

Current Transactions

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Ahlers & Vogel has a strong and very active M&A and transactional practice which does not only include national but also international transactions. In particular, the M&A transactions in which Ahlers & Vogel, under the lead of Carsten Heuel, was involved in the last weeks included inter alia:

- Ahlers & Vogel advised the sellers of one of the largest German event catering companies (with one of the sellers being one of the largest multinational beverage companies) in the sale of their business to one of the major multinational catering company (a US publicly listed company). This was a quite complex deal with anti-trust filing as well as large earn-out components.
- Ahlers & Vogel represented a German chemical company which looked into the acquisition of a smaller chemical company in the Detroit area. We worked on this in cooperation with Kerr Russel (Eric Lark).
- Ahlers & Vogel advised a bidder in a bid for the construction work for the second North Stream oil and gas pipeline from Russia to Germany.
- Ahlers & Vogel represented the purchaser in the acquisition of logistics facilities at a car manufacturing plant of Opel just in the phase when Opel was sold from GM to the French PSA-group (combined multi-partite asset, share and real estate transaction).
- Ahlers & Vogel represented a majority shareholder of a large special chemical company in the acquisition of the shares from the minority shareholder in a complex transaction which was under the condition of a EUR 40 million investment into the company.
- Ahlers & Vogel advised a Canadian publicly listed company both in (1) the acquisition of a stake in a German target company followed by the acquisition of all of the assets by the target company from the insolvency administrator of the predecessor company of the target company (involving complex negotiations with state agencies in relation to public state grants and state sureties) as well as in (2) setting up a substantial executive participation model for one of its German subsidiaries (including a complex shareholders' agreement).
- Ahlers & Vogel represented a large multi-national player in the airspace industry in a complex real estate transaction by way of a share deal (acquisition of shares in two separate SPAs from two multi-national corporations).
- Ahlers & Vogel used its very extensive experience in German corporate finance (in particular in the field of cross-border cash-pooling) when it advised the German subsidiaries of a large multi-national French corporation in the adaption of its international cash-pooling model for purposes of compliance with the very strict German cash-pooling requirements under German corporate finance and insolvency laws).
- Ahlers & Vogel assisted a Danish law firm in the legal due diligence of the German subsidiaries of a Danish target company in a corporate acquisition in the logistics sector.

Furthermore, our interdisciplinary practice group "International Trade Team" with the addition of Thorsten Kuehl recently grew to 12 members. Thorsten Kuehl is a highly distinguished expert in customs and export control law where he gained nationwide recognition. The very strong combined experience of our International Trade Team in all aspects of international trade also with a strong



focus on customs and export control gives Ahlers & Vogel within the German legal market a very prominent position in these areas.

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Established in 1858 and with approx. 50 lawyers, Ahlers & Vogel is one of the largest law firms in Northern Germany. We have a strong international focus and we advise clients in Germany and abroad with regard to the core areas of Commercial Law.

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