



65 MILLION EURO FINANCING ROUND AT MISTER SPEX - RKH ADVISES ALBERT BÜLL'S FAMILY OFFICE ON ITS INVESTMENT IN THE OPTICAL CHAIN

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RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER (RKH) advised the family office of ALBERT BÜLL, founder of the Hamburg-based project developer B&L, on its investment in MISTER SPEX, Europe's leading online optician. With the participation of existing investors, the Büll Family Office led a financing round which raised 65 million euros.

In order to strengthen Mister Spex' growth, the proceeds from the financing round will be used to drive store expansion and internationalisation as well as to increase logistical capabilities. The Büll Family Office will support Mister Spex in the retail sector as an experienced partner with the aim of successfully pushing forward further business expansion.

Founded in 2007, Mister Spex has today become Europe's leading online optician, serving more than three million customers. The company offers a product portfolio of more than 10,000 glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses and operates online shops in ten countries. Following an omni-channel approach, Mister Spex runs eleven own stores in Germany and in addition works with a network of partner opticians in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Sweden.

The Büll Family Office was legally advised by the RKH partners Dr. Dominik Ziegenhahn and Dr. Kristian Heiser (both Corporate/M&A) as well as Prof. Dr. Christian Möller (Tax) and Cornelius Karcher (also Corporate/M&A) and commercially and M&A-related by a team of the internationally operating consulting firm GOETZPARTNERS. Mister Spex was advised by a team led by Christian Tönies of P+P Pöllath + Partners. The existing investors were represented by Noerr partners Felix Blobel, LL.M and Ariane Neubauer as well as Jones Day partner Dr. Kerstin Henrich.

Background

Raschke von Knobelsdorff Heiser is a partnership of lawyers with 12 attorneys at law. The law firm was established in 2005 as 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, real estate companies, private equity and venture capital investors as well as banks and other financial service providers. More information is available on the Internet at www.rkh-law.de/en.

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