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Education

Second State Exam, Dusseldorf Higher Regional Court, 2007

Dr. jur., University of Bielefeld, 2006

First State Exam, University of Muenster, 2003

Bar Admissions

Duesseldorf

Associations

Member, Corporate Law Association (VGR)

Languages

German
English

Dr. Ruediger Schmidt-Bendun focuses on advising private equity and corporate clients on complex cross-border M&A transactions, as well as joint ventures. He also advises on corporate governance matters and corporate restructurings.

Significant transactions include advising:

- **the shareholders of Canyon Bicycles, Roman Arnold and TSG Consumer Partners** in the sale of a majority stake in Canyon Bicycles to Groupe Bruxelles Lambert;
- **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;
- **Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners** in its acquisition of a minority stake in the €2 billion Arkona offshore windfarm;
- **Gulf Energy Development** in its acquisition of a 50% stake in the €2.6 billion offshore wind farm Borkum Riffgrund 2 from Global Infrastructure Partners and its joint venture with Ørsted;
- **I Squared Capital** in connection with its acquisition of PEMA Group through its portfolio company TIP Trailer Services;
- **Ocean Link** in connection with the sale of shares in the Ruby Hotel Group to Otto Group;
- **Picnic International B.V.** in connection with an additional investment by Edeka in Picnic's German business, Picnic Germany;
- **The SCP Group** in its:
 - €1.2 billion acquisition of the Real Group from METRO AG; and
 - sale of the digital business of Real, including the online marketplace operated under real.de, to Schwarz Gruppe; and
- **SIGNA** in connection with the investment of AEON and The Central Group into SIGMA Sports United and the formation of a strategic partnership.

His representations advising private equity clients prior to joining Skadden include:

- **American Industrial Partners** in the combination of the Goss printing business with Manroland;
- **Apax Partners** in the acquisition of Azelis Group;
- **Avista Capital Partners** in the multibillion-euro bidding process for the global dermatology business from Bayer AG;
- **Deutsche Beteiligungs AG** in its acquisition of Braun Group;
- **HQ Equita** in its acquisition of r2p and Open Access;
- **One Equity Partners** in connection with the acquisition of the worldwide peroxide business of FMC Corporation; and
- **TSG Consumer Partners** in its investment in Canyon Bicycles.

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Mr. Schmidt-Bendun's representations advising corporate clients prior to joining Skadden include:

- **ASML** in all legal aspects of its acquisition of a shareholding in Carl Zeiss SMT;
- **Celanese** in the acquisition of Italy-based SO.F.TER. Group;
- **Daimler AG** in connection with a model case procedure under the German Capital Markets Model Case Act before the Higher Regional Court in Stuttgart, Federal Supreme Court and European Court of Justice regarding a supposed delayed ad hoc disclosure;
- **GE** in connection with the proposed acquisition of Adwen;
- **GFKL Financial Services** in connection with the acquisition of a majority stake by Advent;
- **Heineken** in a series of cross-border M&A deals;
- **International Petroleum Investment Company** in connection with the settlement agreement with MAN after the acquisition of a majority stake in Ferrostaal;
- **Magna** in its acquisition of Stadco;
- **NTT DATA** in the squeeze-out at itelligence AG;
- shareholders of the private bank **Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie.** in connection with the sale to Deutsche Bank;
- shareholders of **GETRAG** in connection with the sale to Magna;
- **Scholz AG** in the taking up of Toyota Tsusho Corporation as an investor and the restructuring of its balance sheet (deal volume €1.48 billion);
- **Union Investment** in its joint venture with ZBI and the establishment of a €1 billion residential real estate fund; and
- **Valora** in the €190 million acquisition of BackWerk.