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Biography

Nikolai Sokolov regularly advises medium-sized and large Private Equity investors as well as strategic investors on national and international buy-side and sell-side M&A transactions.

He provides legal advice in connection with LBOs, MBOs, co-investments, carve-outs, joint ventures, reorganisations, corporate restructurings as well as various aspects of corporate governance and corporate law. He also advises Private Equity investors and management teams on management participation programmes (MEP, MIP, ESOP, etc.) and shareholder agreements. Further, he advises on all aspects of W&I insurance in connection with M&A transactions. Nikolai has also assisted investors and business angels on Venture Capital transactions as well as funds and investors on Real Estate transactions.

Nikolai advises clients from a wide range of industries and sectors, including retail, manufacturing, business services, software, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, defence, real estate and technology.

Nikolai has been seconded to the legal department of an international corporation as well as to the investment team of a Real Estate investor.

Representative experience



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Languages

German
English
Russian
Ukrainian

Practices

Private Equity
Mergers and Acquisitions
Investment Funds

Industries

Diversified Industrials
Life Sciences and Health Care

Advising the management team on the acquisition of the majority stake in Prime Capital AG, the independent asset manager and financial services provider that manages EUR 17.7 billion in asset classes.

Advising a pension fund on its co-investment alongside with two Private Equity investors in a German TMT and infrastructure corporate group.*

Advising funds managed by capiton AG on the acquisition of the Berlin-based micro- and optoelectronics company AEMtec GmbH by way of a management buy-out from exceet Group AG.*

Advising funds managed by capiton AG on the acquisition of LAP group, a manufacturer and service provider of laser products for medical and industrial systems.*

Advising funds managed by capiton AG on the acquisition of Hamm Reno, one of the largest European traditional shoe retailers and wholesalers, together with Turkven's portfolio company as co-investor.*

Advising funds managed by capiton AG on the disposal of a minority participation in Hamm Reno group and Hamm Reno group on its strategic partnership with CCC group.*

Advising Hamm Reno group on the acquisition of a majority stake in e-commerce company surf4shoes GmbH.*

Advising funds managed by ECM Equity Capital Management GmbH on the acquisition of Wieners + Wieners group, one of the leading translation services providers.*

Advising funds managed by ECM Equity Capital Management GmbH on the acquisition of Bergmann Automotive group, a German leading manufacturer of cylinder liners.*

Advising funds managed by ECM Equity Capital

Technology & Telecoms

Areas of focus

Private Equity and Venture Capital Funds

Institutional Investors

Fund Structuring and Establishment

Secondaries

Bolt-ons

Buy Outs

Co-investments

Exits

Management Incentive Plans

Management Teams

Real Estate Private Equity

Real Estate Funds

Infrastructure Funds

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Emerging Companies

Corporate Group Structures

Regular Contracts and Business Issues

Stock and Cash Based Incentives

Food and Beverages

Management GmbH on the acquisition of MediFox group, a group of software development and financial service companies in medical care sector.*

Advising Deutsche Beteiligungs AG and DBAG Fund VI in connection with the acquisition of FRIMO group, a leading developer of system solutions for manufacturing high-quality plastic components.*

Advising funds managed by Deutsche Beteiligungs AG on the acquisition of the Silbitz group, an association of several foundries, including a management participation.*

Advising European Directories Holdings GmbH, a Triton Fund III company, on its acquisition of Alfahosting GmbH, a German webhosting provider.*

Advising BAVARIA Industries Group AG on its sale of sells TriStone Flowtech, an automotive supplier with 2,800 employees and ten production plants worldwide, to Chinese Zhongding group.*

Advising 3i on the acquisition of Weener Plastic Packaging group, a leading manufacturer of innovative plastic packaging systems, from Lindsay Goldberg Vogel together with the management team.*

Advising CVC on the potential acquisition of Constantia Flexibles, a leading manufacturer of flexible packaging and labels, from J.P. Morgan Chase and One Equity Partners (ultimately sold to Wendel).*

Advising Cleanpart Group GmbH, a portfolio company of Deutsche Beteiligungs AG, on the sale of its healthcare business to VAMED, a service provider for hospitals that is part of Fresenius group.*

Advising the shareholders of Swyx Solutions AG, a developer of software-based communications solutions, on the sale of their shares to Waterland Private Equity.*

Advising the management on the sale of shares in

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Higher Regional Court of Berlin, 2007

First State Exam in Law, Humboldt University of Berlin, 2005

univativ, a leading German provider of specialized personnel services co-held by Odewald, to funds managed by Triton and their re-investment via a MEP.

Advising TecDAX- and MDAX-listed Sartorius AG on the carve-out and sale of its industrial scales business to Minebea Co., Ltd. and Development Bank of Japan as co-investor.*

Advising the Canadian pension funds Omers and Alberta Investment on the acquisition of the British cinema chain Vue, which also includes Cinemaxx in Germany.*

Advising European Capital on the sale of Metall Technologie Holding group, a leading manufacturer of industrial heat treatment solutions used in the aerospace industry to Italian Techint/Tenova group.

Advising TNT Express on the carve-out and sale of its overnight express subsidiary TNT Innight, which employs approximately 1300 people at 40 locations in Europe, to a fund managed by Orlando.*

Advising Andreas Goerr on the sale of the 29 percent stake in the listed rail logistics company VTG, a Hamburg-based SDax company, to Morgan Stanley Infrastructure.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Latest thinking and events

■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Herzschlag Eintracht GmbH on the acquisition of 5 percent of the shares in Eintracht Frankfurt Fußball AG