

# LAIQON

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## RKH ADVISES LAIQON AG ON THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CASH CAPITAL INCREASE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE JOACHIM HERZ FOUNDATION AS A NEW STRATEGIC ANCHOR INVESTOR

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Raschke von Knobelsdorff Heiser (RKH) advised LAIQON AG on the conclusion of an investment agreement with the Hamburg-based Joachim Herz Foundation as well as on the preparation and implementation of the subsequent cash capital increase (collectively the “**Transaction**”). LAIQON AG is a financial institution specialized in actively and AI-managed funds as well as individual asset management and listed on the open market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (*Scale*).

In the course of the Transaction, LAIQON AG increased its share capital by EUR 2,100,000.00 to EUR 21,139,818.00 by issuing 2,100,000 new shares under exclusion of subscription rights. By acquiring all new shares at a subscription price of EUR 6.00 per share, the Joachim Herz Foundation acquired a stake of around 9.93 % in the share capital of LAIQON AG.

As one of the major German foundations focusing on the promotion of innovative, application-oriented research projects at the interfaces of business, engineering, natural sciences and medicine, the Joachim Herz Foundation has invested in LAIQON AG as a strategic long-term anchor investor.

LAIQON AG will use the cash inflow of EUR 12,600,000.00 generated by the Transaction in particular for the expansion and development of further sales cooperations and strategic partnerships of the LAIQON Group as well as for the further development of the Digital Asset Platform 4.0 and the WealthTech LAIC.

RKH advised LAIQON AG as corporate and capital markets counsel on the preparation, drafting and conclusion of the investment agreement as well as on the preparation and execution of the cash capital increase. RKH was represented by Dr Kristian J. Heiser (Partner, Lead - Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A) and Maximilian Neeb (Associated Partner - Corporate/Capital Markets/M&A).

In-house at LAIQON AG, Greta Gaumert (General Counsel and Head of Group Compliance) and Niklas Weller (Legal Manager) were responsible for the legal aspects of the Transaction.

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### Background

RKH is a renowned corporate/M&A law firm based in Hamburg, which was founded in 2005 as a spin-off from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. The firm focuses on advising German and foreign clients on complex corporate law issues, corporate transactions and litigation. The firm's clients include well-

known family businesses, German and international industrial, commercial and real estate companies, private equity/venture capital investors and family offices, as well as banks and other financial service providers. Further information can be found on the Internet at [www.rkh-law.de](http://www.rkh-law.de).

RKH has been regularly advising the LAIQON Group on corporate, capital markets and transaction law issues since 2019.

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