

JOHAN AALTO

PARTNER

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Johan Aalto is one of the most experienced M&A lawyers in Finland. He has been involved in many of the largest and most complex corporate transactions, both public and private. Johan advises regularly Board of Directors and the management on corporate governance issues and chairs the Annual General Meeting of several large and midsized public companies. In 2016 Johan was awarded the honorary title "Lagman" by the President of the Republic of Finland. He joined Krogerus in 2024.



ANDREW ANG

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Andrew ANG is the Head of the Corporate Group which predominantly encompasses the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice, the Corporate Real Estate Practice and the Antitrust & Competition Practice. He is also the Co-Head of the Mergers & Acquisitions Practice and is a Partner in the Private Equity Practice. His main practice areas are local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings, joint ventures, privatisations as well as private equity investments.

Andrew was recognised as one of Asia's Top 15 M&A Lawyers in Asian Legal Business 2022 list for the Top 15 M&A Lawyers in Asia. He was also recognised as "Lawyer of the Year" for Private Equity Law in the 2018 edition of Best Lawyers in Singapore. He has been lauded for his "knowledge of key stakeholder behaviour and precedents" and his ability to "offer solutions to myriad of options with listed companies."



JAAP BARNEVELD

PARTNER

DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK N.V.

Jaap is a corporate partner and specialises in M&A, venture capital, capital markets and corporate governance. He has advised on numerous (friendly and hostile) public offers and strategic M&A deals and has been involved in most of the largest Dutch venture capital funding rounds. He has also assisted various issuers in Dutch IPOs and regularly advises clients on a wide range of corporate matters (including board structures, fiduciary duties, disclosure obligations and activist shareholders).

Jaap has been ranked as 'Next Generation Partner' by Legal500 in both Corporate/M&A and Equity Capital Markets.

Jaap is a noted expert in company law. He holds the position of Professor of Legal Aspects of Corporate Transactions at the University of Groningen, has authored numerous publications on corporate law and M&A, and is a regular speaker at conferences.



HANNE JESCA BAX

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Hanne Jesca Bax serves as EY Global Vice-Chair, Clients & Industries. In this role, Hanne Jesca's priority is to ensure the focus of EY teams globally is aligned with clients' critical needs. She does this through forward-thinking stewardship of the organization's relationships with C-suite buyers, driving solutions innovation, and delivering market impact through programs that result in superior client experiences. She is a member of the EY Global Executive and the global sponsor of the EY alliances with SAP and ServiceNow. In her previous role as the EY EMEIA Markets & Accounts Leader, Hanne Jesca led go-to-market and client service strategies across EMEIA (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa). Key focus areas included strategic alliances and acquisitions, product innovation in response to megatrends and macroeconomic changes, improvement of brand and market position, and oversight of mandatory audit rotation. During her EY journey, Hanne Jesca has led significant accounts across a variety of industries and has held a number of senior leadership roles, including as EMEIA Tax Deputy Leader and as Managing Partner, Markets for the Netherlands and Belgium management cluster.

Passionate about the spirit of entrepreneurship and Hanne Jesca promotes an environment where diverse voices are heard and valued to create a culture of innovation and growth.



RICHARD BURROWS

PARTNER

MACFARLANES

Richard has a broad practice across all fields of company and corporate law, including capital markets transactions, public takeovers, private capital raising and private acquisitions.

With 20 years of corporate law experience, Richard has acted for institutions and individuals in a variety of transactions across the corporate sphere. Much of Richard's work has a cross-border element, and Richard spent nearly two years on secondment at a leading law firm in New York.

With this broad background, Richard writes about many areas of corporate finance - with a particular focus on capital markets, shareholder activism and corporate governance.

Richard is a member of the Company Law Committee of The City of London Law Society, assisting the committee with its role in shaping developments across the corporate law arena.



