



### Sebastian Kost

#### Counsel

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Sebastian Kost practices in the area of German and international tax law.

His clients are mostly multinational corporate enterprises, which he advises on their corporate group structures and on their contractual relationships, as well as strategic, opportunistic and private investors, which he advises in connection with the structuring, negotiation and implementation of their respective investments.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- German
- English

- Advising a Luxembourg based fund in connection with the construction and the long-term lease of a fiber-optic network in Germany
- Advising a German open-ended real estate fund on the acquisition of a portfolio of food retail stores
- Advising a listed company on the possible forfeiture of German unused tax losses in excess of €2 billion of one of its sub-groups in connection with several capital increases and share acquisitions
- Advising a listed company on the sale of a majority stake in a German media company for US\$4.9 billion to a UK group
- Advising a publicly traded US REIT in connection with a long-term financing of US\$445 million for a German DIY retailer, through a partial purchase of the real estate subsidiary and a collateralization by 37 DIY stores
- Advising a leading private equity investor in connection with the acquisition of a German luxury bathroom supplier in a secondary buyout for €1.5 billion

- Tax
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Transactional Tax Planning
- International Tax Counsel
- Private Equity
- Real Estate Investment
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Debt Finance
- Global Equity Compensation
- Tax Controversy and Disputes

- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Technology
- Real Estate
- Financial Services

German English

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## Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with the Rechtsanwaltskammer Munich
- Steuerberater registered with Steuerberaterkammer Munich

## Prior Experience

- 2014 - 2017, Counsel at a San Francisco based international law firm working at the German office
- 2010 - 2013, Counsel at a London based international law firm, working at the Munich and Berlin offices

## Recognitions

- *Legal 500 Germany 2019*: "Recommended" for tax law

## Education

- Bavaria Ministry of Finance, Tax Advisor Exam, 2010
- Highest State Court Berlin, Second State Examination, 2001
- Free University Berlin, First State Examination, 1997
- University of Hagen, Business Studies
- University of Arts in Berlin, Business and Social Communication Studies

## Memberships

- Association for International Taxes and Finance, Munich

## INSIGHTS

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### Events

- Lecture held on 18 January 2018 at the International Fiscal Association (IFA), Bavaria, on "Legal certainty in international tax law - the strategic use of MAP and APA in the post-BEPS environment"

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper advises Storskogen on first acquisition in Germany**

8 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen Deutschland GmbH on the acquisition of a majority stake in Roleff GmbH & Co. KG, a company specialised in industrial maintenance services, mechanical steel processing and automation solutions, as part of a succession plan.

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### **DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of French identity technology Provider ARIADNEXT by IDnow**

30 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised ARIADNEXT, a French company specializing in remote identity verification and digital identity creation, on its acquisition by IDnow, a German-based leader in identity verification-as-a-service solutions.

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## **DLA Piper advises Baker Hughes on its investment in bio-methanation company Electrochaea**

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised US stock-listed energy technology company Baker Hughes on its investment in Electrochaea, a growth stage company developing novel proprietary bio-methanation technology.

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## **DLA Piper advises Knorr-Bremse on the acquisition of EVAC Group**

3 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and other rail and commercial vehicles systems, on the acquisition of EVAC Group.

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## **DLA Piper advises HOYER on the acquisition of pan-asian Kerry-ITS Holding**

12 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised the HOYER Group ("HOYER") on the acquisition of Singapore-based Kerry-ITS Holdings Pte. Ltd. ("Kerry-ITS") and its subsidiaries in Singapore, China, Vietnam and Thailand.

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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 team.blue on the acquisition of Bulgarian webhosting company SuperHosting**

9 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of SuperHosting, a Bulgarian market leader specialising in professional web hosting, domains and VPS services. The transaction serves as a strategic acquisition to further establish and expand team.blue's presence in the CEE region and to strengthen its growth strategy.

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## **DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx**

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.

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## **DLA Piper advises FinLab EOS VC on its investment in German blockchain startup Gapless**

12 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised FinLab EOS VC Europe I GmbH & Co. KG on its investment in Berlin-based blockchain start-up Gapless, a brand of the New Horizon GmbH.

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