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Christian is a partner and Co-Head of Capital Markets of Pestalozzi's Corporate/M&A Group in Zurich and heads the Listed Companies Focus Group. He specializes in domestic and international M&A transactions, with a focus on public takeovers, as well as in Equity Capital Markets. He advises Swiss and foreign companies, investors and executives on stock exchange and capital market regulation, as well as on general corporate law and issues of corporate governance. Christian is also a leading expert on insider trading regulation.

Christian represents buyers, sellers and targets in a whole range of acquisitions. His clients include privately held and listed companies in the manufacturing, retail and pharmaceutical industries, as well as banks and institutions in the financial sector. As an Authorized Representative of the SIX Swiss Exchange, Christian often advises companies on raising capital, listings and de-listings. He represented clients in a multitude of regulatory proceedings before the SIX Exchange Regulation, the Federal Department of Finance and the Swiss Takeover Board.

Christian is ranked by Chambers Global (in Capital Markets as well as in Corporate/M&A) and is recognized in other rankings (e.g. IFLR1000's list of Leading Lawyers). He regularly publishes and is invited to speak on his areas of expertise in Switzerland and internationally. He is a lecturer on the LL.M. Program for International Business Law / CAS Program for Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Law at the University of Zurich. He is an active member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) where he served as member of the organization's Executive Committee.

He is trained in both civil and common law jurisdictions and holds law degrees from Switzerland (lic.iur., University of Fribourg / Dr.iur., University of Basel, summa cum laude), France (Certificat

Supérieur de Droit Français, University Panthéon-Assas Paris) and the US (LL.M., Columbia University). He was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2007.

Market Perception

He is a fantastic lawyer, technically proficient, strategic and a pleasure to deal with. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

Knowledge, structured, good listener, and problem-solving business partner. Always approachable and trustworthy. (IFLR1000, 2023)

Christian is excellent, shows out of the box thinking lawyer and is always looking for solutions not problems. (Chambers & Partners, 2024)

Combination of vast experience and knowledge and flexibility/out of the box approach. (IFLR1000, 2023)

Christian Leuenberger is very pleasant to work with. He is very pragmatic and has great ‘dealmaker’ abilities.’ (The Legal 500, 2022)

He combines in-depth knowledge and legal expertise with an open view on the position and requests of the client. He makes sure he understands the business of the client. (Chambers & Partners, 2023)

Christian Leuenberger. Superb. Extremely knowledgeable. Attentive. Brilliant in devising strategy. Perfect relationship with takeover board. (The Legal 500, 2021)

Christian Leuenberger is as good as they come. (The Legal 500, 2022)

A true professional. Best choice for a deal. (IFLR1000, 2021)

Career

2016	Partner at Pestalozzi
2010	University of Basel: Dr.iur.
2009	Columbia University, New York: LL.M
2007	Associate at Pestalozzi Bar Admission: Switzerland
2005	University of Fribourg: lic.iur. Junior Associate at Pestalozzi
2003	University Panthéon-Assas, Paris: Certificat Supérieur de Droit Français

Languages

- German
- English

Practice Areas

- Blockchain & Crypto Assets
- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)