

# Private Equity Dealmaking amid COVID-19

KKR's Strategic Deal with Coty: Case Study



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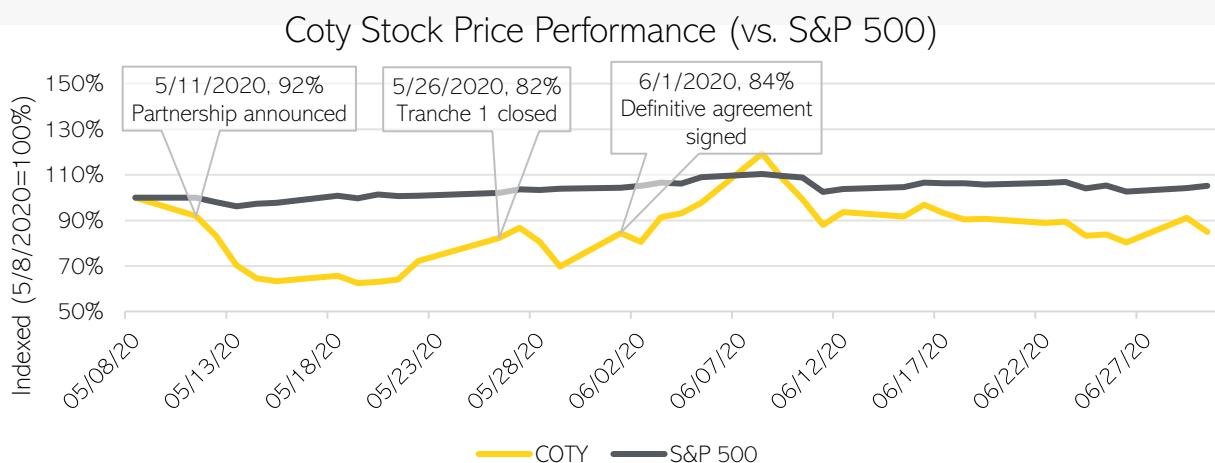
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# KKR Strikes Strategic Deal With Cosmetic Giant Coty, Inc.

The consumer discretionary sector is facing its toughest challenge as businesses remain shuttered due to the coronavirus. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, a growing number of companies have filed for bankruptcy in 2020. Recent high-profile bankruptcy filings include J-Crew, Neiman Marcus, J.C. Penney, and Pier 1 Imports. Without material action or intervention, more companies in this sector can be expected to file for bankruptcy.

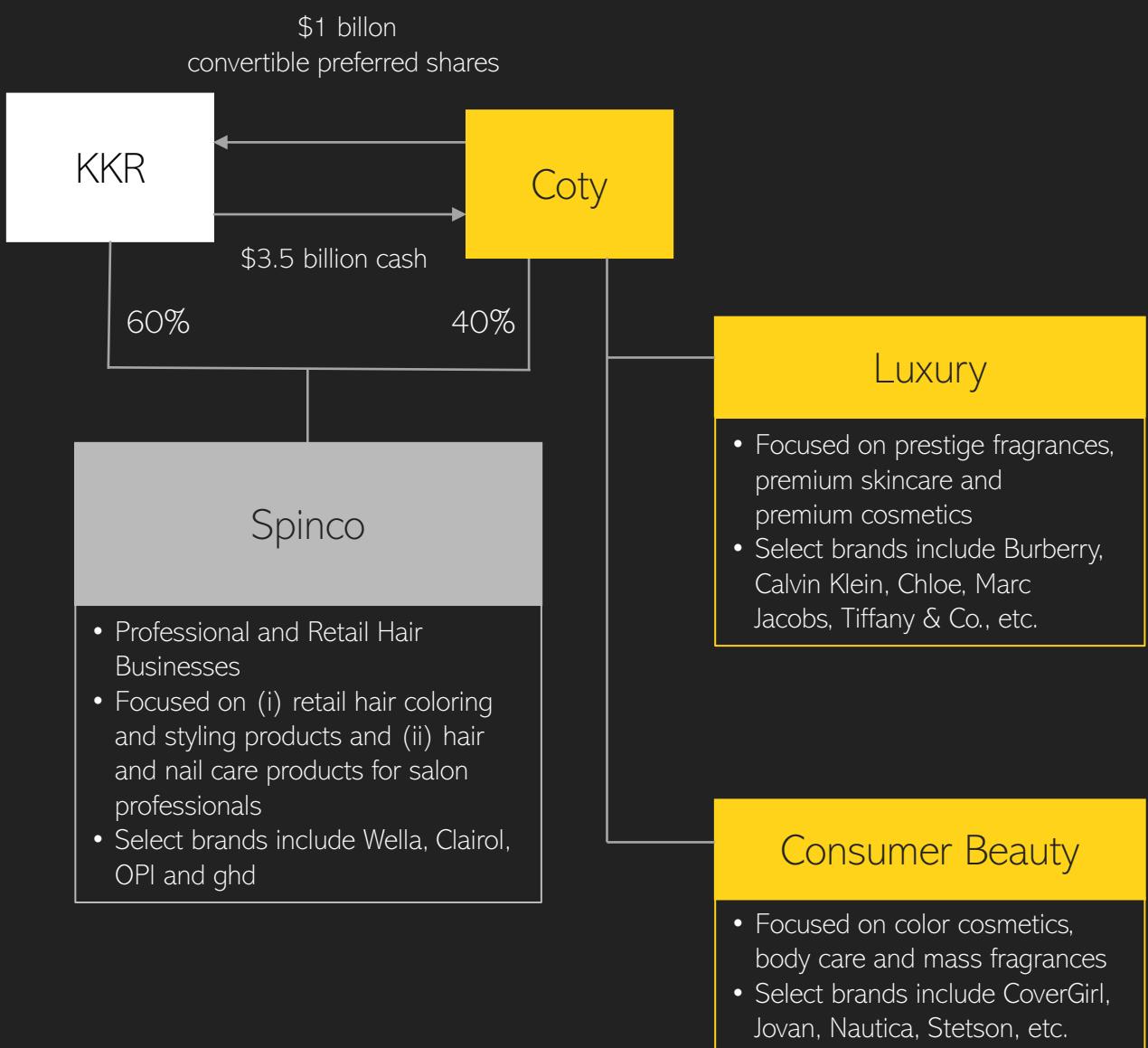
With the backdrop of uncertainty stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, private equity firms stand ready to deploy their capital during this market dislocation. According to data from Prequin, private equity firms are sitting on a record level of dry powder, having amassed a total \$1.45 trillion in cash to invest at the end of 2019. Private equity firms have been actively seeking deals in the struggling consumer discretionary sector, which includes travel and leisure, gaming, consumer retail, luxury goods, etc.

