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Corporate

General presentation

burckhardt AG was founded in 2010 as an independent Swiss law firm. Since our inception, we have gained a solid reputation in counselling private clients and businesses and have been distinguished by authoritative legal guides.

Our success is built on a cohesive and dedicated team of specialized lawyers, absolute commitment to our clients, responsiveness, pragmatism for tailored solutions and personal advice.

We strive to provide tax and legal services at the highest professional level while always focusing on the very needs of our clients and their environment. We work with the requisite mix of people across practice areas that collaborate to achieve optimal results. Our corporate culture allows us to bring the right people and the right expertise together for each case without regard to external factors that might interfere with the quality of our service and advice. This cross-team integration creates the specific added-value we are seeking for our clients.

Located in Switzerland (Basel and Zurich), we have close contacts with colleagues in other jurisdictions. This enables us to provide our clients with optimal solutions for both national and cross-border matters. Most of our lawyers, notaries and tax experts have studied or worked abroad.

General Corporate

We advise firms on their global structure and on a wide range of corporate law matters. We have long experienced that working together with our clients on general corporate issues greatly contributes to our understanding of their businesses, which has in turn considerably enhanced our ability to help on transactional matters.

We are particularly familiar with the specific corporate issues that group of companies are facing with respect to subsidiaries in Switzerland, such as the independence of directors and intercompany financial assistance.

We support our clients in the preparation of shareholders' meetings and on issues of corporate governance, board compensation and board liability.

We also provide a full range of corporate notarial services.



Contracts

We advise on all matters relating to commercial agreements, including in particular employment, distribution, purchase, leasing, shareholders', joint venture and rental agreements.

We support our clients in negotiating and drafting the required contracts and accompany them from the early development of their business models to the implementation of suitable sales and distribution systems.

We assist foreign firms in establishing and expanding their business operations in Switzerland.



Mergers and Acquisitions

We advise national and foreign companies on the various aspects of buying and selling companies and businesses, whether as share deal or asset deal, including prior carve-outs and post-closing reorganization.

We focus on acquisitions of privately-held companies through purchases, mergers and capital increases. Our assistance includes strategic considerations and planning, initial talks with prospective buyers or sellers, the preparation of the necessary documentation and the conducting of negotiations.

We work closely with our colleagues from other practice areas, in particular with our tax colleagues who assist us with the structuring of transactions.



Financing and Leasing

We advise companies, banks and other lenders, on bilateral and syndicated, secured and unsecured loans as well as on issues relating to credit security.

We support our clients in negotiating and drafting documentation relating to financing for various purposes, such as general corporate financing, acquisition financing, refinancing, as well as real estate, project and infrastructure financings.

We have also developed a successful leasing and asset finance practice, acting for lessors and financiers as well as lessees and manufacturers. We gained a solid experience advising on the financing of movable assets including aircraft, ships and rolling stock.



Venture Capital and Private Equity

We advise on the full range of transactions from venture capital investments to cross-border M&A and from the initial investment all the way through to exit.

Our venture capital practice includes the negotiation of term sheets, support in financing rounds, negotiation and drafting of the shareholders' and investment agreements as well as structuring of the employee participation programs.

We represent private equity funds in the purchase and sale of their portfolio assets, as well as companies selling their assets to private equity funds.



Tax

Alongside a wide range of tax-related services, we advise on the:

- structuring of mergers and acquisitions
- pitfalls of reorganizations, corporate finance transactions and intercompany financings
- documentation to implement transactions to ensure that it meets tax objectives (including through tax rulings)
- tax aspects of private equity transactions from initial investment to exit
- tax investigations and disputes from initial queries to litigation or settlement

Our tax team also provides general and stand-alone tax consultancy services and is recognized for offering constructive tax solutions.

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