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Richard Fens acts for large corporations and investors in both national and cross-border transactions. He focuses on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, joint ventures and corporate structuring work, including corporate governance.

Richard has been in private practice for more than 25 years. He acts primarily for clients in the Chemicals, Manufacturing, Energy and Technology sector. Richard is an experienced corporate lawyer and was country managing partner for DLA Piper in The Netherlands in the period from 2011 to 2015.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Dutch
- English

EXPERIENCE

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Mergers and acquisition
- Private equity
- Corporate structuring
- Joint ventures

KEY CLIENTS

- Advising Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), one of the leading international petrochemicals companies, on several acquisitions and corporate restructurings in Europe since 2002
- Advising BASF on several corporate restructurings
- Advising Limagrain Céréales Ingrédients on its acquisition of Unicorn Grain Specialties

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Technology

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Dutch English

- Advising UGI on the acquisition of the Dutch energy marketing and services company DVEP, which focuses on the sale of natural gas and electricity, produced mainly from renewable sources, primarily to small and medium enterprises in the Netherlands
- Advising Global Petro Storage (GPS), an independent storage and logistics company, on the acquisition of all outstanding shares in Hydrocarbon Hotel B.V., private Netherlands-based operator of modern gasoline storage and blending terminals located in the Port of Amsterdam
- Advising GE Oil & Gas on the acquisition of the Plant Master corrosion sensor product line from Applus RTD, which acquisition expands the existing capabilities within GE Oil & Gas' Inspection Technologies business
- Advising Lockheed Martin in relation to the acquisition and subsequent divestment of Sim-Industries B.V., a commercial aviation simulation company located in the Netherlands and a leader in the simulation business with an innovative product design, development and manufacturing process
- Advising the South African technology-media company Naspers on several international acquisitions and corporate restructurings
- Advising Qualcomm on several acquisitions and investments, including the acquisition of Euvision Technologies which focuses on artificial intelligence solutions and the acquisition of the antenna tuning business of EPCOS

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Advocaat admitted with the Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten

Prior Experience

In the period between 1995 and 1999 Richard worked as of counsel with a Dutch-international law firm in Singapore focusing on M&A and infrastructure project finance work in the region.

Recognitions

He has been recommended by *Legal 500 EMEA 2018* for Corporate and M&A and Energy.

Education

- Law School Post Graduate, Securities law, 2001
- Law School Post Graduate, Financing law, 1994
- Radboud University Nijmegen, Dutch Law, *cum laude*, 1989

Memberships

- Member of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Netherlands Association of Private Equity Investors (NVP)
- Member of the Dutch energy association

NEWS

DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

DLA Piper advises Worldline on the acquisition of a minority stake in equensWorldline

16 October 2019

DLA Piper has advised Worldline on the acquisition of the 36.4% minority stake in equensWorldline. DLA Piper had previously advised Worldline in 2016, when Worldline's payment transaction processing activities had been combined with Equens. This merger resulted in the creation of equensWorldline, which was 63.6% owned by Worldline and 36.4% owned by former Equens shareholders.
