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Languages

German, English, Norwegian

Expertise

Philipp Candreia specializes in complex M&A transactions in various industries with a focus on regulated entities, as well as in large-scale internal and regulatory investigations and enforcement matters.

He frequently advises clients on stock exchange and banking regulatory matters, general corporate law and assists borrowers and lenders regarding loan facilities for general corporate purposes, as well as for acquisition finance.

Philipp Candreia has a special interest in the Scandinavian market and is fluent in Norwegian, besides English and German.

Corporate / M&A

Investigations & White Collar

Compliance

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Career

- 2014 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2011 Associate, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, London
- 2009 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2005 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2003 Doctoral Researcher and Assistant for Private-, Commercial- and European Law at University of Zurich
- 1999 Trainee with Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1999 Clerk with the District Court of Lucerne-City
- 1998 Assistant for European and Public Law at University of St. Gallen (HSG)

Education

- 2006 PhD, University of Zurich
(Thesis: Group of Companies as market-dominant undertakings)
- 2003 LL.M., University of Cambridge (Peterhouse)
- 2001 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
- 1998 lic. iur., University of St. Gallen (HSG)

Experience

Member of the NKF Teams in the following recent Transactions, as counsel to:

- EFG Bank AG in connection with the asset transfer and integration of the business of BSI SA into EFG (2017)
- Navistar International Corporation (Navistar) on a framework agreement for strategic technology and supply collaboration regarding Navistar's strategic alliance with Volkswagen Truck & Bus, including an equity investment in Navistar by Volkswagen Truck & Bus, framework agreements for strategic technology and supply collaboration and a procurement joint venture (2016)
- EFG Bank AG for Swiss banking regulatory approvals in connection with the acquisition of BSI SA (2016)
- BSI SA to reach a Non-Prosecution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) under the DOJ's "Program for Non-Prosecution Agreements or Non-Target Letters for Swiss Banks": BSI participated in this Program as "Category 2 bank" and was the first bank to reach a resolution under the Program. (2015)
- NJJ Capital SAS (Xavier Niel) in the acquisition of Orange Communications SA, Switzerland's third largest telecom operator, for a total transaction value of CHF 2.8 billion (2014)
- Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. in the sale of its banking subsidiary BSI SA to Banca BTG Pactual S.A. for CHF 1.5 billion (largest Swiss M&A Transaction 2014 regarding a bank as a target) (2014/2015)

Market Perception

"What truly sets Philipp Candreia apart is his profound understanding of both the legal and regulatory landscape, and the dynamics of our industry. His ability to deliver precise, legally well-founded but pragmatic advice, combined with his deep commitment to his client, makes him an invaluable asset." (Legal 500 2025 - Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

"is an excellent M&A lawyer with deep expertise in regulatory matters, which makes him particularly valuable in navigating critical situations with a regulatory angle." (Chambers 2025 – Corporate/M&A)

"He has deep knowledge of the banking system, that really sets him apart from others in this space I would say, he is unparalleled in his knowledge". "He is valuable support on critical cases." (Chambers 2024)

"Philipp is very well-positioned for international work. He has deep knowledge of the banking system, what really sets him apart from others in this space. He is unparalleled in his knowledge." (Chambers Global 2023)

"He has broad experience in M&A deals and you can rely on him." (Chambers Global 2018)

"Philipp Candreia is described as 'a very knowledgeable partner,' with clients remarking that they 'appreciate his professionalism and courteousness.'" (Chambers Global 2017)