HONGBIN CAI

DEAN AND CHAIR OF ECONOMICS

HKU BUSINESS SCHOOL

Professor Hongbin Cai is the Dean of the HKU Business School and Chair of Economics. He holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Wuhan University (1988), an M.A. in Economics from Peking University (1991), and a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University (1997). From 1997 to 2005, he taught at the University of California, Los Angeles, and later served as Dean of the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University from December 2010 to January 2017. He joined HKU in June 2017 and has been its Dean since July 2017.

A distinguished scholar, Professor Cai is a National Chang Jiang Scholar (awarded by the Ministry of Education of China) and a National Outstanding Young Researcher (awarded by the National Science Foundation of China). He has published extensively in top international journals, covering areas such as game theory, the Chinese economy, industrial organization, and corporate finance. His contributions to the field earned him election as a Fellow of the Econometric Society.

Professor Cai plays an active role in public service, serving on key committees for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), including the Chief Executive's Policy Unit Expert Group, the Advisory Committee on the Northern Metropolis, and the Advisory Committee of the Securities and Futures Commission. His expertise continues to shape both academic and policy landscapes.



BERTRAND CARDI

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Bertrand Cardi is a member of the executive team and Head of M&A at Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier, a leading French law firm with recognised expertise in public M&A and all other forms of mergers and acquisitions, with a particular focus on cross-border transactions.

He has over 30 years of experience advising on complex M&A matters and currently serves as Chair of the M&A Committee of the International Bar Association. Trained in both business and law, Bertrand is also a board member of HEC Paris, France's leading business school, where he chairs the Governance Committee.



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AUDREY CHEN

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Audrey Chen joined JunHe in 1993. She is admitted in China and in US (New York and California).

She has over three decades of experience in FDI, corporate and M&A, and private equity across sectors including energy and natural resources, manufacturing, retail, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, hi-tech, and auto/EV/Rotics.

Audrey works with major domestic and international companies, including Anglo American, Air France, Barclays, BHP Billiton, China Aluminium, China Shipping, Costamare, Clorox, Canada Goose, ConAgra, CPPIB, Dell, Eldorado, Fairfax, Fiat, Fidelity, GE, Glencore, Hortifrut, Hyundai, Mercuria, Orkla, Peabody, Peugeot, Rio Tinto, SKF, Samsung, Shopify, Vanderbilt, and Yale Univ.

She has led cross-border M&A transactions and FDI projects, and provided strategic planning and advice on corporate matters, FDI/national security reviews/filings, post-merger consolidations, and business expansions.

Audrey has been recognised as one of WWL's "Thought Leaders/Global Leaders" for Competition, Corporate Governance, M&A, and Mining Lawyer; by Asia Legal Business as a Deal Maker of Asia/Top 10 M&A Lawyer and Leading Attorney; and by Legal 500 as a Leading Corporate and M&A Lawyer.

Audrey received her BA and Master of Laws in China, and an LL.M. from UC Berkeley.

Audrey served as a Jurisdictional Council Member for China with the Inter-Pacific Bar Association and as a board member of Lex Mundi. She is currently an officer of the International Bar Association's Corporate and M&A Law Committee.



RONALD C. CHEN

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Ronald C. Chen is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in the Corporate Department, focusing on mergers and acquisitions, takeover defense, shareholder activism, corporate governance and securities law matters. Ron has represented numerous public and private entities in a variety of industries, jurisdictions and transactions, including domestic and cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, private equity transactions, joint ventures, divestitures and spin-offs.

Ron received his A.B. summa cum laude from Harvard University, where he received the John Williams Prize as the top graduate in economics. Following graduation from Harvard, Ron served as a staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers and was the recipient of a Marshall Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, where he received an M.Sc. in Economic and Social History and an M.B.A. While at Oxford, Ron was also a lecturer in economics at Keble College, Oxford. After completing his M.B.A., Ron was a management consultant at McKinsey & Company.
Ron received his J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School where he was the recipient of a Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. After law school, he was a Charles Hamilton Houston Fellow at Harvard Law School and a law clerk to the Honorable Robert D. Sack of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Ron has been named a Dealmaker of the Year by The American Lawyer, a Technology MVP by Law360, and has also been recognized as one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America by Lawdragon.

