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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

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Industrials
- Technology
- Life Sciences

English French German

- Advising BASF on the acquisition of 49.5% percent in the world's largest offshore windfarm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands from Vattenfall with an investment volume by BASF of EUR1.6bn.
- Advising BASF on its EUR1.6bn acquisition of Solvay's global polyamide business.
- Advising Qualcomm Inc. on its USD3.5bn joint venture with TDK Corporation.
- Advising Rolls-Royce Power Systems on the EUR700m structured auction sale of its international fuel injection systems business L'Orange to Woodward.
- Advising Daimler Trucks on the establishment of a fuel cell joint venture with Volvo Group.
- Advising Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of the e-aircraft business of Siemens.
- Advising Samsung on its investment in Verimi GmbH.

- Advising Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on a comprehensive package of measures to increase its profitability and in connection with various strategic M&A transactions.
- Advising Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on its Chinese production joint venture with Masterwork Group.

CREDENTIALS

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 2021/2022*: Leading name for M&A, listed as one of the top 18 M&A lawyers in Germany (up to 50 years), frequently recommended for corporate law, “very competent, thinks in a very businesslike way”, “one of the leading minds for M&A in Germany, brilliant negotiator”, “excellent, committed”, client
- *Legal 500 Germany 2021*: Recommended for corporate law and M&A: mid-sized deals (sub EUR500 million); “Ben keeps the overview, is pragmatic, works (...) quickly, efficiently and exceedingly thoroughly.”, “Ben Parameswaran is my first choice.”
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2021*: Recommended for corporate/M&A: Mid-Market and as “Foreign expert” for India; “He is extremely hard-working and does not stop until the deal is done. You feel he has seen it all and knows exactly how to play difficult situations to the benefit of his client while always remaining a fair counterpart for the adverse party.”
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Listed among the best lawyers in Germany for corporate and M&A
- *WirtschaftsWoche/Best of Legal Awards 2021*: Recognised as “Senior Legal Leader of the year”
- *WirtschaftsWoche 2021*: Listed as German “Top Lawyer” in the area of corporate and M&A
- *Acritas Stars 2020*: Listed as “Star Lawyer” in Germany
- *Who’s Who Legal 2021* : Recommended as “Global Leader” for M&A

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

DLA Piper advises Revalize, Inc. on the acquisition of PROCAD group

23 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised US-based Revalize, Inc., a portfolio company of TA Associates, on the acquisition of PROCAD group, a product lifecycle management and product data management solutions provider, from LEA Partners.

DLA Piper advises Revalize, Inc. on the acquisition of Tenado

23 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised US-based Revalize, Inc., a portfolio company of TA Associates, on the acquisition of the German CAD software solutions provider Tenado group from Maxburg Capital Partners.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on expansion of its subscription business in collaboration with Munich Re

8 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) by entering into a strategic partnership with the Munich Re insurance group to further increase the volume of business with its digital usage-based subscription model.

DLA Piper strengthens its antitrust practice with partner Dr Justus Herrlinger

27 October 2021

DLA Piper will strengthen its Hamburg office with the appointment of Dr Justus Herrlinger as a new partner in the antitrust practice, effective 1 November 2021.

DLA Piper strengthens its practice with former BASF General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer Dr Wolfgang Haas

4 October 2021

DLA Piper has strengthened its team with Dr Wolfgang Haas joining as Of Counsel as of 1 October 2021. Dr Wolfgang Haas is the former General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of BASF SE (BASF), where he most recently headed the Legal, Compliance, Tax and Insurance departments.

DLA Piper advises Tentamus Group on investment in Lambda Científica and Actitum in Mexico

6 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Tentamus Group on an investment in Lambda Científica, S.A. de C.V. (Lambda) and Actitum MDC, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Actitum), leading analytical laboratories in the pharmaceutical sector in Mexico.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of software subsidiary DOCUFY to Elvaston Capital Management

31 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of software provider DOCUFY GmbH, Bamberg, to Elvaston Capital Management, Berlin.

DLA Piper advises BASF Venture Capital on investment in Ag-tech start-up Equinom

12 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF Venture Capital, the venture capital arm of BASF SE, on its new investment in Israeli Ag-tech start-up Equinom. The investment was part of Equinom's Series C financing round.

DLA Piper advises BASF Venture Capital on investment in vertical farming start-up UrbanKisaan

12 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF Venture Capital, the venture capital arm of BASF SE, on its investment in the Indian vertical farming start-up UrbanKisaan.

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.

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.

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.

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 Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the relocation of its UK customer headquarters

16 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the relocation of its customer headquarters in the UK.

DLA Piper advises Bilfinger SE on a divestment of Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau

2 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised the listed company Bilfinger SE on the strategic sale of Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau. In a share deal, 100% of the shares in Bilfinger Rohrleitungsbau GmbH have been acquired by ERBUD Holding Deutschland GmbH.

WirtschaftsWoche honors Dr Benjamin Parameswaran as Senior Leader of the Year

23 April 2021

This year, WirtschaftsWoche as one of the most prominent weekly business publications in Germany, supported by the Handelsblatt Research Institute, honors Germany's most innovative law firms and individual lawyers for the first time in various categories. Dr. Benjamin Parameswaran, Managing Partner of DLA Piper in Germany, receives this year's (Senior) Leader of the Year award.

DLA Piper advises TRUMPF Group on the global acquisition of Lantek

19 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised multinational Germany-headquartered TRUMPF Group on the acquisition of the global business of Lantek Sheet Metal Solutions.

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.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of the Print Media Academy in Heidelberg

2 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG („Heidelberg“) im Rahmen ihrer geplanten Standort- und Strukturoptimierungen beim Verkauf der Print Media Academy (PMA) in Heidelberg an eine luxemburgische Investmentgesellschaft beraten.

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.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of commercial space at Wiesloch/Walldorf site

28 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of an area of around 130,000m² to the VGP Group as part of its planned site and structural optimization measures.

DLA Piper advises Senvion GmbH on the sale of Senvion India

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Senvion GmbH (Senvion), a wind turbine manufacturer in self-administration led by restructuring experts Dr Thorsten Bieg and Prof Dr Gerrit Hölzle (both GÖRG), on the sale of 100% of its business operations in India (Senvion India) to Global Renewable Energy Development Holding Company Limited.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH

14 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the sale of its Belgian production site for printing chemicals to DC DruckChemie GmbH (DC Druck-Chemie), a subsidiary of Langley Holdings PL, UK, as part of its planned focusing on core activities and portfolio adjustments.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on formation of production joint venture with Masterwork

8 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG ("Heidelberg") on the formation of a production joint venture with its long-standing partner and strategic anchor shareholder Masterwork Group Co. ("Masterwork"). With this joint venture, Heidelberg aims to further strengthen its leading competitive position in the growth market of China.

DLA Piper advises insightsoftware on the acquisition of IDL Group

12 November 2020

DLA Piper has advised US-based insightsoftware, a portfolio company of TA Associates and Genstar Capital, on the acquisition of the German financial performance management software provider IDL Group from LEA Partners.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

DLA Piper advises Space Capital on investment in technology start up Mobius Labs

24 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised US venture capital investor Space Capital on its investment in German technology start up, Mobius Labs. The investment is part of a Seed 2 financing round led by Space Capital.

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.
