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Heinrich has a broad financing practice and regularly acts for a range of corporates, financial institutions and banks in connection with general corporate finance, acquisition finance, project finance as well as internal group financings. He also advises corporate clients as well as private equity investors in connection with M&A transactions and corporate reorganisations. In addition, his practice includes advice to banks, corporates and their shareholders in connection with the restructuring of distressed debt.

Heinrich's financing practice covers the entire spectrum of acquisition financings and other leveraged financings, as well as investment grade corporate finance. In recent years, he has advised the financial investor KKR in connection with the financing of its acquisition of a majority of shares in WMF AG and the subsequent squeeze-out of minority shareholders. More recently, he advised KKR in the financing of its acquisition of the defence business of Airbus. He also advised the financial investors, Bregal and Quadriga, in connection with the acquisition financing for LR Health & Beauty Systems GmbH (2012) and the private equity house KPS in connection with the acquisition of the Gütermann group (2014). In 2015, Heinrich advised Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners in connection with the financing of a complex offshore wind park project through senior debt, as well as mezzanine debt and equity.

He has also frequently advised the INEOS group in connection with its acquisition and corporate finance transactions, as well as in connection with group-internal reorganisations and M&A transactions, including the joint venture formed between INEOS and Solvay in 2014 to combine their ChlorVinyls activities, the acquisition by INEOS of the Styrol business of BASF (2013) as well as in numerous internal reorganisations.

Heinrich's work for banks recently included advice to Deutsche Bank in connection with the financing of the Cura group through senior and junior ranking Schuldschein loans, as well as advising a bank consortium led by Commerzbank AG in connection with the restructuring of the Conergy group by way of a debt to equity swap (2011).

Career

Admitted to bar 1995

University of Regensburg

Université de Paris Panthéon-Assas (Licence en Droit)

Law firm in New York, 1997-1999

Hengeler Mueller London, 2003-2006

Recent Work

Hengeler Mueller advises J.P. Morgan AM on acquisition of office portfolio

Hengeler Mueller advises Blackstone on acquisition of Dream Global

Hengeler Mueller advises Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners on sale of stake in offshore windfarm Veja Mate

Publications

Co-author: Beck'sches M&A-Handbook, Meyer-Sparenberg/Jäckle, to be published 2016

Numerous contributions in handbooks on acquisition finance, private equity and M&A