



RKH ADVISES THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DIOK REALESTATE AG ON SUCCESSFUL SALE OF SIGNIFICANT MINORITY STAKE TO A PRIVATE INVESTOR CONSORTIUM

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Raschke von Knobelsdorff Heiser (RKH) has advised the shareholders of Diok RealEstate AG, a Cologne-based real estate company specializing in German commercial real estate, on the sale of a minority stake of 49.9% of the company's shares. The buyer is an international consortium of private investors led by London-based Alvarium Investments.

The sale of the equity stake comes at a time when Diok RealEstate AG intends to continue its successful investment and asset management strategy in the German commercial real estate market. As part of the transaction, the new shareholders will repay a significant portion of Diok RealEstate AG's subordinated debt in order to strategically reduce the company's leverage. Diok RealEstate AG intends to continue its expansion course at an accelerated pace.

RKH acted as lead transactional advisor in the structuring and execution of the transaction. RKH was represented by RKH partners Dr. Kristian J. Heiser (Lead - Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A) and Dr. Nico Torka (Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A), Of Counsel Prof. Dr. Christian Möller (Tax) as well as associates Dr. Cornelius Karcher (Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A) and Philipp Lutz (Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A).

On the buyer side, the transaction was advised by Herbert Smith Freehills, in particular by partners Dr. Julius Brandt and Thomas Kessler and associates Dr. Maximilian Reinhardt and Dr. Mathias Susnik.

Background

In addition to advising the shareholders in connection with this transaction, RKH has also been advising the Diok RealEstate AG group for several years on corporate, capital market and transaction law issues, in particular in connection with the development of the real estate portfolio.

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