

# Jan Procházka

## Partner



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## Overview

Jan Procházka is a partner in Dentons' Prague office. He focuses on M&A, private equity, joint ventures, corporate and financial law. Jan has particular experience in the manufacturing and automotive, chemicals, retail, hospitality and leisure, renewable energy, TMT and e-commerce sectors. He has acted as a lead lawyer on a number of transactions not only in the Czech and Slovak Republics, but also across the CEE region. He actively publishes articles and is regularly quoted on M&A in the Czech press.

## Experience

- **Best Hotel Properties and Westmont:** Advising on the sale of the Hotel Intercontinental Prague to the Czech investment group R2G. The deal represents the largest ever single hotel transaction in the Czech Republic and the CEE.
- **NAY:** Advising the largest Slovak consumer electronics retailer on the acquisition from Dixons Retail of Electro World chain of 26 retail shops in Slovak Republic and the Czech Republics via a share deal.
- **Argus Capital:** Advising on the sale of RIO Media, a major Czech cable TV operator, to Kaprain, a Czech investment group, in an auction sale process resulting in the creation of the second largest cable TV operator and one of the leading Internet service providers in the Czech Republic.
- **Mitsui & Co:** Advising one of the largest keiretsu in Japan and one of the largest corporate groups in the world, on its entry into the Helios Group, a leading European coating manufacturer with production facilities located in 18 countries.
- **International BEZ Group:** Advising on the sale of the group of five Czech and Slovak companies as a leading manufacturer of power and distribution transformers in CEE to a Russian investor.
- **Luxfer Holdings:** Advising on the sale of the 100% shareholding in Magnesium Elektron CZ to Crown Metals Trading AG.
- **Warner Music:** Advising on the acquisition of the 100% shareholding in FORZA MUSIC and its subsidiary OPUS, both famous Slovak record labels by Warner Music Czech and Warner Music Poland.

- **Carlsberg Breweries:** Advising one of the world's largest breweries on its acquisition of Žatecký pivovar.
- **Garmin:** Advising the leading global producer of navigation technology on the acquisition of its local distributor in the Czech Republic.

## Recognition

- Jan has been recognized by *Chambers Europe* 2019 in Corporate/M&A. He is described by sources as “very intelligent and hard-working” with “strong technical knowledge.”
- Jan is a recommended commercial, corporate and M&A lawyer by *The Legal 500 EMEA* 2018 and endorsed by *IFLR1000* 2019 as a highly regarded lawyer for M&A, Energy and Technology and Telecommunications sectors.

## Activities and Affiliations

### Memberships

- Member of the Czech Bar Association since 2002

### Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, Prague (2019-present)
- Counsel, Dentons (formerly Salans), Prague (2010-2018)
- Senior Lawyer, Clifford Chance, Prague (2005-2010)
- Associate, Salans, Prague (2003-2005)
- Associate, Altheimer & Gray, Prague (1998-2003)
- Law Clerk, Altheimer & Gray, Prague (1997-1998)

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies

### Industry sectors

- Energy
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Manufacturing

- Private Equity
- Technology
- Retail
- Media, Entertainment and Sports

## Education

- Charles University, 2003, Doctor of Laws
- University of Chicago, 2000, LL.M.
- Charles University, 1998, Master of Laws, summa cum laude
- Charles University, (Philosophical Faculty)

## Languages

- Czech
- English
- German