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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Capital Markets since 2013; Banking & Finance: Regulatory since 2026
- Chambers and Partners FinTech Legal: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies
- The Legal 500: Hall of Fame in Banking and Finance since 2024; Leading Partner in Insurance since 2024; Leading Partner in Capital Markets since 2026; Key Lawyer in Fintech since 2025
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Banking since 2023; Recommended in Fintech since 2021
- LMG Expert Guides: Rising Star (Banking and Finance, Insurance and Reinsurance) from 2017 to 2020
- IFLR 1000: Highly Regarded, Financial services regulatory

Languages
German, English, French, Italian

Selected Publications
- Derivatives Switzerland 2026 Edition
- FinTech Legal 2026 - Switzerland
- Virtual Currency Regulation: Switzerland
- International Handbook of Blockchain Law: A Guide to Navigating Legal and Regulatory Challenges of Blockchain Technology and Crypto Assets, Second Edition
- Blockchain 2024, Trends and Developments

Olivier Favre is a Partner in our Banking and Finance Group in Zurich. He focuses on capital markets, derivatives and structured finance transactions and advises clients on financial services, securities, commodities, fund and insurance regulation. Olivier also advises clients on fintech solutions and legal aspects of asset management activities.

Expertise
- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate & Commercial
- Financial Services
- Restructuring and Insolvency

Experience
- Acted as legal counsel to working groups of industry associations in charge of preparing the Swiss law governed master agreement for derivatives transactions and related documentation (e.g. agreement to exchange variation margin, PRDR agreement, resolution stay acknowledgment, revised documentation for interest rate products) and the Swiss law governed Master Repurchase Agreement (SMRA).
- Advised clients on programs for the issuance of structured products in the Swiss market and their approval by a Swiss prospectus office.
- Providing netting and enforceability opinions for derivatives transactions and advising on regulatory margin documentation for OTC derivatives.
- Advised on regulatory requirements for providing brokerage and custody services regarding crypto-assets.
- Advised foreign insurance companies on Swiss licensing requirements for cross-border activity into Switzerland.
- Advised on the implementation of the Financial Services Act (FinSA) and the Financial Institutions Act (FinIA).
- Advised on the issuance of Swiss law governed structured notes in the form of digital assets (DLT-instruments).

Career

2016	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2009	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2007-2009	Legal Counsel at Goldman Sachs International in London
2004-2007	Associate at Allen & Overy LLP in London

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Education

2005	Bar Admission in New York
2005	Admission as Solicitor in England
2004	LL.M., Harvard University
2003	Dr. iur., University of Zurich
2000	Bar Admission in Switzerland

Additional Professional Activities

– Authorized representative at the SIX Swiss Exchange