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Capital Markets



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Education

Dr. iur., Justus Liebig University Giessen, 2020

LL.M., University of Wisconsin Law School, 2018

Second State Exam, Higher Regional Court of Frankfurt am Main, 2021

First State Exam, Justus Liebig University Giessen, 2016

Bar Admissions

Frankfurt am Main

Languages

German

English

Dr. Christoph J. Bender focuses his practice on capital markets transactions, advising issuers, investment banks and financial advisors on a wide range of complex equity and debt matters, with a particular emphasis on transactions involving a U.S. or multijurisdictional component. Dr. Bender has significant experience advising on IPOs, dual listings, capital increases, secondary offerings and accelerated bookbuilding processes, as well as private financing rounds and debt offerings and repurchases. He was previously seconded to an international investment bank, where he worked in its investment banking legal department. Dr. Bender's experience includes advising:

Capital Markets (Equity)

- **an international investment bank** in its role as placement agent in connection with a clean-up secondary sale of shares in a listed company, with gross proceeds for the seller of €225 million
- **terralayr AG** in connection with its Series A financing round of up to €192 million
- Euronext Brussels and Euronext Amsterdam-listed **ONWARD Medical** in:
  - the refinancing of a €52.5 million loan facility from Runway Growth and new loan agreement over €50 million with BlackRock's Kreos Capital platform
  - a €40.6 million cash capital increase
  - a cash capital increase of more than €50 million and cornerstone investment by Ottobock SE & Co. KGaA
- **Axian Telecom** in its acquisition of 19.7 million ordinary shares from Jumia Technologies AG, representing 8% of Jumia's outstanding share capital
- Jefferies and BofA Securities as joint global coordinators and joint bookrunners in connection with a capital increase of **Zur Rose Group AG**

Capital Markets (Equity-Linked/Debt)

- HSBC in connection with the partial repurchase offer by **ams OSRAM** for up to €300 million (US$353 million) of its convertible bonds due 2027
- **AGRAVIS Raiffeisen AG** on multiple issuance of participation rights

Mergers and Acquisitions

- **GE Vernova Inc.** in its US$9 billion acquisition of Trench Group from Triton Partners
- **J.P. Morgan** as financial advisor to Nagarro SE in connection with the voluntary public takeover offer to Nagarro's shareholders by Persistent Systems
- **Citigroup** as financial advisor to Addiko Bank AG in connection with competing voluntary public takeover offers to Addiko's shareholders made by Raiffeisen Bank International AG and Nova Ljubljanska banka d.d.
- **Jefferies** as financial advisor to Northern Data AG in connection with the proposed acquisition of Northern Data AG by Rumble, Inc.
- **CureVac N.V.** in its all-stock acquisition by BioNTech SE that values CureVac N.V. at US$1.25 billion
- the management and supervisory boards of **Fresenius** in the company's exit from the Austrian and international businesses of VAMED AG
- **Armira** and **Boxine** on Boxine's €1 billion business combination with 468 SPAC I SE, one of the first de-SPAC transactions in the market involving a German-listed blanc cheque company
- **SIGNA Sports United GmbH** in its US$3.3 billion initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange resulting from its de-SPAC merger with Yucaipa Acquisition Corporation