

Partner, Paris

Corporate; Private Equity; Mergers and Acquisitions



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Education

LL.M., Duke Law School, 2002

M.B.L., University of Paris X - Nanterre, 2000

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Languages

English

French

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Nicola Di Giovanni is highly experienced in private equity, general corporate and restructuring matters. His practice focuses on complex cross-border and domestic transactions, including leveraged buyouts, corporate acquisitions, joint ventures, disposals, consortium/minority equity investments and corporate restructurings across various geographies, sectors and values.

Mr. Di Giovanni advises a broad range of financial sponsor clients, including investment funds and family offices, as well as corporates, on their most significant deals.

He is recognized as a leading practitioner by *Chambers France*, *Option Droit & Affaires*, *Décideurs Magazine*, *The Best Lawyers in France* and *IFLR1000*. He also is ranked in the Leaders League for Private Equity — in the Development Capital, Mid Cap LBO and Venture Capital categories — and Mergers & Acquisitions.

Mr. Di Giovanni's representations (including prior to joining Skadden) include advising:

- **Ardian Private Equity** on:

- its investment, as lead investor, in a continuation vehicle set up by Andera Partners for the acquisition of Sphérea and Aversa
- its investment in a continuation vehicle set up by PAI Partners with regard to Froneri, a transaction that values Froneri at approximately €15 billion
- numerous primary, secondary, single asset and co-investment transactions across various industries and jurisdictions

- **Allianz** on numerous co-investment transactions across several different industries and jurisdictions

- **Groupe Baelen** on the sale of a minority stake in SoftNext to family office Perwyn Advisors

- **Aldebaran Capital** in connection with its acquisition of Serimax Holdings

- **FTV Capital** on its growth equity investment in N2F

- **KPMG Associés S.A.** in connection with its agreement with TowerBrook Capital Partners regarding the sale of the entire share capital of KPMG ESC & GS

- **JAB Holdings** on several acquisitions in connection with its pet insurance platform

- **Three Hills Capital Partners** and **La Bottega** on the acquisition of Palatino Hospitality

- **H.I.G. Capital** on:

- the acquisition of Quick Restaurants S.A. from Burger King, owned by Group Bertrand and Bridgepoint
- the disposal of Aviapartner Group
- several private equity transactions

- **L'Occitane Groupe** and **Reinold Geiger**, the majority shareholder of L'Occitane International, on a take-private bid for L'Occitane International valuing the company at €6 billion

- **Xavier Niel** and **NJJ Holding** on their participation in a \$220 million seed round in the "H" Company, a Paris-based AI startup

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- **Iliad** on a strategic commercial partnership agreement with, and significant investment in, Poolside
 - **Financière LM** (family office) on:
 - its acquisition of Fresh Food Village
 - the leveraged buyouts of The Village Bakery and Délices de France
 - the sale of a controlling interest in Group Boulangerie Louise to InVivo Retail as a result of the de-SPAC of Teract
 - **Andera Partners** on the:
 - acquisition of Groupe Spengler Holtex
 - acquisition of TXCube
 - sale of SRWK (Sarawak) Group
 - **Caravelle** (family office) on several private equity transactions
 - **Colam Entreprendre** (family office) on the acquisition of Akuo Energy, a French company specializing in renewable energy, and the sale of Akuo Energy to the company's management and ICG Infra
 - **Citi Ventures** on its investment in Defacto, a French business-to-business fintech company
 - **S2G Investments** (family office) on a Series C equity investment round in Unseenlabs, a global leader in radio frequency data and solutions for maritime domain awareness
 - **Intesa Sanpaolo** on its investment in SpaceX, a California-based rocket and satellite internet company and the world's leading provider of launch services
 - **Pirelli & C.** on financial regulatory compliance and enforcement matters
 - **Grupo Bimbo**, the world's largest baking company, on its acquisition of Tunisia-based Moulin d'Or (GEPACO Group)
 - **Hologic** on the carve-out and divestment of its French subsidiary SuperSonic Imagine
 - **La Croix-Rouge Française** on the creation of a société civile immobilière (SCI) with a several hundred million-euro portfolio and the implementation of a joint venture with Group Cofinimmo, a major listed Belgian real estate company

Publications

- “Une année de transition pour le marché du LBO,” *Les Echos Capital Finance*, December 16, 2024
- “La France : un marché attractif pour les grands fonds internationaux,” *La Lettre des Juristes d’Affaires*, November 25, 2024
- “Fonds d’investissement & Compliance,” *NextStep Magazine*, November 18, 2024
- “L’intelligence artificielle, un enjeu de patriotisme technologique,” *Les Echos Capital Finance*, May 21, 2024
- “Une frénésie contrôlée des marchés de l’infra et des télécoms en M&A,” *Décideurs Magazine*, January 4, 2024
- “Private equity, état des lieux et perspectives,” *Décideurs Magazine*, September 5, 2023