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OVERVIEW

Volker Gattringer is a partner in the firm's Frankfurt office. He focuses on M&A, restructuring and bankruptcy matters. He regularly advises on and executes M&A transactions representing clients from East Asia and China in particular.

As a business graduate, Volker has also expertise and many years of experience in the business valuation and financial modelling aspects of complex M&A and restructuring transactions.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Volker joined the firm in June 2009. From 2006 through 2009 he was a director at a financial investor in Frankfurt focusing on distressed investments. From January 2003 through September 2006, Volker was an attorney-at-law at a leading international law firm in Frankfurt, where he advised on M&A and restructuring projects with an industry focus on banking. He also served in the Investment Banking Division of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets in Frankfurt (1999–2002) and at Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt (1995–1999).

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- German-Chinese Lawyers' Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Compulsory joint ventures for car manufacturers in China to be abolished - an outlook on the M&A market in China,” delivered at German Association of Inhouse Counsel (BUJ), 19 June 2018, Düsseldorf
- “Access routes to the Chinese capital market for institutional investors, " delivered at German Association of Investment and Asset Management (BVI), 31 January 2018, Frankfurt
- “M&A Purchase Price Adjustment Clauses,” delivered at Beck Seminars, Dusseldorf, 1 October 2013, Munich and Hamburg, April and October 2014

- “German Government Regulation of M&A Transactions and Technology Transfers,” delivered at the 5th Annual China Outbound Investment Summit, Beijing, 19–20 June 2013
- “Acquisition of Distressed Companies – German Perception of Chinese Investors, ” delivered at the University of Nanjing, China, 26 May 2010

EDUCATION

- Second Legal State Exam, 1995
- First Legal State Exam, University of Passau, 1993
- M.B.A., University of Tübingen, 1991

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English
- German
- Italian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 26 January 2021, German Act on the Further Development of Restructuring and Insolvency Law (SanInsFoG)
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: Suspension of Obligations Under Loan Agreements in Germany
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: Update to the Amendments of the German Insolvency Act
- 9 April 2020, COVID-19: Pandemic Legislation in Germany
- 24 March 2020, COVID-19: Changes to Insolvency and Restructuring Related Regulations in Germany
- 15 December 2017, German National Security Review of M&A Transactions – New Checkpoints for Acquirers from the United States, China, Japan, and Other Countries Outside of the EU
- 7 November 2016, German Government’s Enhanced Scrutiny of Recent Chinese-German M&A Transactions – A Turning Point or Just a Temporary Resentment?
- 22 April 2015, K&L Gates Global Distressed Debt Webinar Series: The European Distressed Debt Market

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Carve-out Transactions”, *C.H. Beck*, co-author, April 2016

- “M&A as a Market Entry Mode for Companies from Emerging Markets – Experiences from Chinese-German Transactions”, *Yearbook of Market Entry Advisory 2014, p. 201-230*
- „Leasing und Elektromobilität“ in „Neue Mobilität, Magazin des Bundesverbandes eMobilität“ 10/2011 (*"Leasing and Electric Mobility" in "Neue Mobilität, Magazine of the German eMobility Association" 10/ 2011*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 August 2023, K&L Gates Advises Gorka Holding on Sale of Majority of Shares in DiaSys Diagnostics Systems GmbH
- 7 February 2023, K&L Gates Advises Real I.S. Australia on Sale of Australian Taxation Office Building in Canberra
- 17 October 2022, K&L Gates Advises Real I.S. Australia on Sale of Geosciences Building
- 6 January 2020, K&L Gates Advises KKR on Sale of European Locomotive Leasing
- 5 July 2018, K&L Gates Advises Mölnlycke on Acquisition of German Medical Technology Company SastoMed
- 26 July 2016, K&L Gates Advises Luye Pharma Group Ltd. on European Market Entry
- 6 June 2016, K&L Gates Advises European Locomotive Leasing on Follow-up Financing with International Bank Consortium

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Restructuring and Insolvency

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented the founding shareholder of DiaSys Diagnostics Systems GmbH, a German manufacturer of medical diagnostic systems, in the sale of 75% of its shareholding to a subsidiary of Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co., China.
- Advised DFDS A/S (CPH: DFDS), an international shipping and logistics company based in Copenhagen, Denmark, in its purchase of 100% of the shares in German-based rail logistics provider primeRail GmbH.
- Represented Glas Trösch, a Switzerland-based group that manufactures and distributes glass products, in their acquisition of all partnership interests and shares in Berliner Glas KG Herbert Kubatz GmbH & Co. Schwäbisch Hall, BERLINER GLAS Herbert Kubatz GmbH & Co. KG Syrgenstein and Berliner Glas Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH from Berliner Glas GmbH, a subsidiary of Dutch semiconductor equipment manufacturer ASML.

- Advised a Japanese consumer electronics company on the acquisition of a 29% equity stake in a listed German TV manufacturer in connection with a restructuring.
- Advised a Japanese purchaser on the acquisition of a business division from a German automotive supplier.
- Advised a Japanese pharmaceutical company on the disposal of its nutrition business.
- Advised on a stock-for-stock merger between a German and a Malaysian semiconductor company.
- Advised a Hong Kong based company on its acquisition and disposal of a private German water treatment solutions provider.
- Advised a PRC company on its 50% acquisition of a German audio technology company.
- Advised a private PRC company on its 100% acquisition of a German company in the coal chemical industry.
- Advised a state-owned PRC bearings manufacturer on its 100% acquisition of a German bearings manufacturer.
- Advised a state-owned PRC bearings manufacturer on its acquisition of a German machine tool manufacturer.
- Advised a Luxembourg based distressed debt fund on the acquisition of a majority holding in a listed German engineering services stock corporation, its delisting and on the squeeze-out merger with and into its parent company.
- Advised a listed German residential real estate company on its investment and joint venture regarding a real estate development project in Eastern Germany.
- Advised a listed Polish manufacturer of high-quality graphical fine paper on the financial restructuring of its German subsidiaries.
- Advised a Russian investment bank on its investment in a German technology company.
- Advised a PRC textile company on the acquisition of Hong Kong/Germany-based textile manufacturer
- Advised a listed PRC water treatment company on the acquisition and financial restructuring of a listed German nanotechnology based water filtration systems provider.
- Advised a Hong Kong investment company on its majority investment in a German tourism shopping tax refund service provider.
- Advised a German logistics company on its establishment of a subsidiary in China.
- Advised a London based real estate investor in the insolvency proceedings over its German real estate portfolio companies.
- Advised a Luxembourg based distressed debt fund on the insolvency of a German fashion company and the debt-equity swap of its listed bonds into a majority shareholding.

- Advised a Luxembourg based distressed debt fund on the insolvency and financial restructuring of a German manufacturer of solar mounting systems.
- Advised a Luxembourg based distressed debt fund on the insolvency and financial restructuring of a German personnel provider.
- Advised an Austrian private equity firm on its acquisition of a German temporary employment business from the insolvency administrator.
- Advised a German automotive supplier on its establishment of a joint venture with a PRC truck manufacturer in China
- Advised a German technology firm on the venture capital investment by a Chinese investor.