**Top 10 global M&A legal advisers in retail sector for Q1–Q3 2020 revealed**

GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company, has revealed its global league tables for top 10 legal advisers in retail sector by value and volume for Q1–Q3 2020 in its report, ‘[Global and Retail M&A Report Legal Adviser League Tables Q1-Q3 2020](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/0wFjC796VCERDv8s22Yzb?domain=u7061146.ct.sendgrid.net).’

According to GlobalData’s M&A report, a total of 889 M&A deals were announced in the retail sector during the period. There was a 58.6% decrease over the 2,146 deals that were announced during Q1–Q3 2019. Deal value also witnessed a year-on-year decrease of 67.3% from $189bn to $62bn.

**Kirkland & Ellis** **tops by value**

As per GlobalData’s ranking, Kirkland & Ellis bagged top spot in terms of deal value by advising on nine deals worth $16.6bn. This was the highest value among all the advisers.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer also advised on the same number of deals advised by Kirkland & Ellis but occupied the second position by value. It was followed by Allen & Overy with seven deals worth $10.8bn and Linklaters with four deals worth $10.6bn.

**Goldman Sachs leads by volume**

Latham & Watkins led in volume terms having advised on 11 deals worth $4.6bn. Jones Day occupied the second position by volume with 11 deals worth $0.8bn, followed by CMS with 10 deals worth $0.8bn.

GlobalData lead analyst Aurojyoti Bose said: “Latham & Watkins was the only adviser to showcase double-digit deal volume and billion-dollars in deal value. However, due to the involvement in relatively low value transactions, it lost the top position in terms of value to Kirkland & Ellis.

“Kirkland & Ellis advised on three billion-dollar deals (greater than or equal to US$1bn) while Latham & Watkins managed to advise on two billion-dollar deals.”