

# schönherr

## schoenherr attorneys at law

Schoenherr is a leading full-service law firm in Central and Eastern Europe. About 300 professionals service national and international clients from our offices in Austria, Belgium/EU, and throughout the entire CEE region. Operating in a rapidly evolving environment, we are a dynamic and innovative firm with an effective blend of experienced lawyers and young talent. As one of the first international law firms to move into CEE, we have grown to be one of the largest firms in the region. Our offices and country desks provide comprehensive coverage of CEE, allowing us to offer solutions that perfectly fit the given industry, jurisdiction and company.

## team corporate / m&a

Our core practice is advising and representing clients on transactions and complex corporate and commercial matters. Over the years, the practice group has built an outstanding record on headline and key transactions in Austria and throughout CEE/SEE. Schoenherr's m&a teams advise on national and cross-border transactions, including private m&a, public tender offers, transactions for listed companies, private equity and venture capital transactions, auction sales, privatisations, strategic alliances and joint ventures. Dedicated teams within the practice group focus on restructuring and insolvency, working together with the firm's insolvency specialists to advise on distressed companies m&a. Together with the firm's regulatory specialists, the corporate/m&a group has developed industry-specific expertise covering inter alia the following sectors: energy, financial institutions, telecoms, automotive, media and pharmaceuticals. Schoenherr's corporate/m&a practice has consistently been ranked in the highest tier by acclaimed legal directories such as Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, IFLR1000, Legal 500 and JUVE. Among other rankings Schoenherr has been repeatedly ranked number 1 in Austria by MergerMarket rankings.

## corporate

Schoenherr houses a highly regarded corporate practice which offers a wide variety of services, including international corporate reorganisations, joint venture arrangements and advice to listed companies. The firm regularly advises international clients on corporate governance matters, as well as on directors' liabilities and shareholders' rights. Schoenherr is known for its corporate work, inter alia recent transactions related to European companies (SE) and cross-border mergers between Austrian and European companies under the recently enacted legal regimes.

## private m&a

A key focus of the transactional practice lies in (cross-border) private m&a transactions. Our transactional partners are leaders in m&a and are internationally recognised for representing international blue chips on inward investments and divestitures. They also advise leading companies on their various investments in the CEE/SEE region.

## public takeovers

We can claim one of the best track records in representing bidders in public takeovers in Austria, Schoenherr partners have been instrumental in shaping Austrian takeover practice. The firm has also built a sound public takeover practice in other jurisdictions throughout CEE/SEE, advising international bidders in both friendly and hostile public takeovers.



The team is doing impressively well - fast, responsive, smart, and attuned to the client's goals. Chambers Europe

## services

- corporate governance
- cross-border transactions
- joint ventures
- m&a
- privatisations
- public takeovers
- private equity
- venture capital
- compliance programmes
- (corporate) restructurings and distressed companies m&a
- sector-specific transactions, including financial institutions, energy and tmt
- corporate litigation

## awards

**2020** chambers europe awards  
austrian law firm of the year

**2019** mergermarket european  
m&a awards  
austrian legal adviser of the  
year

**2019** chambers europe awards  
austrian m&a firm of the year

**2018** cee legal matters  
deal of the year in austria,  
bulgaria and montenegro

**2018** mergermarket European  
m&a awards  
austrian legal adviser of the  
year

**2017** cee legal matters  
deal of the year in austria

**2017** mergermarket European  
m&a awards  
austrian legal adviser of the  
year

**2017** iflr european awards  
austrian law firm of the year

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## privatisations

The firm has an outstanding reputation in advising on trade sale privatisations. In CEE/SEE, Schönherr has advised strategic and private equity investors on privatisations and privatisation bids in various sectors, including financial services, energy, manufacturing, real estate, and tourism.

## projects

Schoenherr's infrastructure projects team specialises in energy, road, and railway infrastructure projects in CEE/SEE and acts on the side of the sponsors and funding banks, as well as that of governments. The team can count on efficient and close support from the firm's experts in the banking, finance & capital markets; real estate; regulatory and EU & competition practice groups.

## acquisition finance

The team frequently advises clients on the financing of mergers and acquisitions, highly leveraged buyouts, restructurings, and similar transactions. The team has broad experience, especially in international cross-border acquisition financings, acting as local counsel in all of its CEE/SEE jurisdictions.

## private equity & venture capital

Schoenherr has acted in numerous (cross-border) private equity and venture capital transactions. The corporate/m&a practice group advises on the incorporation, corporate governance, administration, and liquidation of private equity funds. Our lawyers have particularly broad experience in structuring (equity, mezzanine and debt) investments of private equity funds in domestic and international portfolio companies, including structuring highly leveraged and tax-favourable cross-border investments.

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