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Overview

Christopher Rose is a partner in the Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity practices and Head of Dentons' Europe Venture Technology group. He specializes in cross-border private equity and venture capital investments and exits, as well as mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures. He regularly advises emerging technology companies and investors on venture and growth capital transactions.

An emerging markets specialist, he has extensive experience leading deals in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

His additional industry experience includes retail/FMCG, infrastructure, financial services, healthcare and real estate.

Experience

Christopher has advised on over 200 transactions on behalf of leading private equity and venture capital investors, including Alfa Capital Partners, Almaz Capital, Amun Capital, Baring Vostok Capital Partners, Darby Private Equity, Digital Spring Ventures, EBRD, Elbrus Capital, Fast Lane Ventures, Frontier Ventures, Goldman Sachs Special Situations Group, Horizon Capital, HVB Capital, Intel Capital, Invest AG, Macquarie Renaissance Infrastructure Fund, MCI Management, Mint Capital, Mail.ru Group, Moore Capital, New Russia Growth Fund, ru-Net Holdings, Sberbank Merchant Banking, Steep Rock Capital, Sofinnova Ventures, Strategiya Private Equity, Target Global, Troika Capital Partners, UFG Private Equity, United Capital Partners, Van Riet Capital, VTB Capital and Wermuth Capital.

Venture Technology

- **WayRay**, Swiss holographic augmented reality (AR) solution startup: Advising on its US\$80 million Series C financing round with Porsche, China Merchants Capital, Alibaba, Hyundai, RDIF and JVCKENWOOD.
- **Ozon Holdings**: Advising on a US\$150 million investment from Sistema and MTS, Russia's largest ever private placement for an e-commerce business.*

- **Intel Capital:** Advising on its investments in Eruditor, Mango Telecom and Webinar.*
- **A family office:** Advising on its investment in Gett.*
- **Baring Vostok Capital Partners and ru-Net Holdings:** Advising on their investment into 2GIS.*
- **Mamsy.ru, CarPrice.ru and Litres:** Advising on venture capital investments.*
- **Amun Capital:** Advising on its investment in 2C2P, a leading Southeast Asian payment services provider.*
- **MCI Management:** Advising on its investments in KupiVIP, Travelata.ru and Oktogo.ru.*
- **UFG Private Equity and Almaz Capital:** Advising on their investments in Yandex.*
- **Goldman Sachs European Special Situations Group:** Advising on its investment in Mail.Ru Group.*

Private Equity/Mergers and Acquisitions

- **Elbrus Capital:** Advising on its investment into ChefMarket, a Russian based food delivery startup.
- **Macquarie Renaissance Infrastructure Fund:** Advising on a US\$625 million consortium investment in ENEL OIGK5.*
- **VTB Capital:** Advising on the acquisition of a minority stake in National Satellite Company.*
- **Van Riet Capital (now Radius Group):** Advising on a contested US\$100 million management buyout of Karta Realty Limited and related financing provided by PPF group.*
- **Shareholders of a Russian contact lens distributor:** Advising on the sale of the company to Johnson & Johnson.*
- **Elbrus Capital:** Advising on its investments in Strela Telecom, National Medical Network and B2B Center.*
- **A Singaporean men's fashion chain:** Advising on an investment from Phillip Capital.*
- **UFG Private Equity:** Advising in connection with its acquisition of KDL Laboratories, as lead investor in a consortium which included Capman and EBRD.*
- **Amtel Vredestein:** Advising on four rounds of private equity financing and representing the company on its listing on the London Stock Exchange.*

*Experience from Christopher's previous firm.

Recognition

- For the past eight years, *Chambers Europe* has ranked Christopher Rose in "Band 1" for Private Equity in Russia, describing him as "very client-oriented and extremely time-efficient", "a leading figure in the market for many years," "a towering figure in the private equity sphere" and "one of the most visible and respected private equity practitioners in the Russian market." He is also ranked in both *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global* 2017-2018 in Corporate/M&A: High-end Capability in Russia.
- *Best Lawyers* 2018 lists Chris among the best lawyers in Private Equity in Russia.
- *The Legal 500* recommends Christopher in Corporate, Commercial and M&A.
- Christopher Rose was named Private Equity Lawyer of the Year in Russia (2016-2017) by *Best Lawyers*.
- His private equity/venture capital practice has been recommended by Practical Law Company's *Which lawyer? Yearbook* each year since 2010. He is also included in *Guide to the World's Leading Private Equity Lawyers*.

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member of the Board of Directors of Go Beyond Investing, a leading angel investment platform active in the EU, Switzerland, MENA and the US
- Chairman of the International Advisory Board at NAIMA, an association of private equity fund managers and advisors active in Russia
- Past chairman of the Deal Network and member of the Networks Committee at YPO

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Head of Europe Venture Technology group – Dentons (January 2017 to date)
- Partner, Head of Emerging Markets Private Equity Group – Squire Patton Boggs (January 2008 – December 2016)
- Associate – Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (March 2001 – December 2007)
- Associate – Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler (September 1998 – February 2001)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies
- Venture Capital

Industry sectors

- Private Equity

Education

- Tulane University, 1998, JD, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif
- Tufts University, 1993, BA