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Matthias Courvoisier is a partner and Co-Head of Capital Markets in Pestalozzi's Corporate / M&A Group in Zurich. He specializes in equity and debt capital markets transactions, public takeovers, corporate governance matters and domestic and cross-border M&A transactions. He advises listed and privately held companies, financial institutions, shareholders, investors and entrepreneurs on a broad range of transactional and regulatory matters.

Matthias has extensive experience in public and private capital market transactions, including initial public offerings, capital increases, rights offerings, accelerated bookbuildings, convertible bonds, straight bonds and liability management transactions. He regularly advises on public takeover offers, take-private transactions, de-listings and complex corporate reorganisations. In addition, he represents clients in public and private M&A transactions across a variety of industries, including life sciences, technology, industrials, financial services and real estate.

Matthias is consistently ranked Band 1 for Capital Markets by Chambers and recognised as a Leading Partner by The Legal 500. Clients praise his commercial judgement, technical excellence, innovative thinking and pragmatic approach. He is a recognised thought leader in Swiss capital markets law, co-editor of a leading commentary on the Listing Rules of SIX Swiss Exchange, a member of the Editorial Board of CapLaw, and a frequent speaker on capital markets, public M&A and corporate governance matters. He served as a member of the committee entrusted with drafting the standards for auditing public takeover offers and participated in the development of the SIX Swiss Exchange rules governing the listing of SPACs.

He graduated from the University of Zurich, obtained a doctorate in law with the highest distinction (summa cum laude), and earned a Master in Finance from London Business School with distinction.

He was admitted to the Swiss Bar in 2000.

Market Perception

Matthias Courvoisier is the best and most pragmatic and knowledgeable lawyer I know. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Matthias Courvoisier is a highly qualified capital markets expert who is not afraid to break new ground. His exceptionally broad general knowledge helps him in this endeavor. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Matthias Courvoisier is one of the most experienced lawyers in Zürich. He is very sophisticated in his advice. (Chambers Global, 2026)

He keeps us well informed throughout the process, which builds strong trust and confidence. His legal knowledge is highly sophisticated and he handles complex issues carefully and clearly. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Matthias Courvoisier is a very pragmatic lawyer who always offers several options and a very solution-oriented approach. We really appreciate his directness and availability. (Chambers Global, 2026)

Matthias Courvoisier is an exceptional lawyer with extensive knowledge and experience in numerous areas of law. This enables him to devise solutions that require thinking outside the box. (The Legal 500, 2026)

Career

2026	Partner and Co-Head of Capital Markets at Pestalozzi
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2009	Partner and Co-Head of Capital Markets Switzerland at Baker McKenzie
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2005	University of Zurich: Dr. iur., summa cum laude
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2004	London Business School: Master in Finance (with distinction)
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2000	Bar Admission: Switzerland Associate at Baker McKenzie
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1998	Junior Associate at Baker McKenzie
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1996	Research and teaching assistant at University of Zurich
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1995	University of Zurich: Master of Laws
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Languages

- German
- English
- French

Practice Areas

- Governance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Financial Services
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Membership

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)