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Dr Benjamin Parameswaran has extensive experience in the fields of M&A, takeovers and corporate law and advises major multinational corporations in complex cross-border transactions.

He has been involved in some of the most prominent M&A transactions in Europe in the past years and is ranked by various industry and business publications as one of Germany's most highly renowned M&A lawyers.

Benjamin is Managing Partner of DLA Piper in Germany.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- German

### EXPERIENCE

- Advising BASF on its EUR1.6 billion acquisition of Solvay's global polyamide business.
- Advising Qualcomm Inc. on its USD3.5 billion joint venture with TDK Corporation.
- Advising Rolls-Royce Power Systems on the EUR700 million structured auction sale of its international fuel injection systems business L'Orange to Woodward.
- Advising Etihad Airways on their anchor investment in airberlin (once Germany's second-largest airline) as well as on their anchor investment in Jet Airways (second-largest Indian airline).
- Advising Samsung on its investment in Verimi GmbH.
- Advising Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability and in connection with this on the sale of the Gallus Group to benpac holding ag and the sale of MIS software provider CERM as part of a management buyout (MBO).

### RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

### RELATED SECTORS

- Industrials
- Technology
- Life Sciences

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## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer Hamburg

### Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Benjamin worked with international law firms in New York, Düsseldorf and Mumbai.

### Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2019/2020*: Leading name for M&A, listed as one of the top 15 M&A lawyers in Germany (up to 50 years), frequently recommended for corporate law, “one of the most important partners for cross-border M&A”
- *Legal 500 Germany 2020*: Recommended for M&A: mid-sized deals (-EUR500 million) and corporate; “outstanding”, “strong negotiator” (2019)
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2020*: Recommended for corporate/M&A; “He enjoys a strong client base featuring a number of DAX companies. He also commands expertise in transactions involving India.” and “He would be my first choice if I had another deal. The co-operation worked 100% in every way.”, client
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2021*: Ranked as one of the “Best lawyers in Germany” for corporate and M&A
- *Wirtschaftswoche 2020*: Listed as German “Top Lawyer” in the area of M&A
- *Acritas Stars 2020*: Listed as “Star Lawyer” in Germany

### Education

- University of Hamburg (Scholar of Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- Université de Paris I (Sorbonne)
- Columbia Law School, New York
- Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg (International Max Planck Research Scholar)
- Highest State Court, Hamburg
- Harvard Business School (HBS/DLA Piper Senior Leadership Program)

### Memberships

- Hamburg Bar Association
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Alumni Club of the German National Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- German Corporate Law Association (VGR)
- Indo-German Lawyer Foundation (former Vice President)

## NEWS

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### DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

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## **DLA Piper advises Space Capital on investment in technology start-up bliq**

27 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised US venture capital investor Space Capital on its investments in German technology start-up, bliq. The investment was part of bliq's Series Seed 2 financing round.

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## **DLA Piper re-hires Finance partner in Germany**

1 September 2020

DLA Piper today announces that Dr Wolfram Distler is re-joining the firm as a partner in its Finance practice, based in Frankfurt.

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## **DLA Piper advises Syngenta on the acquisition of South African Sensako Group**

17 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Swiss-based Syngenta Group on its acquisition of Sensako Group, a South African seeds company engaged in the breeding and the commercialization of agronomic crops.

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## **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of MIS software provider CERM**

6 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of CERM, a global provider of Management Information System (MIS) software for the printing industry, in a Management Buyout (MBO).

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## **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the restructuring of the company pension scheme**

2 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the restructuring of the company pension scheme, covering all employees in Germany. This was agreed by the Management Board and employee representatives of the company together with the IG Metall trade union.

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## **DLA Piper moves to landmark WINX Tower in Frankfurt**

4 May 2020

DLA Piper's Frankfurt office has moved to the WINX Tower, a landmark building right by the river Main, in the centre of Frankfurt's banking district. DLA Piper occupies the six top floors (22nd to 27th) as well as the roof terrace on the 28th floor. The new office covers 6,000 sq. ft. and is located at Neue Mainzer Strasse 6-10.

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## **DLA Piper advises BASF in connection with completion of the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business and formation of a joint venture with Domo Chemicals**

24 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the acquisition of Solvay's polyamide business. The transaction was completed

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on 31 January 2020, after corresponding agreements had been signed by both companies in September 2017 and August 2019. The purchase price paid by BASF on a cash and debt-free basis amounts to EUR 1.3 billion.

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### **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on package of measures to increase profitability**

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability which has been announced by the company. The aim is to reduce structural costs at short notice and to sustainably improve the company's profitability. This will significantly improve Heidelberg's financial stability.

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### **DLA Piper advises ControlExpert shareholders on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X**

17 March 2020

16 March 2020 - DLA Piper has advised the minority shareholders of ControlExpert on the sale of a majority stake to Allianz X. ControlExpert will maintain its business model and operational autonomy. Together with Allianz X, the company will focus on further enhancing digitalization and customer focus to achieve growth in Germany as well as in global markets. The transaction is subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities.

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### **DLA Piper advises Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic**

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

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### **DLA Piper advises BASF in connection with partial divestiture of European polyamide business**

14 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised DAX company BASF on the acquisition of Solvay's integrated global polyamide business. A corresponding agreement was signed by both companies in September 2017. Following the approval of the transaction by the European Commission in January 2019, which was granted subject to certain conditions including the divestment of polyamide production sites in Europe to a third party, the parties have now reached an agreement on such divestment to Domo Chemicals.

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### **DLA Piper grows Tax practice in Germany with new Transfer Pricing partner**

8 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Ulf Andresen will be joining the firm as a partner in its Tax practice, based in Frankfurt.

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### **DLA Piper advises Bauer Media on acquisition of Camilyo Online Ltd.**

5 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Bauer Media Group on the acquisition of Israeli Camilyo Online Ltd., a provider of online-based white-labeled services for online-service provider and their small and medium businesses-clients. The transaction is the second recent acquisition by Bauer Media Group of a provider of online-based white-labeled services and part of Bauer Media Group's new business growth strategy in its business area in SME marketing and sales services.

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## **DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business**

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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## **DLA Piper bolsters Data Protection practice**

4 FEB 2019

DLA Piper in Germany has hired Intellectual Property & Technology of counsel Prof Dr Jürgen Taeger, who joined the firm's Cologne office with effect from 1 February 2019.

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## **DLA Piper advises Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi**

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Samsung Electronics on its investment in Verimi GmbH. Samsung Electronics joins a group of twelve international companies from a variety of industries. These include Allianz, Axel Springer, Bundesdruckerei, Core, Daimler, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Bank und Postbank, Deutsche Telekom, Lufthansa and Volkswagen Financial Services.

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## **DLA Piper advises The China Navigation Company on acquisition of the bulk shipping activities of Hamburg Süd**

21 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has advised The China Navigation Company, a subsidiary of the Swire Group, on its agreement with Hamburg Süd to acquire their bulk shipping business which includes Rudolf A. Oetker (RAO), Furness Withy Chartering and the bulk activities in Alianca Navegação (Aliabulk).

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## **DLA Piper advises US electronics distributor Avnet on acquisition of Softweb Group**

16 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has advised global technology solutions provider Avnet, Inc. on its acquisition of privately-held Softweb Solutions, Inc. and Priya Softweb Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a software development and technology consulting company focusing on Artificial Intelligence and IoT software solutions located in the US and India.

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