Ron teaches a course on Tech Mergers & Acquisitions at Stanford Law School, and has previously taught courses on Mergers & Acquisitions and Other Complex Transactions at Stanford Law School, and Mergers & Acquisitions in the Technology Sector at Harvard Law School. He has also been a Visiting Attorney at Hengeler Mueller in Frankfurt, Germany, and on the M&A Legal Team of Google. Ron also serves on the Corporate and M&A Law Committee of the International Bar Association, and as Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's annual conference on Mergers & Acquisitions in the Technology Sector.



DIEGO CHIGHIZOLA

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Diego Chighizola is a Partner at Marval O'Farrell Mairal, Argentina's leading law firm, where he advises multinational corporations, private equity sponsors and strategic investors on complex mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance matters and cross-border investments.

His recent representations include advising Raízen Argentina, the company operating the Shell-branded downstream business in the country, General Electric on its investment in YPF Luz, Tether on its acquisition of Adecoagro, Adecoagro on its acquisition of Profertil, and transactions involving controlling interests in Transportadora de Gas del Sur (TGS).

Since 2026, Mr. Chighizola is leading Marval's office in Vaca Muerta, Argentina's premier energy development hub. In that capacity, he works closely with domestic and international investors, energy companies and infrastructure developers, supporting strategic investment and transactional activity in one of the world's most significant unconventional oil and gas formations.

Before joining Marval's partnership, Mr. Chighizola worked at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York. He holds an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and a Master's Degree in Finance from Universidad del CEMA.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Chighizola is actively involved in academia. He teaches Corporate Consolidations in Latin America in New York University School of Law's international JD program and has taught Contracts and Business Law at Universidad de San Andrés for more than a decade.



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STEVEN A. COHEN

PARTNER

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Steven A. Cohen is a partner in the Corporate Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. He joined the firm in 1992 and became a partner in 2000. He advises boards of directors, senior management teams, financial sponsors and entrepreneurs on their most significant corporate matters, with a particular focus on shareholder activism and preparedness, corporate governance, complex mergers and acquisitions, and private equity transactions.

Mr. Cohen has represented public and private companies, boards and special committees in friendly and contested M&A, proxy contests, spin-offs and other major reorganizations. He also has extensive experience advising financial sponsors and entrepreneurs on private equity investments and buyouts, including complex cross-border transactions.

Mr. Cohen graduated from Columbia College in 1988 and received a J.D./M.B.A. from Columbia Law School and Columbia Business School in 1992.

Mr. Cohen is a former chair of the Corporate and M&A Law Committee of the International Bar Association and a member of the American Bar Association. He has spoken on M&A at the International Bar Association's Annual Conference and its Paris Conference on European M&A, and he co-chairs the annual IBA Private Equity Transactions Symposium in London. Mr. Cohen was recognized by Law360 as a 2025 Telecommunications MVP for his work on significant transactions in the telecommunications sector. Mr. Cohen has taught at Harvard Business School, Columbia Business School and Stanford Law School.



COSTAS CONDOLEON

PARTNER

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Costas co-leads the Corporate Advisory group at Gilbert + Tobin and is a member of the Board.

Costas is widely recognised as one of Australia's leading strategic M&A and securities lawyers and has advised on some of Australia's most prominent, novel and complex deals. He is one of only a small group of lawyers ranked Band 1 in M&A by Chambers in Australia. Costas frequently acts for both bidders and targets in takeovers (friendly and unsolicited) and other control transactions, and his significant experience also extends to private M&A, corporate and securities law, capital markets and directors' duties.

He is a member of the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel, Australia's primary forum for resolving takeover disputes, an adjunct member of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney where he lectures in the Masters of Laws course of Takeovers and Reconstructions and is a member of the Corporations Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

Costas has recently worked on notable transactions including advising Macquarie Asset Management on its $11.7 billion consortium acquisition of Qube, Ingenia Communities Group on its proposed $3 billion merger with Peet by scheme of arrangement, Pacific Equity Partners on its $1.3 billion acquisition of Johns Lyng Group, Domain Holdings Australia on its $2.8 billion take-private by CoStar Group, and Sigma Healthcare on its $35 billion reverse takeover and ASX listing of Chemist Warehouse.



