



Jacques Bonvin

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Languages

French, English, German

Expertise

Jacques Bonvin's practice focuses on transactions (M&A, corporate finance, private equity and venture capital) and general corporate/commercial law matters (corporate governance, joint ventures, restructurings, key commercial agreements, etc.). He has an extensive experience in numerous industries and sectors and a deep understanding of all phases of the life cycles of companies, in particular technology and life science companies. He often acts as lead negotiator and external general counsel to groups and companies, and has experience negotiating deals on all continents.

Corporate / M&A

Private Equity

Technology

Career

- 2023 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey, Geneva
- 2000 Partner, Tavernier Tschanz, Geneva
- 1998 Senior Associate, Tavernier Tschanz, Geneva
- 1993 Associate, Herbert Smith, London
- 1992 Associate, Slaughter and May, London
- Since 2010 Advisor to Team Principal and Legal Counsel, Artemis Racing
- 2010-2017 Lecturer, EPFL-HEC Management of Technology (MoT) Executive MBA
- Since 2004 General Counsel, Solar Impulse

Education

- 1992 Admitted to the Swiss Bar
- 1989 Master of Law, University of Geneva, with honors

Experience

In the past years, Jacques Bonvin has acted as legal counsel, among others, to:

- Invision AG on its acquisition of a majority stake in NonStop Gym
- the shareholders/sellers in the sale of Swiss International Scientific School Dubai (SISD) to Nord Anglia Education
- Nicolas Gonet and Gonet & Cie SA on a strategic business partnership with Arab Bank (Switzerland) SA
- Gonet & Cie SA on the acquisition and merger of Banque Degroof Petercam (Suisse) SA into Gonet & Cie SA*
- the seller in the LBO of the Senstronic Group by Andera Partners*
- the shareholders/sellers in the sale of Pâris Bertrand Holding and the Banque Pâris Bertrand to Rothschild & Co*
- Pegasystems in connection with the sale of Knowledge Expert SA to Capgemini*
- Invision AG on its acquisition of a majority stake in the Plumettaz Group*
- Accel in its first investment in Switzerland in Viso
- SWISSto12 in its financing rounds and the negotiations of its main commercial contracts, including contracts with the European Space Agency, its landmark contracts with Intelsat to build the innovative Intelsat-45 satellite and its landmark control to build Inmarsat satellites
- NewBiologix SA on its USD 50m series A financing
- ClearSpace as external general counsel in its financing rounds and the negotiations of its main commercial contracts, including contracts with the European Space Agency and the UK Space Agency, and partnership deal with Omega
- Index Ventures on numerous investments, including investment in Nextthink

*Transactions handled before joining Niederer Kraft Frey

Professional Memberships

Geneva and Swiss Bar Associations

International Bar Association

SECA Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association

Market Perception

"I have worked with Jacques Bonvin for more than 10 years and he is one of the best corporate lawyers I know."
(Legal 500 2024)

