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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Daniel's practice focuses on capital markets, derivatives and structured finance, corporate governance, general securities law matters as well as mergers and acquisitions. Daniel has represented investment banks, issuers and investors in a wide range of corporate and capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings, rights offerings, listings on the SIX Swiss Exchange, exchange offers and other liability management transactions, public offerings and private placements of debt securities, including regulatory capital instruments, asset-backed securities, high-yield bonds, and equity-linked debt securities.

Daniel holds a JD (lic. iur. HSG) and a finance and accounting MBA (lic. oec. HSG) from the University of St. Gallen and a corporate law LL.M. from New York University Law School. He is admitted to practice in Switzerland and a member of the New York State Bar.

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Corporate / M&A

Capital Markets

Derivatives and Structured Products

Career

- 2012 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2009 Senior associate at Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2003 Senior associate and associate at a major international law firm in London
- 1999 Trainee and associate at a major Swiss business law firm

Education

2004	Admitted to the New York State Bar
2003	New York University School of Law, LL.M. in Corporation Law
2001	Admitted to the Zurich Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
1999	University of St. Gallen, JD (lic. iur. HSG)
1996	University of St. Gallen, MBA (lic. oec. HSG)

Experience

Matters in which Daniel acted as counsel include the representation of:

- Vontobel Holding in successfully placing USD 400m new AT1 bonds with funds managed by Apollo Global Management (2023)
- Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd. on its offering of GDR offering and SIX Swiss Exchange listing under the China-Switzerland Stock Connect (2023)
- Underwriting syndicate led by Huatai Financial Holdings on the offering of GDRs and SIX Swiss Exchange listing of Zhejiang Supcon Technology under the China-Switzerland Stock Connect (2023)
- Hangzhou GreatStar Industrial Co., Ltd. on its offering of GDRs and SIX Swiss Exchange listing under the China-Switzerland Stock Connect (2022)
- Underwriting syndicate led by Goldman Sachs International and UBS AG on the offering of GDR and SIX Swiss Exchange listing of Sunwoda Electronic Co., Ltd. under the China-Switzerland Stock Connect (2022)
- Cornèr Banca SA in establishing an innovative Covered Bond Programme and issuing CHF 100m Covered Bonds (2022)
- Lepu Medical Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. on its successful USD 224 million offering and listing of global depositary receipts on SIX Swiss Exchange within the framework of the China-Switzerland Stock Connect Program (2022)
- Acting on each of the inaugural issuances of GDRs under the newly launched China-Switzerland Stock Connect Programme, taking four Chinese companies (Gotion High-Tech Co., Ltd., GEM Co., Ltd., Ningbo Shanshan Co., Ltd and Keda Industrial Group Co., Ltd.) public on SIX Swiss Exchange (2022)
- Macquarie Group Limited on successfully placing second group level Swiss franc bond (2022)
- Swiss global private banking group Julius Baer Group Ltd. on successfully placing USD 320m perpetual unsecured Additional Tier 1 (AT1) securities (2021)
- Digital Realty on successfully closing CHF 545m of Swiss Green Bonds (2021)
- Idorsia on successfully completing the offering of CHF 600m convertible bonds by way of private placement (2021)
- Macquarie Group Limited on successfully placing first group level Swiss franc bond (2021)
- Bank Julius Baer & Co Ltd. on successfully placing EUR 500m inaugural senior unsecured bond (2021)
- Crédit Agricole next bank (Suisse) SA on successfully completing its second issuance under its Swiss Covered Bond Programme (2021)
- Credit Suisse as Arranger and Joint Lead Manager and Zürcher Kantonalbank as Joint Lead Manager in connection with the auto lease securitisation and issuance by Swiss Car ABS 2021-1 AG (2021)