PETER COOK

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Peter is a partner in Gilbert + Tobin's Mergers and Acquisitions group.

With more than 30 years of experience, Peter has built a diverse, industry-leading practice that sets a benchmark for many in the field. He is one of Australia's most prominent and leading transactional lawyers, trusted to handle many of the country's largest and most intricate transactions. Peter's practice, albeit broad ranging, is focused on public and private mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and private capital. He is also widely regarded as a strategic and trusted adviser by his clients and public company boards given his breadth of experience. He has worked across notable Australian transactions including most recently the Australian retail offering of Space X's $75 billion IPO, advising Dragoneer and KKR as part of the consortium for the proposed $7.7 billion take-private of Steadfast, Grant Thornton Advisors and New Mountain Capital on the transaction for Grant Thornton Australia to join its multinational platform, Virgin Australia's $2.3 billion IPO and Afterpay on its landmark $39 billion acquisition by Block, Inc. (formerly Square, Inc.), Australia's largest public M&A transaction at the time.



NATALIE COOK

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ROBERT COOPER

GENERAL COUNSEL AND
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Robert has 24 years of experience in corporate M&A, compliance and regulatory. He serves as the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for JD Worldwide and is responsible for the Compliance department, leading teams covering legal, compliance, regulatory, government relations, PR and audit. Prior to JD, he spent 16 years at Ocado Group, most recently serving as the Group Chief Compliance Officer.



PAUL CSISZAR

SENIOR ADVISOR

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DANIEL DAENIKER

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Daniel Daeniker (b. 1963) is the Senior Partner of Homburger AG, one of Switzerland's leading law firms based in Zurich. His practice focuses on corporate governance, financial services regu-lation, mergers & acquisitions and equity capital markets.

Daniel has been a partner of Homburger AG since 2000, was head of the Corporate / M&A prac-tice group from 2009 to 2014, and Managing Partner from 2013 to 2019. Today he is the Senior Partner of Homburger. He also serves as a non-executive director of Hilti AG, Liechtenstein and as trustee of two Liechtenstein family offices.

Daniel has been a lecturer in law at the University of Zurich, his Swiss alma mater, since 2001 and was a member of the Law School Council of the University of Chicago, his U.S. alma mater, from 2015 to 2024.

EZRA DAVIDS



CHAIRMAN & SENIOR PARTNER

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Ezra Davids is the Chairman & Senior Partner of Bowmans, a pre-eminent Pan African law firm based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He specialises in both domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and securities law, and is the relationship partner for a number of the firm's major clients. He has advised on the largest and most complex transactions on the African continent. He is an officer of the Corporate and M&A Committee of the International Bar Association. Ezra is a member of the Council of the University of Cape Town. He is also a board member of the Legal Resources Centre, Freedom Under Law and Social Justice Initiative.



DANIEL DEL RÍO

PARTNER

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Daniel Del Río is a Partner at SMPS Legal with more than 40 years of experience advising domestic and multinational companies on complex corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), corporate governance and cross-border investments. His practice encompasses foreign investment, international and financial agreements, joint ventures, real estate, antitrust, banking, securities, and insurance. Throughout his career, he has advised medium-sized and large corporations on sophisticated M&A transactions, regulatory compliance, international business matters, and strategic corporate initiatives, combining extensive legal expertise with a strong understanding of clients' commercial objectives.

Daniel serves as Chair of the Legal Practice Division (LPD) of the International Bar Association (IBA) for the 2025–2026 term, becoming the first Mexican lawyer to hold this position. He also serves on the IBA Management Board, contributing to the Association's strategic direction and initiatives to strengthen the legal profession worldwide. Before joining SMPS Legal, Daniel headed the Corporate and M&A practices at one of Mexico's largest and most prestigious law firms, advising leading companies on complex transactions and strategic business matters.

