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Education

Law Degree, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, 2005

Bar Admissions

Russian Federation

Languages

Russian
English

Inara Blagopoluchnaya advises on public and private corporate financings and related transactions in Europe, the U.S. and Asia. She also represents clients from a range of jurisdictions in a broad variety of mergers and acquisitions, private equity and joint venture transactions covering various industries and sectors. She has previously practiced in Skadden's Moscow and New York offices.

Ms. Blagopoluchnaya's experience includes representing:

- the Magnum Ice Cream Company (TMICC) in its separation, demerger and spin-off from Unilever PLC, creating the world's largest stand-alone ice cream business, with brands including Magnum, Ben & Jerry's, Wall's and Cornetto
- Alussa Energy Acquisition Corp. II on its \$288 million IPO on the New York Stock Exchange of units consisting of shares and warrants
- Fix Price on its \$2 billion IPO of GDRs on the London Stock Exchange
- Kismet Acquisition One, a special purpose acquisition company, in its \$1.9 billion initial merger with Nexters Global Limited. As a result of the merger, Nexters became a publicly traded company
- several major multinational companies in various industries in connection with exiting the Russian market and winding down their business and operations in Russia, which has involved advising on complex M&A, regulatory, sanctions and other legal issues, including:
 - Citigroup, Inc. in connection with the sale of AO Citibank, Citi's former Russian subsidiary, to Renaissance Capital
 - Frigoglass Group in the divestment of its Russia business
 - Unilever PLC in the sale of its Russia business to Arnest Group
 - a U.S.-headquartered global logistics company on the disposal of its 50% interest in a joint venture to a Russia-based food manufacturer
 - L'Occitane in the divestiture of its Russian business to local management
 - Renault Group on the sale of Renault Russia to the city of Moscow and the disposal of its 67.69% interest in AvtoVaz to NAMI
 - Ball Corporation in the \$530 million sale of its beverage packaging business in Russia to Arnest Group
- Yandex N.V. in connection with the restructuring of several of its joint ventures in the e-commerce and fintech sectors
- Endo International plc in connection with its \$8.1 billion acquisition of Par Pharmaceutical Holdings, Inc., which included the related acquisition financing, including a \$2.3 billion offering of ordinary shares and a \$1.64 billion Rule 144A/Regulation S high-yield offering of 6% senior notes
- Fortress Group in connection with a number of financings and investments
- Tele2 Russia in its merger with a leading Russian telecom operator
- the underwriters in the initial public offering of ordinary shares and listing on the New York Stock Exchange of Luxoft Holding, Inc., a provider of software development services and information technology solutions
- Marazzi Group and Permira Funds in the \$1.5 billion sale of the Marazzi Group, a leading manufacturer and marketer of ceramic tile in the U.S., Russia, Italy, France and Spain, to Mohawk Industries, Inc.
- VimpelCom Limited in its \$30 billion exchange offer for OJSC VimpelCom and its business combination with CJSC Kiyvstar G.S.M., a Ukrainian telecommunications company