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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Europe/Global: Corporate and M&A since 2025
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Banking and Finance since 2024; Key Lawyer in Capital Markets 2024; Key Lawyer in Commercial, Corporate and M&A since 2023
- Lexology Index: Recommended in M&A and Governance since 2025
- IFLR 1000: Rising Star Partner in Capital Markets and M&A
- Leaders League: Banking & Finance, Capital Markets from 2021 to 2022

Languages

English, French, German

Selected Publications

- Swiss M&A - Selling to, Buying and Partnering with Private Equity Firms, 2026 Edition
- Swiss M&A - Carve out Transactions, 2026 Edition
- Swiss M&A - Warranties, Indemnities and Insurance in Private M&A, 2026 Edition
- Environmental, Social & Governance Law 2026 – Switzerland
- High-Yield Debt – Switzerland, 2025 Edition

Christoph Vonlanthen is a corporate partner in our Geneva and Zurich offices and the head of our Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate & Commercial groups in Geneva. Christoph is a specialist in mergers & acquisitions, growth equity, corporate governance, and capital markets.

Christoph has vast experience accumulated in Switzerland, London and New York in market-leading transactions, including buyouts, divestitures, mergers, spin-offs, exchange offers, carve-outs, rights offerings, IPOs, distressed M&A and restructurings in a range of industries.

He regularly advises strategics, financial sponsors and investment banks on complex cross-border and domestic assignments, as well as boards of directors on corporate governance, including disclosure issues and activism. Christoph also assists fund managers and institutional investors on structured investments, co-investments and secondary sale transactions.

Expertise

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate & Commercial
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Life Sciences
- Capital Markets
- Banking & Finance
- ESG

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Experience

- The carve-out acquisition of retail industry leader Conforama and its subsequent two-step divestiture to XXXLutz with Swiss merger control clearance
- The cross-border sale of sustainability consultancy leader Quantis International SA to The Boston Consulting Group, Inc.
- The leveraged and management buy-out of leading brokerage Credaris AG from Comparis and multiple subsequent add-on acquisitions
- Credit Suisse on its exit from SSA wealth management markets to Barclays
- A shipping company in its spin-merge transaction to create one of the largest publicly traded tanker companies worldwide
- A publicly traded real estate company in its £1.5 billion all-share merger
- A pharma company in its $3.5 billion private acquisition of a generic drug manufacturer
- Swisscanto Private Equity on its investment as lead investor in the Series B financing of Zurich-based Distran
- Blue Pool Capital on its investment as lead investor in the Series F financing of Zurich- and Berlin-based GetYourGuide
- Credit Suisse on its strategic partnership with digital asset infrastructure leader Taurus and investment as lead investor in Taurus's series B financing round
- OTB Ventures on its investment as lead investor in the Series A financing of ClearSpace
- RTX Ventures on its strategic minority investment in H55 SA
- REYL on Varia Europe Properties' at-the-market rights offering of 2,166,161 shares
- SIX-listed OC Oerlikon in its offerings of CHF 340 million investment grade dual-tranche senior unsecured bonds and CHF 575 million investment grade three series of unsecured bonds
- One of the largest publicly traded European investment holding companies on its global IPO and subsequent bond offering
- An oil and gas group in its more than $3 billion high grade debt offerings
- A global full-service bank in its $15 billion discounted rights offering

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Career

2019	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2006-2019	Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in London and New York
2003-2005	Associate in a Swiss business law firm

Education

2007	Bar Admission in New York
2006	LL.M., University of Pennsylvania
2003	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2001	lic. iur., University of Fribourg

Additional Professional Activities

- Authorized representative at SIX Swiss Exchange