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Sebastian Decker advises national and international clients in the area of mergers and acquisitions and corporate law, including complex cross-border projects. He has a long-term and continuous history in consulting clients in the Transportation/Aviation, Manufacturing and Life Science sectors.

Furthermore, Sebastian focuses on and regularly advises joint venture as well as corporate venture capital projects.

He has vast experience in projects involving emerging markets and is the head of our Africa Desk for Germany. He is a frequent speaker at workshops and conferences as well as the author of publications in relation to emerging markets.

In addition to his qualification as a lawyer in Germany, Sebastian holds masters degrees in Law and Economics from the Universities of Manchester, Rotterdam and Bologna and has previously been seconded to DLA Piper's San Diego office.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

English German

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- German

- Advising TÜV Rheinland AG on the acquisition of the Indian sole proprietorship NIFE
- Advising Gruner+Jahr on the acquisition of Networkplay, the leading Indian digital ad network
- Advising Basel-based Syngenta Group on the acquisition of Zambian MRI Seed Zambia Ltd. and MRI Agro Ltd.
- Advising Villeroy & Boch on a single brand retail joint venture for tableware products with Genesis Group in India
- Advising XING AG on the acquisition of Austrian kununu GmbH
- Advising Nuplex Industries on the acquisition of the coating for resins business division from Bayer Group

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer Hamburg

### Recognitions

- *Legal 500 Germany 2021*: Recommended for M&A: mid-sized deals (sub EUR500 million); "The firm's Africa desk, headed by Sebastian Decker, should be particularly highlighted"
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Recommended for corporate and M&A

### Education

- Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University Greifswald, Bachelor of Laws, LL.B., 2006
- Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University Greifswald, First State Examination, 2007
- University of Manchester, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University Bologna, Master in Law and Economics, LL.M., 2008
- Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht, Second State Examination, 2011

## NEWS

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### Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 88 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany

25 June 2021

This year, the U.S. publisher Best Lawyers has once again recognized numerous DLA Piper lawyers in Germany in various areas of law. In total, Best Lawyers recommends 88 DLA Piper lawyers this year.

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### DLA Piper advises KRAHN Chemie on acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners

18 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Hamburg-based KRAHN Chemie Group, which is part of the globally operating Otto Krahn Group, on the acquisition of majority stakes in six companies from Jollis AB & Partners. In order to bundle the new activities, KRAHN Nordics AB was founded, in which KRAHN Chemie holds the majority under participation of some of the previous owners of the acquired companies.

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### DLA Piper advises Otto Group on the sale of Hansecontrol to Qima

15 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Otto Group in relation to the agreement to sell its Quality Assurance and Product Safety service provider, the Hansecontrol Group headquartered in Hamburg, to Qima, a leading global provider of supply-chain compliance solutions, headquartered in Hong Kong.

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### DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Group as main creditor in ZIM Flugsitz insolvency proceedings

11 January 2021

DLA Piper has successfully advised the Lufthansa Group with its entities Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Lufthansa Technik AG and SWISS as main client and main creditor in the insolvency proceedings of ZIM Flugsitz GmbH.

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## **DLA Piper advises Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services**

7 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Lufthansa Technik AG on the sale of its majority stake in Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services GmbH to the Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier. Lufthansa Technik AG previously held 51 percent of the joint venture and Bombardier 29 percent. A further 20 percent were held by co-shareholder ExecuJet, which also sold its shares to Bombardier.

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## **DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of Gallus Group**

23 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of Gallus Group to Swiss packaging business benpac holding ag. With this transaction Heidelberg is systematically pursuing the company's realignment, which includes focusing on its core business of sheetfed printing. The sale, which still needs to be approved by the relevant bodies and is subject to other condition precedents, is set to take effect before the end of 2020.

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## **DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce Power Systems on acquisition of majority stake in German power storage specialist Qinous**

24 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce Power Systems on its acquisition of a 73.1% majority stake in Berlin-based electricity storage specialist Qinous GmbH.

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