
RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER advises VAPIANO SE on the acquisition of seven restaurants from franchisee and co-founder Kent Hahne

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RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER (RKH) advises VAPIANO SE in connection with the acquisition of the shares held by Mr. Kent Hahne in two companies operating a total number of seven restaurants in Cologne, Bonn and Koblenz. The highly successful restaurants represented in 2014 a net turnover of more than EUR 20 million.

Hahne was one of the founders of the lifestyle brand. In 2011 he sold his shares in the VAPIANO SE (cp. JUVE press report dated 11 April and 8 July 2011). In the framework of the current transaction, he has sold all restaurants operated by him as franchisee.

With this transaction, the number of restaurant operated by VAPIANO SE itself grows from 43 to 50. Overall, VAPIANO has more than 160 restaurants in 31 countries, which are operated by the company itself, by franchisees and joint venture partners. In the first half-year of 2015 the best result has been achieved since its founding 13 years ago. Globally, the restaurant chain's profit with pasta, pizza and salad rose by 35 percent while the turnover rose by almost one-tenth. For the current year, Vapiano SE forecasts more than EUR 450 million system turnover.

VAPIANO SE was advised by Dr. Nico Torka (in the lead, Partner, Corporate/M&A), Dr. Dominik Ziegenhahn (Partner, Corporate/M&A), Prof. Dr. Christian Möller (Of Counsel, Tax) and Maximilian Neeb (Associate, Corporate/M&A). The seller was advised by Dr. Johann-Christoph Gaedertz (Keil & Schaffhausen, Frankfurt a. M.). The minority shareholder Peters mandated Dr. Sebastian Kalb (Loschelder, Cologne).

Background

RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER (RKH) is a Partnership of Lawyers with ten Attorneys-at-law. The law firm was established in 2005 by a spin-off from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and today is one of the leading corporate/M&A-boutiques in Germany. Focusing on high-end legal services the law firm concentrates on advising German and foreign clients in complex corporate matters, corporate transactions and corporate litigation. The firm's clients include well-known family-owned companies, German and international industrial and commercial groups, private equity firms as well as banks and other financial service providers.

RKH was already mandated 2011 in connection with the acquisition of the shares of Mr. Hahne and advices since then the VAPIANO SE continuously in corporate issues, including in the establishment of joint venture companies in Australia and the Netherlands.

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