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EXPERTISE

Jacques Iffland is a partner specialising in corporate law, securities regulation and M&A, with a focus on transactions involving public companies. He is authorised to represent issuers before the SIX Swiss Exchange and is chair of the Capital Markets and Technology Association.

In recent years, Jacques has advised, among others, the following clients:

- The investor group comprised of NewGAME, an investment vehicle controlled by Rock Investment, a subsidiary of NJJ Holding, the personal holding company of Mr. Xavier Niel, and Bruellan, an independent provider of global wealth management solutions, in the successful takeover of GAM Holding, the SIX-listed global asset management firm
- JBF Finance SA in its CHF 600 million public tender offer for all publicly held shares of SIX-listed Bobst Group SA, the parent company of Bobst, one of the world's leading suppliers of substrate processing, printing and converting equipment
- Edizione, one of Europe's leading industrial holding companies and wholly owned by the Benetton family, on the integration between Autogrill and Dufry to create a global company in food & beverage and retail services for travellers
- SCCF Structured Commodity & Corporate Finance, a Swiss-based trade finance company, in the first issuance of digitalised (tokenised) short-term notes used to refinance commodity trading activities
- ObsEva, a listed biopharmaceutical company developing and commercialising novel therapies for women's health, in the company's equity and debt financing activities and in its debt restructuring operations
- Immosynergies Holding Sàrl and its owner Mr. Olivier Plan on the sale and contribution of its real estate portfolio and development activities to Allreal Holding AG, the Swiss SIX-listed real estate investment company, for a net consideration of approximately CHF 400 million
- Swissquote, the online bank, on the creation of 'Yuh', a digital neobanking application developed as part of a joint venture with PostFinance, and the creation of the bank's crypto-exchange SQX
- Cartier, part of Richemont, together with LVMH and the Prada Group on the creation of the Aura Blockchain Consortium, a Swiss association based in Geneva, which operates the first global blockchain solution dedicated to the



luxury industry

- Richemont on the issuance of tradable shareholder warrants, listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and distributed to the shareholders of the company as part of a loyalty scheme intended to allow shareholders to benefit from a potential upside of the price of Richemont's 'A' shares, once the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic had been overcome
- The Frère and Desmarais families in the CHF 3.3 billion public exchange offer and subsequent freeze-out merger of the Swiss industrial holding company Pargesa.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
AND EDUCATION

Jacques studied law at the University of Lausanne, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1992 and a doctorate in 1994 for a thesis on the criminal prosecution of share price manipulation. After a two-year traineeship in a Lausanne law firm, he was admitted to the bar in 1996. From 1997 to 2001, he worked as a legal adviser to the Swiss Stock Exchange Regulatory Commission and its successor organisation, the Swiss Federal Takeover Board. He joined Lenz & Staehelin in 2001 and became a partner in 2007.

SPECIALIST AREAS

Corporate and M&A, Public Takeovers, Capital Markets, Securities Regulation

LANGUAGES

French, English, German

MEMBERSHIPS

Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Swiss Bar Association (FSA), Société Genevoise de Droit et de Législation (SGDL)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Jacques is a member of the Independent Appeals Body of the SIX Swiss Exchange. He is also a member of the board of editors of the Swiss Review of Business and Financial Market Law, one of Switzerland's leading legal publications. He also chairs the Capital Markets and Technology Association, a Geneva-based association of representatives from the banking, technology and legal industries, whose aim is to promote the use of new technologies in the capital markets.