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Mathias is double-qualified as a Rechtsanwalt in Germany and a solicitor in England and Wales. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, where he serves on the Committee of the European Branch. A member of i.a. the German Arbitration Institution, the Austrian Arbitration Institution and the Swiss Arbitration Association and listed as a panellist at the Vienna International Arbitration Centre and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, Mathias has over 15 years' experience in handling all kinds of commercial litigations and domestic and international arbitrations, with a special focus on capital markets- and post-M&A disputes, both as counsel and

as arbitrator. In addition, Mathias has been acting, both as counsel and as arbitrator, in joint venture disputes, in corporate D&O liability matters and in intellectual property cases, including patents, utility models and designs. Mathias is also representing parties with a view to and advising on follow-on cartel damage claim matters. Mathias' arbitration experience includes serving as an expert on German arbitration law in foreign court proceedings.

Mathias has completed the training required to qualify as a Fachanwalt für Bank- und Kapitalmarktrecht (specialized banking and finance lawyer), published several articles on banking and finance law as well as international arbitration, and has spoken extensively on both topics. Mathias is also a lecturer on International Arbitration at the Goethe University in Frankfurt.

In 2012 and again in 2015, Mathias was awarded the prestigious ILO Client Choice Award as Germany's best litigation counsel, based on a survey among more than 2,000 in-house counsels worldwide. In 2017, 2018 and 2019 Mathias was named by Global Arbitration Online and Who's Who Legal: Arbitration a global "Future Leader": "Mathias Wittinghofer impresses with his impeccable legal skills, outstanding character and great judgment". "Mathias Wittinghofer gains recognition as 'an exceptionally good strategist' who impresses with his 'extremely engaged and client-oriented approach'. Sources comment that he has 'a strong presence, especially in banking, finance and corporate disputes'". Also in 2018, and again in 2019, Mathias was recognized as one of the top "leading lawyers" in the field of arbitration in Who's Who Legal: Germany ("The 'very dynamic' Mathias Wittinghofer is internationally recognised for his 'effective, excellent counsel and cogent presentation of facts and law'; 'fast and professional'") and as a leading lawyer in the area of TMT ("Mathias Wittinghofer is a disputes guru who is recognised for his invaluable counsel on technology-related matters."). JUVE, the leading German legal directory, lists Mathias as a frequently recommended dispute resolution and litigation expert ("brilliant strategist", "strong counsel in arbitrations", "mastermind").

The Legal 500 Germany acknowledges Mathias as a 'very experienced' arbitration specialist. Mathias is also listed by "Best Lawyers Germany" and Handelsblatt as "DEUTSCHLANDS BESTE ANWÄLTE" for his litigation work.