

Overview

While Europe continues to be challenged by volatile markets, Central and Eastern Europe have weathered the economic downturns reasonably well. The region, perceived as an increasingly attractive private equity market, boasts considerable deal flow figures.

Benefit from the region's many advantages with the help of Dentons' CEE Private Equity team. Experienced managers, ready access to lenders and established tax structures and exit infrastructures are all in place to support the private equity investment lifecycle and ensure expected returns on the CEE market.

At every stage of the investment cycle, our lawyers understand global impacts on Central and Eastern Europe. We can help your investment benefit from the region's positive attributes and prospects.

Buyout funds, venture funds and entrepreneurs trust Dentons' cross-border, multidisciplinary experience on private equity matters, from acquisitions through tax structuring to exit strategies. We have adopted a comprehensive approach to private equity matters by combining forces with our tax, capital markets, banking, litigation, employment and IP lawyers to maximize efficiency and mitigate potential risks of your investment.

Look to Dentons for effective solutions in the following areas:

- Small- to large-cap leveraged acquisitions
- Fund formation, including regulatory and tax structures
- Fund and corporate governance
- Management mandates
- Financing, including senior, mezzanine and structured debts and preferred stock financing
- Public-to-private and delisting
- Portfolio assistance
- Venture capital

Representative Experience

- **Bridgepoint:** Advising on the acquisition of Dr. Gerard, a producer of branded and private label biscuits in Poland, from Groupe Poult of France, for an undisclosed amount.
- **Dr. Max pharmacy group:** Advising one of the biggest pharmacy chains in CEE, owned by private equity house Penta Investments Limited, in connection with a senior dividend recapitalization financing of the group in the amount of €200 million.
- **IK Investment Partners:** Advising the private equity company on the major LBO with respect to Agros Nova, a leading company in the food sector in Poland.
- **Intel Capital (Cayman) Corporation:** Advising on the sale of its 10 percent of shares in Siveco Romania SA, a

developer and exporter of software products.

- **MCI Management:** Advising a leading private equity group in Central Europe on the acquisition of a 20 percent minority stake in Grupa o2 S.A., controlled by European Media Holding, owned by Private Equity Fund of Innova Capital group.
- **Syntaxis Capital:** Advising on equity investment and financing of BIK Brokers, a leading Polish insurance broker in the B2B sector, and BIK Serwis, an insurance programs service provider.
- **The Blackstone Group:** Advising a premier global investment and advisory firm on a landmark €200 million acquisition and financing of a portfolio of three Turkish shopping centers from Redevco, an independent international real estate company. Our assistance enabled the New York listed firm to make its first investment in Turkey, one of the world's most dynamic emerging markets.

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