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Corporate Group

An Overview

# CMS – Distinctively European

CMS is a truly international group of like-minded lawyers across Europe to meet the needs of the most demanding international organisations.

We combine our expertise across all relevant legal disciplines and jurisdictions to provide top quality advice across Europe from lawyers who genuinely know each other well and enjoy working together. CMS today comprises nine CMS firms, employing over 2,400 lawyers across 27 jurisdictions and 53 offices.

Structure, organisation and coverage are not everything a firm needs to lead its market. What really differentiates us is the genuine full service approach which CMS firms have adopted ever since.

We understand the pressures M&A project teams face and their need to prove the value that they bring to their business stakeholders. Our decision to offer a one-stop shop approach to our clients, applied to both legal services and geography, was taken on this basis. Not only our clients tell us that we chose the right approach. League tables and legal directories regularly rank us in leading positions and our proven ability to win places on the panels of leading multinational companies underlines that we do offer what our clients need: the right solutions delivered by the best experts available – all across Europe.

## Our Services

We advise on all aspects of corporate law and transactions, including:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private equity
- LBO's, MBO's and MBI's
- Reorganisation and restructuring
- Listed company takeovers
- Privatisations – advising governments, state bodies, bidders and privatised entities
- Corporate finance
- Joint ventures and strategic alliances
- Corporate governance

## Why CMS?

- Over 600 M&A lawyers across Europe
- Excellent market knowledge, both locally and globally
- Comprehensive grasp of both national and international transactional issues
- Interdisciplinary teams
- Industry expertise
- Integrated cross-border service
- Partner-driven approach
- Tailored, business solution-driven approach

## Our Industry Focus

- Automotive
- Consumer Products
- Energy
- Hotels & Leisure
- Industrials
- Financial Services
- Infrastructure & Project Finance
- Lifesciences
- Private Equity
- Technology, Media, Telecoms

# Leading in European M&A

## 1st in Europe

Mergermarket Q4 2009, and ThomsonReuters European Mid-Market M&A 2009, by deal count

## 1st in CEE

Mergermarket Q4 2009, and ThomsonReuters European Mid-Market M&A 2009, by deal count

## 1st in Germany

ThomsonReuters European Mid-Market M&A 2009 up to USD500m, by deal count

## 1st in France

ThomsonReuters European Mid-Market M&A 2009, by deal count

## 2nd in Germany

Bloomberg 2009, by deal count

## 4th in Benelux

ThomsonReuters European Mid-Market M&A 2009, by deal count

**“The leading law firm for mid-cap M&A transactions in Germany.”**

*(Financial Times Germany, 2009)*

**“Clients praise the very competent partners, the service-oriented approach, and the timely responses.”** *(Legal 500, 2009)*

**“Celebrated for tax work (...). Clients appreciate the team’s dedication and availability.”** *(Chambers Europe, 2009)*

**“The team establishes good relationships with clients and pulls out all the stops to get the job done.”** *(Chambers UK, 2009)*

# Examples of work

## Austria, CEE

Advised Advent International on the acquisition of the leading Bulgarian bottler of mineral water, Devin, from the Soravia Group

## France

Advised Johnson & Johnson on the acquisition of Vania SNC and Polivé SNC from Georgia Pacific France

## France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Switzerland

Advised Otsuka Pharmaceuticals on the acquisition of Nutrition & Santé from investment funds Abénex Capital and L Capital

## Germany

Advised major VW shareholder Lower Saxony on the takeover of Porsche AG by Volkswagen AG

## Germany, The Netherlands

Advised Holtzbrinck Networks and Verlagsgruppe Weltbild on the sale of bol.com, the largest Dutch online retailer of books, music, DVDs, video games and electronics

## Poland

Advised Tetley Polska Sp. z o.o. on the acquisition of Poland-based producer and distributor of tea and food products Premium Foods SA

## Romania

Advised HSBC Specialist Investments on the acquisition of Expo Market Doraly SRL, operating a wholesale market and warehouse complex in Romania

## Russia

Advised VTB Bank on the acquisition of a stake in Otkritie Financial Corporation, a Russian investment bank and one of the top five brokers on the Russian equity market

## Spain

Advised Acciona on the sale of a stake in Portuguese Amper Central Solar, the largest solar plant in Europe to Mitsubishi Group

## Switzerland, Germany

Advised 3i on the sale of its stake in 10 VC portfolio companies to Cipio Partners

## UK

Advised RWE on the creation of its joint venture with E.ON to develop nuclear power stations in the UK



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