Beyond his legal practice, Daniel serves on the boards of directors of various companies and has also served on the boards of nonprofit organizations. His board involvement complements his extensive experience in corporate governance, business strategy, and institutional leadership.

His professional achievements have been consistently recognized by leading international legal directories, including Chambers and Partners (Global and Latin America), The Legal 500, Best Lawyers, Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal), where he has been recognized as a Global Elite Thought Leader, and LACCA Approved, particularly in M&A and corporate governance.

Daniel has also played a significant role in advancing pro bono legal services in Mexico, actively promoting greater participation among Mexican lawyers. He previously served as President of Fundación Barra Mexicana and remains involved in nonprofit foundations and professional associations.



ALEXANDRA EADIE

HEAD OF LEGAL

AVIVA PLC

Alex is Head of Legal (Corporate Finance) at Aviva plc, where she leads the legal team supporting the Group on corporate finance and strategic matters. Her remit includes M&A, debt and equity financing, strategic investments, pensions, sustainability and legal entity matters.

Alex began her career in private practice before moving in-house. Originally from Australia and now based in London, she has built her career advising on corporate transactions and helping businesses navigate the legal, commercial and governance considerations that accompany major strategic decisions.

At Aviva, Alex is particularly interested in the role of in-house legal teams in enabling transactions, bringing together legal judgement, commercial objectives and effective governance to help businesses make good decisions and execute them well.



ALEX EDMONDSON

PARTNER

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ADAM O. EMMERICH

PARTNER

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Adam Emmerich is Chair of Wachtell Lipton's Corporate Department. Adam's practice has included a broad and varied representation of public and private companies in a wide range of industries throughout the United States and around the world, in mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, joint ventures, financing transactions and securities law matters. Adam also has extensive experience and expertise in corporate governance, shareholder activism, and takeover defense and contested acquisition matters.

Adam was named a Dealmaker of the Year by The American Lawyer for his work with T-Mobile USA and Deutsche Telekom in the $146 billion all-stock combination of T-Mobile and Sprint. Adam also led the Wachtell Lipton teams for Covidien plc in its $49.9 billion acquisition by Medtronic and Tim Hortons in its $12.2 billion combination with Burger King Worldwide, which were named by The American Lawyer as Global M&A Deal of the Year: Ireland and Global M&A Deal of the Year: Canada.
Adam is recognized by Lawdragon as one of the 500 leading lawyers in America (including as a Lawdragon Legend of the 500, the truly select lawyers who have been named in Lawdragon's elite annual guide 10 times), as one of the 500 leading dealmakers in America each year since the category was inaugurated, and as one of the 500 Leading Global Real Estate Lawyers.

Adam has also been named by Forbes as both one of America's Top Lawyers and Top M&A lawyers, and as one of the world's leading lawyers in corporate M&A (both U.S. and international & cross-border, Band 1) and in REITs by Chambers and Partners.
The Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) has named Adam a Global Elite Thought Leader in M&A, as lawyer of the year in M&A, and as an expert in Corporate Governance and M&A in the real estate field. Adam has also been recognized as among the Best of the Best USA by Euromoney Institutional Investor's Expert Guides including as an expert in M&A, in Corporate Governance, and in Banking, Finance and Transactional and a highly regarded leading lawyer by IFLR 1000.



ADOLFO FEIJÓO

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

CRITERIA

Deputy Secretary of the Board of Trustees of ”la Caixa” Banking Foundation and of the Board of Directors of CriteriaCaixa. Deputy Managing Director of CriteriaCaixa.
Born in Barcelona, 1971.

Deputy Secretary of the Board of Trustees of ”la Caixa” Banking Foundation and of the Board of Directors of CriteriaCaixa since February 2024. He is Deputy Managing Director of CriteriaCaixa since May 2025, Director of the Legal Department of CriteriaCaixa since January 2018 and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Inmo Criteria Caixa, S.A.U. and of the Board of Directors of Caixa Capital Risc, S.G.E.I.C., S.A. since March 2024.

