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Recent transactions*

PL We are providing continuous advice to **Bank Millennium**, a subsidiary of Banco Comercial Portugues, on the financing of a DHL logistics centre in East Poland.

SK We advised **Proer** on the transfer of shareholdings and investment documents proposed by Crowdberry.

CZ We assisted the shareholders of the North Moravian investment company **cresco&finance** in connection with the sale of its subsidiary **SILNICE MORAVA** to a large Czech player in the field of construction IMOS Brno.

BG We advised **Delivery Hero SE** on the sale of its business operations in Bulgaria to GlovoApp 23 S.E., part of the EUR 170m sale of their business in six jurisdictions in the Balkans.

PL We are advising Polish developer **JDA Investment** on the refinancing of a logistics centre near Warsaw by mBank S.A., a subsidiary of Commerzbank AG.

SK We provided legal advice to **Ultimate Technologies Limited** on its investment into a Spanish company producing vegetarian meat.

Recent cases and notable legal developments

CZ Screening of foreign investments

The national mechanism for screening of foreign direct investments came into effect on 1 May 2021. After this date, all investments made in the Czech Republic by investors based in non-EU countries are subject to a potential screening for security risks, while investments in certain industries require mandatory approval from the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade. Please click [here](#) for details.

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

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SK Act on Protection of Competition significantly amended

A new Act on Protection of Competition was adopted. Compared to the former act from 2001, the new act *inter alia* provides a more detailed description of procedures and allows the Anti-Monopoly Office to impose additional sanctions and (interim) measures. The act sheds more light on the definition of “undertaking” and introduces the concept of “economic group”, which is relevant for determining sanctions.

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PONTES offices ranked by Legal 500

Four PONTES offices were ranked in the EMEA 2020 Edition of the prestigious law firms ranking The Legal 500. The Czech office of PONTES, JŠK, advokátní kancelář, s.r.o. as well as the Slovak office, Majerník & Miháliková, were recognised for their exceptional work in commercial, corporate and M&A. Graf Patsch Taucher Rechtsanwälte GmbH, the Austrian office of PONTES, was praised for its expertise in banking & finance, corporate/M&A and real estate, while Gugushev & Partners Law Office in Bulgaria was singled out for its vast experience and expertise in a number of areas: banking, finance and capital markets; commercial, corporate and M&A; dispute resolution; intellectual property; energy and natural resources; real estate and construction.

AT PONTES Austria partners included in 2021 lawyer rankings by Austrian business weekly “Trend”

Two partners of Graf Patsch Taucher Rechtsanwälte GmbH, the Austrian office of PONTES, have been included in the 2021 ranking of lawyers compiled by the Austrian business weekly “Trend”. Dr. Bernd Taucher was recognised as one of the top 10 lawyers for M&A in Austria and Dr. Alexander Patsch was singled out as one of the top 10 lawyers for real estate. You can see the complete rankings [here](#).

BG Gugushev & Partners Law Office is among the 100 best employers in Bulgaria

Gugushev & Partners Law Office was named as one of the 100 best employers in Bulgaria for 2021 by the prestigious Career Show Index 2021. The ranking is based on Bulgarian and international awards won by the firm in the last three years in various categories for developing the employer brand and human resources, which is yet another recognition of the firm’s comprehensive approach to growth and employee care. Through the efforts it takes to develop a favorable and promising working environment, the law firm strives to contribute to the transformation of Bulgaria into a preferred destination for career development.



CZ The JŠK team is constantly growing

The JŠK team in Prague was strengthened by Lucia Regecová, a managing associate with valuable managerial experience in the corporate and in-house environment. Prior to joining JŠK, Lucia worked at leading Czech law firm Glatzova & Co. and held the position of Head of Corporate Services at MOL Czech Republic. She has extensive experience with domestic and foreign clients and specialises primarily in M&A, real estate transactions and energy.



SK New hire at Majerník & Miháliková

We are pleased to announce that Michal Ranostaj, a Czech qualified attorney with extensive experience in the banking sector, has joined our team as of counsel to assist us in banking & finance, M&A and IP/IT matters. Michal’s experience and professionalism will be a huge contribution and we are delighted to have him on board.



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