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Education

LL.M., Columbia University
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English
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Lorenzo Corte is co-head of the London M&A Group and concentrates in cross-border mergers and acquisitions, including contested takeovers, private sales and acquisitions, private equity transactions and joint ventures.

Mr. Corte has acted on a number of complex and/or contested takeover assignments and trans-Atlantic transactions, including:

- Adevinta ASA in its US\$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay Classifieds Group from eBay Inc.;
- Intel Corporation's US\$15.3 billion acquisition of Mobileye N.V.;
- Konecranes' proposed all-stock merger with Terex Corporation (NYSE) and its subsequent acquisition of a division of Terex;
- VimpelCom's (now VEON) US\$30 billion exchange offer for OJSC VimpelCom and simultaneous business combination with CJSC Kiyvstar G.S.M.; and
- Arcelor in the US\$22.8 billion unsolicited bid by Mittal Steel Company NV and their subsequent US\$33.8 billion merger.

Mr. Corte represents strategic investors in connection with cross-border acquisitions, sales of privately owned companies and assets, and joint ventures in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the United States and the CIS region. He has completed transactions for, among others, Anheuser-Busch, Cinépolis, Danaher Corporation, Engen/Petronas, ExxonMobil Corporation, Kellogg Company, Moody's Corporation, Mylan, NTT DoCoMo, Nomura, ST Microelectronics N.V., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International and Validus Holdings.

He regularly acts for financial sponsors on their investments and divestments in Europe, including The Blackstone Group, Investindustrial, Silver Lake Partners, DH Private Equity, Ares Life Sciences (Mr. Bertarelli), Teseo Capital (Mr. Ferrero) and LetterOne, for which he has completed a number of transactions in the technology, energy and retail sectors.

Mr. Corte also heads Skadden's Italian practice that repeatedly has been named as *TopLegal's* Best Italian Desk. His experience in M&A transactions representing Italian parties includes acting for Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A., Brembo S.p.A., Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A., Gentium S.p.A., Luxottica Group S.p.A. and the Ministry of Treasury of the Republic of Italy.

Mr. Corte lectures and participates in seminars related to his practice and is an adjunct professor in M&A at Ohio State University School of Law. He is recommended as a leading individual in *Chambers Global*, *IFLR1000*, *The Legal 500 UK*, *Best Lawyers in the UK*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK*, which cites sources describing Mr. Corte as "instrumental in devising some incredibly innovative structuring" and stating "I would bet the bank on him."

Publications

Co-author, “Activist Investing in Europe,” *Activist Insight*, 2019

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