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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 2022*: Recommended for corporate law and M&A: mid-sized deals (-EUR500 million); “Has great broad expertise, drafting skills and negotiation skills”, “Available at all times, very reliable, very good handling and very fast feedback.”
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2022*: Recommended for corporate/M&A: Mid-Market and as “Foreign expert” for India; “He delivers great coordination of other DLA offices and you get everything out of one hand.”, client
- *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
- *Who’s Who Legal 2022*: “Leading practitioner in the market who is celebrated for his top-drawer work in cross-border transactions and takeovers.”

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

Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 90 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany

24 June 2022

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

DLA Piper advises Borosil Renewables on acquisition of Interfloat and Brandenburger Glasmanufaktur

6 May 2022

DLA Piper has advised Indian solar glass manufacturer Borosil Renewables (“BRL”) on its acquisition of Interfloat Group, Europe’s largest solar glass producer.

DLA Piper supports BASF’s Global Outside Counsel Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Program

4 May 2022

DLA Piper as a global panel firm of BASF supports the company’s Global Outside Counsel Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Program, which has recently been expanded to also include global and regional firms in additional regions of Asia Pacific, Europe/Middle East/Africa, and South America.

DLA Piper advises BASF on financing for its stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid

28 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the financing of the construction of offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid (HKZ), which will be provided by a club of international lenders.

DLA Piper advises BASF on partnership with Vattenfall in offshore wind farm sector

26 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised BASF on a partnership with Vattenfall in respect of an offshore wind farm project. BASF and Vattenfall will jointly participate in the tender process for the Hollandse Kust West (HKW) offshore wind farm.

DLA Piper advises Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay

30 March 2022

DLA Piper has advised Storskogen on the acquisition of a majority stake in Dimabay GmbH (Dimabay), a performance-based advertising agency based in Germany that is active in 15 European countries.

DLA Piper strengthens employment practice with hire of senior counsel Dr Hans-Peter Löw

22 March 2022

DLA Piper will strengthen its Frankfurt office with the appointment of Dr Hans-Peter Löw as senior counsel on 1 May 2022.

DLA Piper strengthens its litigation and international arbitration practice with partner Dr Marc Jacob

16 March 2022

DLA Piper will strengthen its Litigation & Regulatory practice group with the appointment of Marc Jacob as a new partner in the Frankfurt office, effective 1 April 2022. He joins DLA Piper from Shearman & Sterling, where he practised litigation and international arbitration since 2013.

DLA Piper advises apoprojekt on the acquisition of Planungsgruppe Schneider & Partner

18 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised apoprojekt GmbH on the acquisition of Planungsgruppe Schneider & Partner Beratende Ingenieure mbH. The locations in Kamp-Lintfort and Düsseldorf were taken over on 1st January 2022.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the planned development of a modern HEI-TECH industrial park with VGP

20 December 2021

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the planned development of a modern HEI-TECH industrial park at its Wiesloch/Walldorf site. For this purpose, Heidelberg has been able to gain a strong partner in VGP, a European provider of high-quality industrial and commercial real estate.

DLA Piper advises HCL Technologies on joint acquisition of German IT consulting company gbs together with ApoBank

15 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, on signing an agreement with Atruvia AG to acquire IT consulting company gbs – Gesellschaft für Banksysteme GmbH (gbs) together with Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank eG (ApoBank), the largest cooperative primary bank in Germany.

DLA Piper advises Mercedes-Benz in equity investment in Factorial Energy

10 December 2021

DLA Piper represented Mercedes-Benz in its recent equity investment in Factorial Energy.

DLA Piper advises Trajan on acquisition of Axel Semrau

8 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Australian medical device and analytics provider Trajan Scientific and Medical (Trajan) on the acquisition of Axel Semrau GmbH & Co KG (Axel Semrau) based in Sprockhövel, Germany, expanding Trajan's capabilities in the automation, chromatography, and software business.

DLA Piper advises BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid to Allianz

7 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on selling 25.2% of the offshore windfarm Hollandse Kust Zuid (HKZ) in the Netherlands to Allianz.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on acquisition of charging station technology from EnBW

7 December 2021

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the acquisition of the charging station technology of Karlsruhe based energy company EnBW.

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.
