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Recognitions

- Legal 500: Capital Markets, 2021-2022; Commercial, Corporate and M&A 2022
- Leaders League: Banking & Finance, Capital Markets 2021-2022

Languages

English, French, German

Selected Publications

- Swiss M&A - Warranties, Indemnities and Insurance in Private M&A, 2022 Edition
- Swiss M&A - Carve out Transactions, 2022 Edition
- High-Yield Debt, Switzerland, 2022 Edition
- Environmental, Social & Governance Law 2022 - the Chapter on Switzerland

Christoph Vonlanthen is a specialist in mergers & acquisitions, growth equity, corporate governance and capital markets.

Christoph is a partner based both in our Geneva and Zurich offices, and has vast experience accumulated in Switzerland, New York, and London in market-leading transactions, including buyouts, divestitures, spin-merge transactions, exchange offers, carve-outs, rights offerings and IPOs in a range of industries. He regularly advises strategics, financial sponsors and investment banks on complex cross-border assignments. Christoph also assists fund managers and institutional investors on structured investments, co-investments and secondary sale transactions.

Expertise

- Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Capital Markets
 - Banking & Finance
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Experience

- Christoph advises clients on large and complex public and private M&A transactions across multiple industries, including tech, pharma, healthcare, asset management, banking, insurance, infrastructure, retail, and transportation. Christoph has recently advised a consortium of private investors in the carve-out acquisition of retail industry leader Conforama Switzerland, a shipping company in its more than \$1.5 billion spin-merge transaction; a real estate company in its £1.5 billion all-share merger; a pharma company in its \$3.5 billion acquisition of a generic drug manufacturer; and a private equity firm in its secondary buy-out of a global security services provider.
- Christoph has advised clients on many of their strategically significant capital markets and corporate matters, including IPO, follow-on equity offerings, investment grade debt offerings and rights offerings. Among other assignments, Christoph has advised one of the largest publicly traded European investment holding companies on its IPO; an oil and gas group in its more than \$3 billion high grade debt offerings; and a global full-service bank in its \$15 billion rights offering.
- Christoph's experience in leveraged finance includes multiple assignments in high-yield bond offerings, bridge loans and liability management. Experience highlights include advising the underwriters in a £500 million bridge-to-bond financing for the acquisition of a specialty insurance group; the underwriters to a major car manufacturer in its inaugural £1 billion equivalent offering of high-yield bonds and multiple follow-on offerings; and a global telecommunication company in its more than \$2 billion comprehensive liability management transactions.
- Christoph has also assisted institutional investors and family offices on anchor and seed investments, co-investments and secondary trades. Most recently, Christoph has advised a large European investment holding company in its more than \$150 million seed investment in a global technology fund.

Career

2019	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2006-2019	Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in London and New York
2003-2005	Associate in a Geneva business law firm

Education

2007	Bar Admission in New York
2006	LL.M., University of Pennsylvania
2003	Bar Admission in Switzerland
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