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Wilhelm Reinhardt is a partner in the Frankfurt office of Gibson Dunn. He is a member of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice Groups.

Wilhelm advises financial and strategic investors across a wide range of industries on German and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, including leverage buy-outs, auctions, joint ventures, and minority investments. He has in-depth experience in public M&A deals and subsequent structural measures.

He is regularly recommended for corporate law, M&A, and private equity by leading publications including *JUVE Handbook* 2025/2026, *Chambers Global* 2026, *Chambers Germany* 2026, *The Legal 500 Deutschland* 2026 and *The Legal 500 EMEA* 2026, *Handelsblatt / The Best Lawyers*™ in Germany 2026/2027 and *IFLR1000*. He is being described as "very good – strong with technical details and a good sparring partner for complex structuring issues" (*Chambers Germany* 2025), and clients confirmed that he "is a very smart corporate lawyer who is also experienced in M&A", offering "broad capabilities for private equity clients and on public M&A deals." (*Chambers Europe* 2023) According to further references, Wilhelm "is great on P2Ps. Lots of experience navigating the subtle nuances that are so relevant in Germany." And "Wilhelm Reinhardt is first class. True leader and business partner. Extremely effective and efficient." (*The Legal 500 Deutschland* 2024) *JUVE* named him one of 11 "leading partners for Corporate Law under 50" in Germany in its 2018/2019 edition.

His recent experience includes advising:

- Advent International and Centerbridge on the €2 billion public tender offer for Aareal Bank AG.
- Atlas Copco on the €1.1 billion public tender offer for ISRA VISION AG and the subsequent squeeze-out.
- Credit Suisse as financial advisor to Bain Capital and Carlyle in connection with the tender offer for OSRAM.
- EMK Capital on various M&A transactions.
- Gilead Sciences, Inc. on the acquisition of MYR GmbH (approx. €1.15 billion plus up to €300 million milestone payment).
- HJM Investment GmbH & Co. KG on the sale of a stake in RENOLIT SE and the acquisition of RKW SE.
- KKR on various M&A transactions.
- Kubota Corporation on the acquisition of Brabender Technologie GmbH & Co. KG
- Lazard as financial advisor to the board of directors of RIB Software SE in connection with the tender offer for RIB Software SE by Schneider Electric SE; the

Capabilities

Private Equity
Aerospace and Defense
Artificial Intelligence
Consumer Products and Retail
FDA and Health Care
Mergers and Acquisitions

Credentials

Education

University of Trier - 1997 Dr. jur.
University of Trier - 1995 Law Degree

Admissions

Germany - Rechtsanwalt

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supervisory board in connection with the tender offer for Axel Springer SE by KKR; and the supervisory board of Innogy in the tender offer for Innogy by E.ON.

- Lotto24 on corporate matters and in connection with its delisting.
- Oaktree on the €1.4 billion public tender offer for Deutsche Euro Shop AG.
- One Equity Partners on the acquisition of:
    - transformer manufacturer SGB-SMIT from private equity investor BC Partners;
    - Powertech Transformers Group and of BCV Technologies S.A.S. by its portfolio company SGB-SMIT Group;
    - Alltub Group, a market leader in aluminum and laminate specialty packaging for the cosmetics industry and other markets.
- Stone Canyon Industries in connection with the $3.2 billion acquisition of K+S Aktiengesellschaft's Americas salt business, including Morton Salt.
- Triton on various transactions, including:
    - on its investment in Meine Radiologie Holding and on the sale of Meine Radiologie Holding to EQT Infrastructure;
    - on its acquisition of a majority stake of Inwerk GmbH;
    - on the sale of Norres Group.
- Xella, a leading building materials company headquartered in Germany, and the Management Team on the sale of Xella to Lone Star.

Wilhelm studied law at the University of Trier, from where he also obtained his doctor's degree in 1997. He has been admitted as a German lawyer (*Rechtsanwalt*) since 1999.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Wilhelm was a corporate partner in the Frankfurt office of a renowned U.S. law firm.

Wilhelm speaks German, English, and Japanese.

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