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- Bank Julius Baer & Co Ltd. on successfully placing CHF 260m inaugural senior unsecured bonds (2021)
- EFG International on successfully issuing USD 400m inaugural AT1 bonds and repurchases outstanding Tier 2 bonds (2021)
- Crédit Agricole next bank (Suisse) SA establishing innovative Covered Bond Programme and issuing CHF 200m Covered Bonds (2020)
- Credit Suisse AG as Arranger and Credit Suisse AG together with Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and Zürcher Kantonalbank as Joint Lead Managers in connection with the issuance by Swiss Auto Lease 2020-1 GmbH of asset-backed notes (2020)
- First Swiss Mobility 2020-1 AG on issuing asset-backed notes arranged by Credit Suisse (2020)
- Credit Suisse Switzerland on issuing CHF 660m Covered Bonds under its innovative Swiss Covered Bond Programme launched in July 2019 (2020)
- First Swiss Mobility 2019-1 AG on issuing asset-backed notes arranged by Credit Suisse (2019)
- Credit Suisse Switzerland on establishing innovative Swiss Covered Bond Programme and issuing CHF 250m Covered Bonds (2019)
- Leonteq AG on a fully-underwritten rights offering (2018)
- Swiss Car ABS 2018-1 AG on issuing asset-backed notes with Credit Suisse, UBS and ZKB (2018)
- UBS, StormHarbour, Credit Suisse and ZKB in connection with the issuance of asset-backed notes by First Swiss Mobility 2017-2 AG (2017)
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse and Zurich Cantonal Bank in relation to the CHF 200 million fourth Cembra Money Bank auto lease securitisation (2016)
- Lloyds Bank, Credit Suisse and Zurich Cantonal Bank in relation to the CHF 200 million fourth Swisscard credit card securitisation transaction (2016)
- EFG International in relation to its CHF 500 million rights offering to finance part of the purchase price of its acquisition of BSI (2016)
- UBS, Stormharbour and Zürcher Kantonalbank in relation to the CHF 515 million second securitisation of a portfolio of Swiss auto lease assets originated by AMAG Leasing AG in Switzerland (2016)
- UBS, Stormharbour and Zürcher Kantonalbank in relation to the CHF 310 million inaugural securitisation of a portfolio of Swiss auto lease assets originated by AMAG Leasing AG in Switzerland (2015)
- EFG International with respect to the proposed cash offer to holders of outstanding Tier 2 bonds financed the issuance of new Additional Tier 1 notes (2015)
- Credit Suisse in relation to the CHF 400 million third Swisscard credit card securitization transaction involving the issue of by two SPVs of two sets of notes with different maturities. The third issuance also included an amendment of the securitisation platform to allow a transfer of the credit card business from Credit Suisse to Swisscard (2015)
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse and Zurich Cantonal Bank in relation to the CHF 220 million third auto lease securitisation by Cembra Money Bank AG (2015)
- Underwriters in the CHF 2.3 billion IPO of Sunrise Communications, Switzerland's second largest telecom operator, on SIX Swiss Exchange and the financing banks in the IPO-related refinancing transactions (largest Swiss IPO since 2006 and largest IPO of telecom operator in EMEA since 2004) (2015)
- Leonteq in connection with its fully underwritten CHF 173 million rights offering (2014)
- Dufry on its financing of the acquisition of The Nuance Group (2014)

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- SFS Group in connection with the CHF 704 million initial public offering and listing on SIX Swiss Exchange (2014)
- Cantonal Bank of Thurgau on its CHF 160 million initial public offering and listing on SIX Swiss Exchange of participation certificates (2014)
- PSA Finance Suisse SA, a subsidiary of the PSA Peugeot Citroën Group, in connection with its first securitization of a revolving portfolio of approximately CHF 300 million in Swiss auto leases placed with a single private investor (2013)
- Credit Suisse in relation to the CHF 370 million second Swisscard AECS credit card securitisation (2013)
- Credit Suisse in relation to the CHF 200 million second GE Money Bank auto lease securitisation (2013)
- UBS, Credit Suisse, Zürcher Kantonalbank and Bank Vontobel, in connection with the successful placement by Schindler Holding Ltd. of CHF 218 million in SIX-listed bonds exchangeable into shares of ALSO Holding AG (2013)
- EFG International with respect to its CHF 70.2 million sale of its remaining stake in EFG Financial Products to Notenstein Private Bank (2013)
- EFG International with respect to its EUR 251 million cash offer and consent solicitation regarding EFG Fiduciary Certificates and related issuance of CHF 180 million in new Basel III compliant Tier 2 Notes (2013)
- EFG Financial Products, a Zurich-based integrated structured investment services provider, and EFG International as selling shareholder in connection with the separation and the CHF 145 million IPO and listing on SIX of EFG Financial Products (2012)
- Credit Suisse in relation to the CHF 370 million first of its kind wholly domestic securitisation of a revolving portfolio of credit card receivables originated by Swisscard AECS in Switzerland (2012)
- Credit Suisse in relation to the CHF 200 million first of its kind wholly domestic securitisation of a revolving portfolio of auto lease assets originated by GE Money Bank in Switzerland (2012)
- Credit Suisse, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs International as Joint Bookrunners in connection with the EUR 350 million offering of 6.75% Senior Notes due 2019 issued by gategroup Finance (Luxembourg) SA and guaranteed by gategroup Holding AG (2012)
- EFG International, a leading Swiss private bank, in its offer to exchange its EUR 400 million Fiduciary Certificates listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange into fully Basel III compliant Tier 2 Notes (2011)
- Landis + Gyr AG, a global leader in energy management solutions for utilities, in the USD 2.3 billion acquisition of Landis + Gyr AG by Toshiba Corporation (2011)
- Morgan Stanley (Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner), Credit Suisse (Joint Bookrunner) and the other underwriting banks in the CHF 368.2 million rights offering of Clariant, an international specialty chemicals company, in connection with its acquisition of Süd-Chemie (2011)
- Qatar Holdings LLC in its investment in the CHF 2.5 billion and USD 3.5 billion novel Tier 1 Buffer Capital Notes (CoCos) put in place by Credit Suisse Group (2011)
- Credit Suisse as global coordinator and Goldman Sachs International as joint lead manager in the CHF 250 million rights offering of SIX listed gategroup Holding AG, the leading independent global provider of onboard services and products related to a passenger's experience (2010)
- UBS as global coordinator and Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, SOGENAL, RBS and UBS as bookrunners in the CHF1 billion rescue rights offering of SIX listed OC Oerlikon Corporation AG, a leading company in the field of solar, thin film, vacuum propulsion, textile and precision technology (2010)