He holds a degree in Economics and Business Studies and, additionally, a degree in Law with honours from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. He also holds an LLM cum laude in Banking and Finance Law from Boston University School of Law, a PIL from Harvard University and a PDG from IESE.

He is also a member of the Board of Emisores Españoles.

Previously, he held the position of Secretary of the Board of Directors of CriteriaCaixa, from March 2021 to February 2024, where he had already been Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors. In the past, he has also been member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Saba Infraestructuras, S.A., Secretary of the Board of Directors of Mediterranea Beach & Golf Community, Second Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors of CaixaBank, General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors of MicroBank, the socially focused bank of ”la Caixa”, Secretary of the Board of Directors of CaixaBank Consumer Finance and VidaCaixa, Director of Inversiones Autopistas, General Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Directors of Criteria CaixaCorp, Secretary to the Board of Directors of CaixaCapital Semilla, CaixaCapital Pyme Innovación, and CaixaCapital Desarrollo (all three simplified regime ECRs), and legal advisor to the Board of Directors of Edicions 62 and Hotel Caribe Resort.



TULLY FRIEDMAN

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

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Tully Friedman has 50 years of experience in finance and over 40 years as a private equity investor. He has co-founded two important private equity firms, FFL Partners and Hellman & Friedman, which have invested $9 billion in over 100 companies in industries as diverse as consumer, financial services and healthcare. In 2012 HEC-DOW JONES ranked FFL the number one performer among all funds raised in the prior ten years. Previously, Tully was a managing director of Salomon Brothers Inc., where he founded the firm's West Coast corporate finance department and served on the firm's national corporate finance administrative committee. He has served as an independent director of numerous public and private corporations including Levi Strauss & Co., Mattel Inc., McKesson Corporation, and the Clorox Company, and multiple non-profits.



MANUEL GALICIA

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ARTHUR GOETHALS

LEGAL COUNSEL

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Arthur Goethals is an international legal executive specializing in energy, infrastructure, mobility, and cross-border transactions. He advises multinational organizations on complex strategic matters, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate transformations, governance frameworks, regulatory compliance, and large-scale infrastructure investments across Europe, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific, and the Americas.

Throughout his career, Arthur has supported numerous high-value transactions and business transformation projects in highly regulated sectors, working at the intersection of legal strategy, corporate development, and risk management. His experience spans both mature and emerging markets, with a particular focus on the energy transition, sustainable infrastructure, and innovative mobility solutions.



ANDREA GOMES DA SILVA

SENIOR ADVISOR

FINGLETON

Andrea is a highly experienced senior executive, Board member and competition lawyer. She has over 25 years' experience of assessing cutting edge competition issues in both the private and public sector. In her most recent role as a member of the CMA Board and part of the Senior Executive Team, she built on her legal expertise and moved into a strategic and leadership role.

Andrea was at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer for 15 years and as a partner, she advised clients on UK and EU matters, both on merger control and on conduct issues. She subsequently joined the CMA and was appointed Board member and Executive Director, Markets and Mergers in 2018. She was responsible for delivery of the CMA's markets and mergers work, including acting as a decision maker on some of the most complex Phase 1 mergers. She led a multi-disciplinary team of over 130 colleagues in delivering this work and was also responsible for ensuring the CMA's preparedness for taking on additional and more complex merger reviews following Brexit. As part of the role, she worked closely with other government departments in developing policy and new legislation.

Andrea joined Fingleton, a leading competition strategy consultancy, as a Senior Advisor in 2024.



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PETER GRANDELIUS

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Peter Grandelius is Associate General Counsel at Spotify, where he leads the company's global Corporate, Privacy and Legal Operations team. He is a member of Spotify's Legal senior leadership team and advises the company's board of directors, board committees and executive management teams.

Since joining Spotify in 2013, Mr. Grandelius has led the legal strategy and execution of a broad range of complex transactions, including Spotify's direct listing on the New York Stock Exchange, all acquisitions completed by the company, and more than $7 billion in equity and debt financing, public and private securities offerings, and employee liquidity transactions.

