

“During the Obama Administration, we (CFIUS) spent a lot of time working hard to get to yes on these deals ... In the current CFIUS, my impression is that there has been perhaps a bit less energy directed toward that getting-to-yes effort”

NEAL WOLIN
Brunswick Chief Executive Officer
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“I kind of feel like we’re living on borrowed time”

LARRY SUMMERS
Former
US Treasury Secretary
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“Cross-border (M&A) has actually gone up. And that trend could continue, because we are at a unique moment in time when pretty much every part of the world is growing”

ANU AIYENGAR
J.P. Morgan
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“When you don’t want to put the CEO on TV, I immediately start wondering, OK, well, what’s wrong here? Is there something that they’re hiding?”

JIM CRAMER
Host of CNBC’s “Smart Money”
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“The single most significant development has been that some of the major activists have essentially shifted so they no longer promote financial engineering or short-term changes”

MARTY LIPTON
Legendary corporate defender
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“The notion of M&A being a permanent part of a company’s corporate tool kit is now firmly embedded in business culture on a global basis”

PETER TAGUE
Former co-head of
global M&A for Citigroup
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JUAN RAMÓN ALAIX
Zoetis CEO
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“Bill Ackman called me and said, ‘I want to tell you that I bought a little more than 8 percent of your company, and it will be in the news tomorrow’”

“We had fewer deals in 2017 than we should have had because a lot of companies were waiting to see what was going to happen with healthcare reform, and also tax reform. But we’ll make up for it in 2018. We’re going to have a lot of deals in 2018”

FRANK AQUILA
World-leading M&A lawyer
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