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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Christian's practice focuses on advising French and international clients on M&A and Private Equity deals. He has extensive experience in structuring and co-ordinating complex and/or cross-border transactions.

He is recognized for his experience in corporate and commercial law and also regularly advises on strategic alliances, joint-ventures and partnerships.

He assists clients in particular from the telecoms, media, technology, energy and biotech sectors.

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS**

- Alumni of “*Dialogue d’avenir franco-allemand / deutsch-französischer Zukunftsdialog*” (2009)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- AIJA (Association de jeunes avocats internationaux), Executive Committee member
- Vice-Chairman of AIJA's Corporate M&A Committee
- Member of International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of French Association of Corporate Lawyers (ACE)
- Member of Club économique Franco-allemand Paris
- Member of AJFA (association des Juristes Français et Allemands)

## SPOKEN LANGUAGES

- English
- French
- German

## ADMISSIONS

- Paris
- England & Wales (Registered Foreign Lawyer)
- New York

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Private Equity
- Start-Up & Venture Capital Practice
- Retail & Consumer Products
- Infrastructure
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Strategic Alternatives & Corporate Reorganization
- Commercial Contracts

- Corporate
- Data Center & Digital Infrastructure Team
- Digital Transformation & Emerging Technology
- Food & Agribusiness

## EXPERIENCE

- SFR on the acquisition of stakes from Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations in six local project companies in charge of the deployment and operation of high speed telecom networks under public service delegation agreements;
- OrbiMed Advisors and Deerfield Management Company on an \$85 million financing agreement with the Valneva SE group, a specialist in infectious diseases, including a \$60 million fixed-rate loan (at a rate in the high single digits) and an additional \$25 million facility;
- Altice in selling stakes in its Telecom Tower business in France and in the Dominican Republic;
- The French managers of an international consulting firm in the set-up of their firm-wide management package;
- An Austrian-based investment firm on the French aspects in relation to an investment in a cutting-edge technology company developing AI algorithms and deep learning for autonomous navigation systems;
- Advised AENS (media sector) on an important cross-border restructuring, including the sale of a number of television channels as going concerns and a cross-border merger.

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

Publication in *Fusions & Acquisitions*, May 2019: “Introduction of consumer class actions in German law following the Dieselgate scandal: a closely regulated proceeding but with risks of liability for companies”

Publication in *Fusions & Acquisitions*, September /October 2017: Reform of foreign direct investment rules in Germany – a new Chinese wall?

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker at AIJA Half Year Conference, Hong Kong SAR May 2019: *"Fundraising in the M&A Context: Public v Private M&A"*

Speaker at AIJA M&A Seminar, Torino October 2018: *"Regulation and joint ventures in the public sector. Which restrictions and opportunities?"*

Speaker and moderator at AIJA Annual Conference, Brussels 2018: *"Growing obstacles to M&A transactions, in particular cross-border: foreign investment regimes, financing restrictions and gun-jumping policies"*.

## RELATED INSIGHTS

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**BCLP Paris featured in 'Top Law Firms in France' by Le Point magazine**

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BCLP has been ranked in 14 practice areas across 4 jurisdictions in the 2023 edition of The Legal 500 EMEA Guide.

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**BCLP Paris lawyers author article in BRDA on the regulation of foreign investments in France**

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**Will the recently updated French FDI regulation impact your next deal?**

Updated foreign direct investment (FDI) regulation around the world, including in France, requires, more than ever, advance planning and strategy. Playing it well will enhance deal certainty, mitigate risks and keep timing on track. Investors can also gain efficiency in global transactions with assets in several countries by putting the right due diligence process in place as early as possible in the transaction process. Finally, sellers can also facilitate divestitures by taking the initiative of clearing the target at early stage. Christian Sauer and Roland Montfort

consider the French perspective and implications for M&A practice below based on their deep experience and impressive track record in the space.

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