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Education

J.D., Nova Southeastern University,
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Law Degree, Università degli Studi
Roma Tre, 2011 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

New York

Solicitor, England & Wales

Languages

English

Italian

Cristina Tomassini focuses on cross-border corporate transactions, including public and private mergers and acquisitions and selected capital markets transactions. She also is part of Skadden's Italian practice that has been repeatedly named Best Italian Desk by *TopLegal*.

Ms. Tomassini's experience includes advising:

- **Investindustrial:**

- in connection with its all-cash offer for the acquisition of Treehouse Food, Inc. for a total enterprise value of US\$2.9 billion
- and its portfolio company Sammontana S.p.A. in their acquisition of La Rocca Creative Cakes Inc.

- **Prada S.p.A.** in its €1.25 billion acquisition of Gianni Versace S.r.l. from Capri Holdings Limited

- **TOM FORD** in its acquisition by The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. at an enterprise value of US\$2.8 billion

- **Prada Holding S.p.A.** in its minority investment in Axiom Space, Inc. and **Prada S.p.A.** with respect to its collaboration agreement with Axiom Space, Inc.

- the lead underwriters in the **Republic of Italy's** offering of debt securities, in several issuances, including a US\$7 billion offering of notes and a US\$3.5 billion offering of notes

- **Polynt Group** in various matters, including its:

- sale to funds advised by Black Diamond Capital Management
- €1.3 billion multi-tranche high-yield offering of senior secured notes
- €300 million high-yield offering of senior secured notes
- €1.37 billion multi-currency term loan B and redemption of its existing senior secured notes due 2026

- **Barilla Iniziative S.p.A.** in its acquisition of Pasta Evangelists Limited

- **Antares Vision Group** in its acquisition of Applied Vision Corporation, rFXcel Corporation and ASICS Inc., as well as in its €225 million offering of existing and new ordinary shares, its listing on the Italian Stock Exchange and its €40 million private placement of senior notes

- **L'Occitane International S.A.** in connection with its acquisition of the Elemis Group for US\$900 million from U.S. private equity seller L Catterton

- two investors in their acquisition of a combined 80% interest in **Save the Duck S.p.A.**

- **F.I.L.A. (Fabbrica Italiana Lapis e Affini S.p.A.)** in connection with, *inter alia*:

- the US\$340 million acquisition of Pacon Holding Company from Mason Wells Inc. by its subsidiary Dixon Ticonderoga Company
- its €100 million Rule 144A/Regulation S rights offering of ordinary shares
- its initially unsolicited, but subsequently agreed upon, acquisition of Canson Group from Groupe Hamelin S.A., as well as its acquisition of the fine art business operated by the AhlstromMunksjö Group operated under the Arches brand

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- **The Middleby Corporation** in connection with, *inter alia*:
 - its acquisitions of Escher Mixers S.r.l., Colussi Ermes S.r.l., Proxaut S.r.l., Firex S.r.l. and Ve.Ma.C. S.r.l.
 - its US\$1 billion acquisition of Taylor Company from UTC Climate, Controls & Security
 - **DSV A/S** in its US\$4.6 billion acquisition of The Panalpina Group
 - **TriRX Pharmaceuticals Services LLC** in its acquisition of Merck's French manufacturing and packaging operations of its Animal Health business
 - **Nokia** in its agreement to transition its Gainspeed portfolio, along with all supporting technology and assets, to Vecima Networks
 - **Avara Pharmaceutical Services Inc.** in its acquisition of Hospira S.p.A., a leading manufacturer of medical products, from Pfizer Inc.
 - **E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company** in securing EU approval and clearance by the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division for its US\$130 billion merger with The Dow Chemical Company following an in-depth antitrust review centered on crop protection products, innovation issues and petrochemicals

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Tomassini spent several years practising at a leading Italian law firm in Milan.