shall be particularly identifiable in some industries, such as energy and technology, and less identifiable in other industries, such as real estate. I am pleased to say that our firm is ready in all respects to



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accommodate the clients' needs in M&A deals and we are committed to act in a professional and efficient manner, endeavouring the protection of the clients' legal and financial interests."



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