

# PONTES: the CEE lawyers

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## Recent transactions\*

**PL** Solivan advised **Ideal Idea**, a Polish development company, on the financing of an SBU workhouse and office park in Wrocław by mBank S.A., a subsidiary of Commerzbank AG. Solivan assisted the client with all aspects of the deal connected with financing.

**CZ** JŠK advised **Tescan Orsay Holding a.s.** on the sale of a majority stake to Carlyle, a global private equity fund. According to Tomáš Doležil, “The seller’s structure was a factor that multiplied the complexity of the transaction.” The JŠK transaction team was led by partner Tomáš Doležil, in cooperation with senior associates Klára Šmídová, Patrik Müller and Lucia Regecová, together with junior associates Marek Pume and Jan Koprnický.

**SK** Majerník & Miháliková, s. r. o. provided legal advice to a **private equity fund** on its acquisition of a furniture retail chain. It was a complex transaction due to the necessity of dealing with franchise partners and various unexpected external economic factors that arose in the process of facilitating the deal.

**BG** Gugushev & Partners Law Office assisted **Nordex**, a leader in wind energy generation in Turkey and Asia, with its potential entry into the Bulgarian RES market. The firm’s legal advice included a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from contract law to import and export regulations.

**BG** Gugushev & Partners Law Office advised **BlackPeak Capital**, one of the largest private equity firms in Bulgaria, on its acquisition of a stake in Telelink Infra Services, a leading regional provider of telecom and other infrastructure services in the UK, Germany, the Republic of North Macedonia and Albania. BlackPeak Capital’s investment will enable Telelink Infra Services’ fast expansion in Western Europe and CEE.

**PL** Solivan advised **Napollo** on its acquisition of two investment sites for the development of retail parks. The client was provided with a due diligence report and legal assistance on all aspects of the issues connected with the legal status of the plots of land. Solivan assisted the client in the preparation and negotiation of transactional documentation ranging from preliminary to final sale agreements.

\* only selected transactions are presented; a full list of our publishable transactional experience is available upon request.

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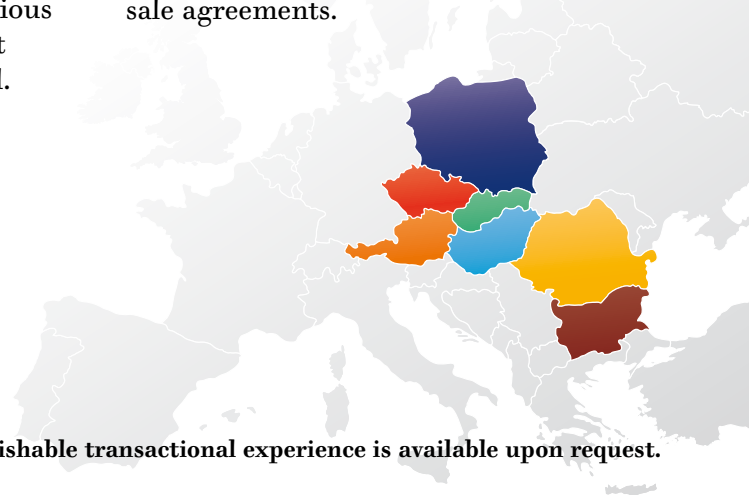
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**CZ** JŠK advised the **SUDOP Group (SUDOP CIT)** on the acquisition of BizzTreat, an IT company providing advanced data analytics services. The JŠK transaction team was led by partner Tomáš Doležil on the buy side, in cooperation with senior associate Jana Pospíšilová. The transaction, SUDOP's eleventh IT company acquisition, has strengthened the group's already stable and leading position in the Czech IT market.

**PL** Solivan advised **Celtic Park Piaseczno**, a Polish development company, on the refinancing of warehouses and an office complex located near Warsaw by mBank S.A., a subsidiary of Commerzbank AG. Celtic Park Piaseczno was provided with all required legal assistance related to financing.

**CZ** JŠK provided legal advice to **BUNZL**, a long-standing client, on the acquisition of a majority stake in VM Footwear, a prominent retailer of personal protective and work equipment. On the buy side, the transaction team was led by JŠK partner Tomáš Doležil, in cooperation with senior associates Helena Hailichová and Patrik Müller.

**BG** Gugushev & Partners represented one of the **former founders and shareholders of Cupffee Ltd.** after his termination from the company. The firm initiated legal proceedings against the company for payment of his liquidation share. The court ruled in favour of the client, awarding him EUR 450,000.

## Recent cases and notable legal developments

### **CZ** Amendment to the Consumer Protection Act

In January 2023, a major amendment to the Consumer Protection Act finally became effective. The provision governing the use of distance communication by financial institutions has been substantially revised. The use of distance communication, including e-mail or telephone, will only be allowed if the consumer does not explicitly reject it. In the case of automatic calling or faxes for unsolicited commercial communications, the amendment requires the consumer's explicit consent.

## PONTES NEWS

### **BG** Team expansion

Gugushev & Partners is pleased to announce that our team has grown in the last three months. We are delighted to introduce Mario Kralev, an associate who has joined our labour law department.



### **BG** Team recognition

The Gugushev & Partners Law Office team won the 2022 "Deal of the Year" at the National Justice Awards for their work in advising BlackPeak Capital. The award was presented to attorney Viktor Gugushev, who worked on the matter with attorney Dimitrinka Metodieva and consultant Sevdelina Rabuhchieva.

### **CZ** Team expansion

We welcomed two new senior associates, Kateřina Maysenhölder, who specialises in litigation, arbitration, corporate and sports law, as well as regulatory matters, and Vladěna Svobodová, who, in addition to Czech law, also studied European law with a focus on European competition law. At JŠK she will focus on M&A, competition law, FDI, GDPR and life sciences.

