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Languages
English, German, French

Expertise

Deirdre Ní Annracháin is a capital markets and M&A senior associate at Niederer Kraft Frey. Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, international capital markets, corporate governance and general securities regulation. Ms. Ní Annracháin has experience working with international companies, investment banks and private equity firms in a range of M&A, debt and equity transactions, including public tender offers, private acquisitions, initial public offerings, rights offerings, high-yield bonds and corporate restructurings.

Ms. Ní Annracháin received her primary law degree from University College Dublin and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School, where she was a Dean’s Scholar. She qualified as a barrister in Ireland and is admitted to the New York State Bar.

Career

Since 2019	Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2016	Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2014	Associate, Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, London

Education

2015	Admitted to New York State Bar
2014	Harvard Law School, LLM (Dean’s Scholar)
2013	Admitted to the Bar of Ireland
2013	The Honorable Society of King’s Inns, Dublin, Barrister-at-law Degree
2012	University College Dublin, Masters in Common Law
2010	University College Dublin, Bachelor of Arts

Experience

Matters in which Ms. Ní Annracháin acted as counsel include the representation of:

- Sportradar Group AG in its IPO on the Nasdaq Global Select Market with a total market capitalisation of approximately USD 8 billion (2021)
- Berenberg, Commerzbank and Zürcher Kantonalbank in connection with the CHF 506 million IPO of Montana Aerospace, a manufacturer and supplier of system components and complex assemblies for the aerospace, e-mobility and energy sectors, on SIX Swiss Exchange (2021)
- BofA Securities, SVB Leerink, Credit Suisse and other the members of the banking syndicate in connection with the initial public offering of VectivBio Holding AG, a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company, on Nasdaq (2021)
- Franke Group in the carve-out and sale of its Franke Water Systems division to Equistone (2021)
- Idorsia Ltd in its at-market offering of 23,800,000 shares, raising gross proceeds of CHF 535.5 million (2020)
- NEC Corporation in its acquisition of leading Swiss financial software company Avaloq Group AG for approximately CHF 2.05 billion (2020)
- EFG International in the sale of its Ticino-based retail business lines, with around CHF 1.2 billion of client assets, to Banca dello Stato del Cantone Ticino (2020)
- ASSA ABLOY in the sale of its sensor technology business CEDES to capiton AG (2020)
- Idorsia Ltd in its CHF 330 million private placement of 11 million new shares, corresponding to 8.4% of its share capital, by way of an accelerated bookbuilding process, resulting in gross proceeds of CHF 330 million (2020)
- Global Blue and Silverlake in the USD 2.6 billion merger of Global Blue with Far Point Acquisition Corporation, a special purpose acquisition company, resulting in Global Blue becoming a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange (2020)
- See Tickets, a leader in the global ticketing market and member of the Vivendi group, in its acquisition of Starticket, a major player in Switzerland, from TX Group (formerly called Tamedia group) (2019)
- Credit Suisse, J.P. Morgan, UBS and other members of the bank syndicate in connection with the IPO of SoftwareONE on SIX Swiss Exchange with a market capitalization of CHF 2.8 billion (2019)
- Stadler Rail AG, a leading global pure-play producer of rolling stock and related systems, in its IPO on SIX Swiss Exchange with an offer size of CHF 1.5 billion and a market capitalization of CHF 3.8 billion (2019)
- Medacta Group SA, an international orthopaedics company specialising in the design and production of orthopaedic products and the development of accompanying surgical techniques, in its IPO on SIX Swiss Exchange with a placement volume of CHF 589 million (2019)
- BofA Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs and the other members of the offering syndicate in connection with the CHF 1.49 billion IPO of SIG, a leading provider of aseptic carton packaging solutions for the food and beverage industry, on SIX Swiss Exchange (2018)
- Idorsia Ltd on its offering of 11,912,000 new shares, corresponding to approximately 10% of its issued share capital, by way of an accelerated bookbuilding, and on its placement of CHF 200 million of senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2024 (2018)

- Leonteq AG, a leading Swiss structured investment products and long-term savings solutions provider, in its fully underwritten CHF 118.3 million rights offering on SIX Swiss Exchange (2018)
- Capvis Equity II LP on the sale of its portfolio company Lista Holding AG to the Chinese Greatstar Group (2018)
- UBS AG as Sole Global Coordinator in the CHF 612.6 million fully underwritten rights offering of Bell Food Group on SIX Swiss Exchange (2018)
- VAT Group AG in connection with its inaugural CHF 200,000,000 bond offering (2018)
- mobilezone holding ag and Bank Vontobel AG, as Sole Lead Manager, in connection with mobilezone holding ag's rights offering generating gross proceeds of CHF 81.6 million (2018)
- Credit Suisse AG and J.P. Morgan Securities plc as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners and Bank Vontobel AG as Co-Bookrunner in the IPO of Sensirion Holding AG, a Swiss-based pure-play sensor specialist (2018)
- Credit Suisse as Lead Manager and Sole Bookrunner and Bank Vontobel as Co-Bookrunner in the CHF 65 million rights offering of Evolva Holding SA, a SIX-listed Swiss biopharmaceutical company (2017)
- Landis+Gyr Group and its shareholders Toshiba and INCJ in the dual track exit process resulting in the CHF 2.3 billion IPO of Landis+Gyr Group on SIX Swiss Exchange, the largest Swiss IPO of the past 10 years and third largest IPO in Europe in 2017 (2017)
- Actelion in connection with the public tender offer by Johnson & Johnson to the shareholders of Actelion and in connection with the demerger of Idorsia from Actelion (2017)
- BioTelemetry, Inc. in connection with its competing public tender offer to the shareholders of LifeWatch AG (2017)

Matters in which Ms. Ní Annracháin acted as counsel prior to joining Niederer Kraft Frey include the representation of:

- Leading international investment banks as initial purchasers in connection with the offering of senior notes by a European leisure company
- Leading international investment banks as initial purchasers in connection with the offering of senior notes and senior secured notes by a French retail group
- A global packaging company in connection with its issuance of senior notes
- An African retail chain in connection with an exchange offer and consent solicitation
- A large retail group in connection with a restructuring of its capital structure

Market Perception

Quotes:

"Deirdre Ní Annracháin is a key team member and has a very high level of responsiveness at all times." (Legal 500 2020)

Recognitions:

— Rising Star: Corporate/M&A (IFLR Rising Star Awards Europe 2021)

— Rising Star: Switzerland (IFLR Rising Star Awards Europe 2021)

— Rising Star: Corporate/M&A/Private Equity (LMG Rising Stars Expert Guide 2021)

— Rising Star: Corporate/M&A/Private Equity (LMG Rising Stars Expert Guide 2020)