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Matters in which Daniel acted as counsel prior to joining Niederer Kraft Frey include the representation of:

- A major Russian steel company in its proposed offering of preferred stock in the form of GDRs
- A large Slovenian insurance and reinsurance company in its EUR 405 million initial public offering and listing on the Ljubljana Stock Exchange
- The underwriters in the EUR 829 million initial public offering and listing on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange of a large German telecommunications company
- A German manufacturer of construction equipment in its EUR 405 million initial public offering and listing on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange
- The underwriter in the GBP 88 million initial public offering and admission to the Alternative Investment Market of a leading real estate developer operating in Central and Eastern Europe
- The underwriters in the EUR 263 million initial public offering and listing on the Frankfurt stock exchange of a German producer of biofuels
- The underwriters in the proposed initial public offering and listing of a major aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul services company (abandoned for a trade sale)
- The underwriters in the EUR 231 million rights issue of an Austrian producer of construction material
- The underwriters in the EUR 3 billion rights issue of one of the largest German banks
- A major reinsurance company in its EUR 4 billion rights issue
- A major investment bank in the establishment of an innovative Structured Investment Vehicle (SIV) and the issuance of capital in the form of subordinated capital notes under a capital note program with a total volume of USD 3 billion and of senior debt under two programs with a total volume of USD 20 billion
- The arrangers in the securitization of residential and commercial mortgages originated by UK commercial banks with a total volume of several billion US dollars

Market Perception

"Daniel Bono is the main partner on the capital markets side. He is intellectually outstanding and always available to come up with solutions." (Chambers 2024)

"Daniel Bono is intellectually outstanding and always available to come up with structuring solutions." (Chambers Global 2023)

"Daniel Bono is highly sought after by investment banks, issuers and investors for his broad experience in transactions spanning securitisations and derivatives." (WWL 2022 - Capital Markets)

Daniel Bono stands out for his DCM expertise. He assists clients with the establishment of covered bond programmes and bond issuances. A client appreciates that "he always has the whole picture in mind, he is very solution-oriented and flexible," adding: "His advice is spot-on." (Chambers Global 2022)

"Clients praise his 'efficiency, availability and focus on detail'." (Chambers Global 2021)

"Clients report that 'he is very good at translating details into prospectuses very well and accurately'." (Chambers Global 2019)

"One client appreciates the 'pleasant co-operation' and his 'pragmatic approach'." (Chambers Global 2018)

"Daniel Bono continues to develop his reputation on the market as a standout capital markets lawyer." (Chambers Global 2015)

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"[Daniel] is appreciated for his knowledge and responsiveness. 'He is intuitive and knows when something warrants attention; he will take a pragmatic view and provide an intelligent response,' say clients." (Chambers Global 2015)

"His areas of expertise include IPOs, rights offerings, listings, high-yield bonds and ABS." (Chambers Global 2015)

Daniel Bono is named as an expert for Capital Markets (Debt and Equity by Who's Who Legal)

"Clients say: '...and draws praise for his 'commercial, timely advice'." (Chambers Europe 2014)

"Interviewees regard Daniel Bono as a 'up-and-coming lawyer'." (Chambers Global 2014)

"Clients describe him as 'extremely dedicated and hard-working'." (Chambers Europe 2013)

"Daniel Bono is widely regarded as a rising star in this field." (Chambers Europe 2013)

