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Education

Diploma, State University-Higher School of Economics, Law faculty, 2009

Bar Admissions

Russia

Languages

Russian

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German

Alexander Kovriga's practice focuses on M&A, private equity, joint venture projects and capital markets matters. He also has experience advising U.S. clients on M&A and private equity deals, having previously worked in the firm's New York office.

Mr. Kovriga's significant experience includes advising:

- Visa Inc. in connection with its entry into arrangements with the Russian Central Bank and its newly created subsidiary JSC National Payment Cards System (NSPK) to migrate the processing of transactions made on Visa cards in Russia to NSPK, with the Central Bank acting as the settlement agent;
- Exxon Mobil Corporation in connection with its global strategic partnership with Rosneft under which the companies plan to undertake joint exploration and development of hydrocarbon resources in Russia, the U.S. and other countries throughout the world, and share technology and expertise;
- QIWI plc in numerous matters, including its acquisition of the Contact money transfer system and the Rapida payment processing system from Otkritie Holding JSC; its US\$212 million initial public offering of American depository shares with a listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market; its listing of ADS on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange; and a number of subsequent follow-on offerings;
- Veritas Capital in connection with its acquisition of:
 - Abaco Systems, a major producer of embedded computing systems (and a former General Electric business);
 - ECN Holding Company, a provider of mass electronic communications services; and
 - StandardAero, one of the world's leading providers of aviation maintenance and repair services;
- StandardAero in connection with its:
 - acquisition of Vector Aerospace from Airbus SE; and
 - acquisition by The Carlyle Group, a major global alternative asset manager;
- the joint bookrunners in the US\$1 billion IPO of global depository receipts of Lenta Ltd., the first dual listing of GDRs on the London and Moscow Stock Exchanges, as well as a number of subsequent follow-on offerings;
- Sistema PJSFC and the Russia-China Investment Fund in the US\$157.3 million offering of more than 117 million existing shares in the Russian children's retailer Detsky Mir;
- Coty Inc. in its strategic partnership with KKR & Co. Inc., including the carveout sale of 60% of its professional beauty and retail hair businesses to KKR with an enterprise value of US\$4.3 billion;
- Nafta Moskva in connection with the sale, by entities affiliated with the Suleyman Kerimov Foundation and several other Russian investors, of all of their shares in OJSC Uralkali to ONEXIM Group and OJSC United Chemical Company Uralchem; and
- Altimo Holdings & Investments Ltd. in the US\$5.2 billion sale of its 25% stake in OJSC MegaFon to AF Telecom and a subsidiary of MegaFon.