One example of such an opportune investment was the recent strategic deal private equity firm KKR entered with the global beauty firm Coty Inc. (the "Company" or "Coty"). On May 11, 2020, Coty announced a strategic partnership with KKR. As part of the strategic partnership, KKR initially invested \$750 million in Coty through the sale of convertible preferred shares to KKR. Additionally, Coty and KKR signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for the sale of a majority in Coty's Professional and Retail Hair Businesses, which includes the Wella, Clairol, OPI and ghd brands (together, "SpinCo") at an enterprise value of \$4.3 billion. On June 1, 2020, Coty announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with KKR for the sale of a majority in SpinCo.



# Transaction Structure Overview

Under the terms of the divestment, Coty will carve out SpinCo into a standalone company. KKR will own a 60 percent interest and Coty will retain the remaining 40 percent interest in the new business. At the closing of the divestment of SpinCo, Coty would receive additional net cash proceeds of approximately \$2.5 billion. Concurrent with the signing of the definitive agreement on the divestment on June 1, 2020, KKR will also make an incremental convertible preferred investment of \$250 million in Coty, bringing the aggregate total investment to \$1 billion.



# Transaction Structure Overview (cont'd)

## Transaction Summary

- KKR will invest \$1 billion in Coty through the sale of convertible preferred shares in 2 tranches:
  - Tranche 1: \$750 million investment, closed May 26, 2020
  - Tranche 2: \$250 million incremental investment with the execution of definitive agreement on the divestment of Coty's Professional and Retail Hair Businesses. Second closing set for July 31, 2020
- Coty carves out its Professional and Retail Hair Businesses into a standalone company. KKR purchases 60% stake in the newly formed standalone company for approximately \$2.5 billion. Closing is expected at the end of the year or early 2021

## Summary Terms: Series B Convertible Preferred Shares

Issuer:	Coty Inc.
Investor:	KKR
Offering:	Up to 1,000,000 shares of new Series B Convertible Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$1 billion, or \$1,000 per share. The Offering is issued in two tranches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• initial issuance of 750,000 shares</li><li>• subsequent issuance of 250,000 shares, subject to execution of divestment agreement</li></ul>
Dividend:	9% per annum, stepping up to 12% subject to upward adjustment provisions
Liquidation Preference:	Ranks senior to the shares of the common stock and currently outstanding series of preferred stock
Conversion:	Convertible at the option of the holders into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price of \$6.24 per share
Board Seats:	2 board seats designed by KKR

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