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'The Forces That Drive M&A, Strategic Growth and Transformation Are Stronger Than Ever': Delegates at IBA's Global M&A Conference Share Their Views

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[Nannette Heide](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's [Corporate Practice Group](#), was quoted in the June 23, 2026 *Global Legal Post* article, "[The Forces That Drive M&A, Strategic Growth and Transformation Are Stronger Than Ever': Delegates at IBA's Global M&A Conference Share Their Views.](#)" The *Global Legal Post* asked lawyers at the IBA's 23rd annual Global Mergers and Acquisitions Conference in New York, which took place from June 3-4, about their views on the M&A market's outlook.

Optimist. In the first half of the year, everyone was moving with trepidation because of the geopolitical climate, tariffs and a lot of uncertainty. Given the pressures of limited partners for return on their investments, assets should turn over. In addition, corporate strategics have been and are becoming more active in making acquisitions and dispositions, which should cause the M&A market to rapidly pick up speed.

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