



# Beat Schwarz

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**Beat Schwarz focuses on corporate and commercial law as well as on corporate and finance transactions, in particular M&A, private equity, venture capital, joint ventures, restructurings and debt capital markets. As part of his domestic and cross-border transaction advisory practice involving listed and non-listed companies, he is regularly involved in insurance and other financial services corporate, contract and regulatory work.**

Beat Schwarz is named by various leading legal directories in his fields of expertise. Recent reports include:

- "Beat Schwarz is a strong performer who can run every aspect of a deal, from commercial and strategic matters down to the nuts-and-bolts process points." Chambers M&A 2023
- "He helped navigate complex shareholder dynamics to achieve an optimal outcome for our team." Chambers M&A 2023
- "Beat Schwarz was particularly impressive in his unfailing availability, affability and acumen." Chambers M&A 2021
- "His ability to keep composure under pressure is spectacular, regardless of the time of day or night." Chambers M&A 2021
- "very skilled and knowledgeable" Chambers M&A 2020
- "experienced, diligent and pragmatic" Chambers M&A 2020

- Beat Schwarz was also mentioned as recommended by clients in IFLR 2020 and 2021 (M&A) and Legal500 2021 for M&A, debt capital market and insurance regulatory work
- "knowledgeable and practical" - Legal500 2019 (M&A)
- "He's quick, always responsive and competent" - IFLR1000 2018 (M&A)
- "Beat Schwarz impresses in banking M&A and financial transactions." - Legal500 2018
- Beat Schwarz was also mentioned as recommended by clients in Legal500 2018 for capital markets work and as "a name to note" in Legal500 2019.

Beat Schwarz is a graduate of the University of St. Gallen (lic. iur. HSG, 2004) and Cornell University School of Law (LL.M., 2008). In 2003, he worked for the Swiss Federal Competition Authorities practicing Swiss antitrust law. Beat Schwarz joined Pestalozzi as a junior associate in 2004 and became an associate after his admission to the Zurich bar in 2006. After graduating from Cornell in 2008, he practiced as a foreign associate with a U.S. law firm in New York in international and U.S. domestic commercial, corporate/M&A and financing transactions and rejoined Pestalozzi end of 2009.

## Career

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2015	Partner at Pestalozzi
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2008	US international law firm in New York: foreign associate (2008/2009) Cornell University: LL.M. (2007/2008)
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2006	Bar admission: Switzerland Associate at Pestalozzi
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2004	Junior Associate at Pestalozzi University of St Gallen: lic. iur. HSG
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2003	Swiss Federal Competition Authorities (WEKO): intern/research associate
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## Languages

English  
German

## **Practice Areas**

Capital Markets  
Corporate / M&A  
Financial Services  
Governance  
Insurance  
Investigation  
Private Equity & Venture Capital  
Restructuring & Insolvency

## **Membership**

Zurich Bar Association  
Swiss Bar Association  
Swiss American Lawyers Association  
The Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association (SECA)