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“Ben has a 'stellar reputation' and is a 'gifted strategic thinker' with 'outstanding commercial understanding and problem-solving skills.’”

“He is a 'heavyweight in PE' and 'one of the leading transactional lawyers in Germany.’”

“When it comes to public M&A, he is in a class of his own.”

JUVE, Chambers

Ben Leyendecker is a corporate partner in the Munich office of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP. He focuses on M&A and private equity transactions. He is a lecturer for M&A and private equity at the Entrepreneurial University (TUM) of Munich.

Ben has received, among others, the following external recognitions:

- Leading individual for private equity transactions and for corporate law (*JUVE 2023/2024*)
- Ranked as “Best lawyer” in Germany for M&A and Private Equity (*Handelsblatt 2022*)
- Ranked as “Leading Dealmaker” in Germany (*Handelsblatt 2023*)
- Ranked as “most renowned lawyer” in Germany for corporate law M&A (*WirtschaftsWoche 2022*)
- Legal All Star for M&A in Germany (*WirtschaftsWoche 2023*)
- Leading individual / ranked for private equity and M&A: High-end Capability and in (*Chambers Global 2023 and Chambers Europe 2023*)
- Leading individual for private equity (*Legal 500 Germany 2023*)
- Featured in various magazines and newspaper as one of the leading dealmakers in Germany (e.g. *Manager Magazin, Handelsblatt, Azur*)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS INCLUDES ADVISING:

Public M&A-Transactions

- ▶ Thoma Bravo on the public takeover offer for EQS Group
- ▶ Birkenstock Holding plc and L Catterton on the initial public offering of Birkenstock
- ▶ Cinven on the public acquisition offer for SYNLAB
- ▶ Rocket/Bain Capital on the takeover attempt for Software AG
- ▶ Carlyle on the takeover attempt for Norma Group
- ▶ XXXLutz on the public takeover and subsequent delisting offer for home24
- ▶ TPG on the public takeover of Studio Babelsberg
- ▶ EPH in connection with the takeover attempt of Aareal by Advent/Centerbridge
- ▶ Brookfield on the public takeover offer for alstria office
- ▶ ADTRAN on the public exchange offer for ADVA
- ▶ Carlyle on the public takeover offer for Schaltbau
- ▶ Bain Capital/Carlyle on the public takeover of OSRAM
- ▶ EP Global on the public takeover of METRO

Private M&A-Transactions

- ▶ Bain Capital on various transactions, including the investment in Berlin Brands Group, the acquisitions of ITP Aero, Bugaboo, Wittur, Sematic, FTE and the bidding processes for Condor and Lufthansa Technik
- ▶ GIC on the long-term minority investment in Messer
- ▶ Nordic Capital on various transactions, including the acquisition of a majority stake in corpuls and the bidding process for Va-Q-Tec
- ▶ L Catterton on the acquisition of Birkenstock
- ▶ Bidding consortium led by Advent and Cinven on the acquisition of the elevator division of thyssenkrupp
- ▶ Oakley Capital on various transactions, including the acquisitions of WindStar, IU Group, Wishcard as well as the disposals of WebPros, Contabo, Seedtag, Wishcard and the re-investment in IU Group
- ▶ Blackstone on various transactions, including the bidding processes for EEA Group, Sportradar and Utimaco
- ▶ GBL on the acquisition of Sanoptis