Prior to joining Spotify, Mr. Grandelius served as Legal Counsel at Siemens Sweden, supporting its Industry and Healthcare businesses. Earlier in his career, Mr. Grandelius was an associate in the mergers and acquisitions practice at Mannheimer Swartling in Stockholm, where he advised Swedish and international clients on domestic and cross-border transactions. His experience included private equity transactions, acquisitions and divestments across multiple sectors and industries.

Mr. Grandelius holds a Master of Laws from Uppsala University in Sweden.



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SASCHA HÖDL

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Sascha Hödl is a Corporate/M&A partner at Schoenherr in Vienna. With more than 25 years of experience, Sascha is consistently top ranked for Corporate/M&A in Austria by Chambers, IFLR1000 and The Legal 500. For 10 years, he co-led the firm's M&A practice which has topped the Austrian Mergermarket M&A league tables for more than a decade.

Sascha advises on complex domestic and cross-border public and private M&A, private equity transactions, joint ventures, and general corporate matters. With a particular focus in regulated sectors, clients include strategic corporates, financial investors, banks and state-owned entities. He served as adviser to the Austrian finance ministry and the Austrian financial aid state agency during the COVID-19 crisis. Currently, he is co-chairing the firm's regional defense practice.

His selected transactions include advising (as lead or Austrian counsel):

•Austrian state agency ÖBAG in the replacement of Abu Dhabi's fund Mubadala by ADNOC as ÖBAG's joint venture partner in Austrian based petrol company OMV
•ÖBAG in the EUR 11 bn joint venture of OMV's Borealis with ADNOC's Borouge International (creating Borouge International as a major global polyolefin manufacturer)
•Infineon Technologies on its EUR 570m acquisition of the Austrian non-optical analog/mixed-signal sensor portfolio of ams OSRAM
•NXP Semiconductors on its EUR 600m acquisition of Austrian based TTTech Auto
•French based ODDO BHF on its strategic M&A partnership with Austrian based Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI) as to RBI's CEE M&A advisory business
•Fresenius on the cross-border sale of a 67% stake in VAMED's rehabilitation business (67 facilities in five countries) to French PE fund PAI Partners

Sascha graduated from the University of Graz in Austria, holds an LL.M. from Harvard Law School (2000) and has been teaching International Mergers & Acquisitions at the Vienna University of Economics and Business since 2003.



PABLO IACOBELLI

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VERÓNICA IEZZI

LEGAL COUNSEL (HEAD OF M&A AND PRIVATE EQUITY)

CRITERIACAIXA

CriteriaCaixa's Legal Counsel, head of M&A and Private Equity.
Verónica has more than 20 years of experience advising on M&A, private equity, project finance and corporate law matters. She has developed her career as in-house counsel to international investment and industrial companies, after working in private practice as a corporate lawyer in Madrid, Beijing, Tokyo, Boston and Buenos Aires. She has authored several publications, including a book on competent jurisdiction in e-commerce.



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Fulvio Italiani is widely regarded as one of Venezuela's leading transactional lawyers. For over two decades, he has led many of the country's most significant energy, M&A, financing, and restructuring transactions, advising multinationals, private equity funds, and strategic investors on complex, high-value matters. Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 consistently rank him in the top tier for Corporate/M&A, Finance, and Energy. He received the Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession award at the 2014 Chambers Latin America Awards for Excellence and was named Law Firm Leader of the Year by Latin Lawyer in 2023. Clients describe him as a strategic, commercially focused advisor with deep market knowledge and first-rate execution.

Fulvio is a partner at D'Empaire. He earned his law degree summa cum laude from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in 1990 and was an associate at New York law firm from 1993 to 1996 before joining D'Empaire as partner in 1997.



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He was featured in Legal Week's and the American Lawyer's flagship publication, Private Client Global Elite since 2017. He was featured in '40 under 40' list as published by Fortune India, 2023 - 2026 and "The Economic Times 40 under Forty: India Inc's Top Young Leaders 2021" list as published by The Economic Times. He was ranked as 'Band 1' by the prestigious Chambers & Partners High Net Worth Guide since 2017.

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