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Languages

German, English

## Expertise

Andrea Giger's practice focuses on large and complex international and domestic public and private M&A, capital markets and corporate finance transactions. In addition, Andrea advises on corporate reorganisations, general corporate and commercial law matters and corporate governance.

Andrea has expertise in advising private equity firms and corporates on (public and private) M&A transactions, including public to private transactions and subsequent corporate reorganization topics or block trades. In addition, Andrea regularly advises investment banks and issuers in a range of (equity and debt) capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings, rights offerings, secondary share placements or straight bonds. Andrea's practice includes advising lenders, borrowers and private equity sponsors on complex cross-border financing transactions, as well as mergers and other corporate reorganisations and general corporate law matters.

Andrea has been recognised as Rising Star in the category Corporate/M&A/Private Equity by Legal Media Group's Expert Guides in the years 2021, 2020 and 2019. In 2020 she won the Rising Star - Corporate Award by Euromoney's Women in Business Law Europe Awards. She was also awarded as Rising Star at the inaugural Euromoney LMG Rising Star Award 2019.

Capital Markets

Corporate / M&A

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Private Equity

Commercial

## Career

- 2022 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2018 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2013 Associate with a major law firm in Zurich
- 2011 Law clerk with the district court of Baden
- 2010 Junior associate with a major law firm in Zurich

## Education

- 2015 Tulane University, New Orleans, LL.M.
- 2012 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
- 2010 University of St. Gallen, M.A. HSG in Law
- 2008 University of St. Gallen, B.A. HSG in Law

## Experience

Recent public matters in which Andrea Giger acted as counsel to\*:

### Capital Markets and Public M&A:

- Global Coordinator, 4 Joint Lead Managers and 15 Joint Bookrunners on the proposed CHF 4 billion share capital increase of Credit Suisse Group AG (2022)
- Porsche on its international initial public offering and listing on Frankfurt stock exchange (2022)
- UBS and Zürcher Kantonalbank on the CHF 202m rights offering of Feintool International Holding AG (2022)
- UBS and ZKB on the rights offering and listing of shares of Mobimo Holding AG on SIX Swiss Exchange (2022)
- Kernkraftwerk Leibstadt AG on the placement of a CHF 200 million bond (2022)
- Axpo Group on the issuance of a SIX Swiss Exchange listed CHF 500 million sustainability-linked bond (2022)
- Berenberg as sole global coordinator on Montana Aerospace AG's IPO (2021)
- Idorsia Ltd in its rights offering with gross proceeds of CHF 535.5 million (2020)
- Idorsia Ltd on its CHF 330m private placement of 11m shares (2020)
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan on purchasing 156,658 shares (2.85%) in Barry Callebaut AG (2019)
- Credit Suisse, J.P. Morgan, UBS and other members of the bank syndicate in connection with the initial public offering of SoftwareONE Holding AG (2019)
- Groupe Acrotec on the issuance and placement of CHF 75,000,000 3.500% guaranteed bonds due 2025 (2019)
- Credit Suisse Switzerland AG on the overall structuring and Swiss law in relation to the Swiss Covered Bond Programme and on issuing CHF 250m Covered Bonds (2019)
- Stadler Rail AG on its initial public offering (IPO) (2019)
- Mobimo Holding AG on its issuance of CHF 155m 0.875% bonds (2018)
- BofA Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs and the other syndicate members on the IPO of SIG Combibloc AG (2018)
- Idorsia Ltd on its CHF 500m combined offering of new shares and convertible bonds (2018)
- Klingelberg AG on its initial public offering (IPO) (2018)
- Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley and the other syndicate members on the CHF 4 billion share capital increase of Credit Suisse Group (2017)

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- UBS in connection with the successful placement of shares by AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG via accelerated book build process (2016)
- Groupe Acrotec on its placement of CHF 106 million 4.00% Bonds (2016)
- EQT on its public tender offer for Kuoni Travel Holding (2016)
- UBS and Credit Suisse and the other syndicate members on the IPO of the VAT Group (2016)
- African Bank Limited on its successful restructuring and re-launch (2016)
- Credit Suisse and the other Syndicate Members on the CHF 4.7 billion rights offering by Credit Suisse Group AG (2015)
- UBS and the other Syndicate Members on the CHF 207 million rights offering of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG (2015)
- Allianz SE in connection with the placement of CHF 500 million undated subordinated resettable fixed rate notes (2014)
- Swiss Life in connection with the placement of a CHF 500 million zero percent senior convertible bonds (2013)
- UBS and the other syndicate members on the CHF 438 million rights offering of Schmolz + Bickenback AG (2013)

### Mergers & Acquisitions:

- Georg Fischer (GF) on the divestment of its GF Machining Solutions division to United Grinding Group (2024)
- Shareholders of People-Analytix AG on the sale of all shares in People-Analytix AG to Learning Pool Ltd (2022)
- Stadtcasino Baden on its acquisition of a majority stake in Casinò Locarno (2022)
- Ambienta SGR SpA on the sale of its portfolio company SF-Filter AG to funds advised by Equistone Partners Europe (2022)
- BRUSA HyPower in its strategic growth equity investment agreement with Bosch Rexroth, M&G Investments and Temasek (2022)
- EQT Private Equity on the sale of a majority stake in VFS Global (2021)
- Leoni AG board member and LEONI Studer AG CEO Bruno Fankhauser regarding the acquisition of Leoni Schweiz AG from Leoni AG by a consortium of buyers led by Bruno Fankhauser and Helvetica Capital AG (2021)
- Flatfox on its sale to Mobiliar (2021)
- Franke Group on the carve-out and sale of its division Franke Water Systems to Equistone (2021)
- Ardian on the acquisition of Hyperstone by Swissbit (2020)
- Selecta group (“Selecta Group”) on its successful recapitalisation and corporate reorganization (2020)
- The selling shareholders in the sale of beecom Products AG to Appfire (2020)
- CGS Management on the acquisition of Kalt Maschinenbau AG (2020)
- Ardian on the acquisition of a majority stake in Swissbit Holding AG (2020)
- Mitsubishi Corporation on the acquisition of a minority stake in Spanish vehicle distributor Bergé Automoción, S.L. (2020)

- SD Worx on acquiring the Adessa Group (2020)
- Steinhoff Europe AG on the implementation of its corporate and financial restructuring (2019)
- EQT and Kuoni Group on the combination of Kuoni's GTA Business with Hotelbeds Group (2017)
- EQT and Kuoni Group on the sale of Kuoni's Global Travel Services to JTB Corporation (2017)
- EQT and Kuoni Group on the sale of Kuoni's Destination Management Specialists to Thomas Cook India (2017)
- Mitsui on the acquisition of Chemtrade Aglobis (2017)
- CSA Energy Infrastructure Switzerland on the acquisition of a stake in Erdgas Obersee (2016)
- Heptagon Advanced Micro-Optics and its shareholders on the sale of Heptagon to ams (2016)
- CSA Energy Infrastructure Switzerland on the acquisition of an equity stake in Romande Energie Holding SA (2016)

\* Transactions before 2018 while working at another major Swiss law firm

## **Publications**

- Daniel Bono, Andrea Giger, Philip Spoerlé, The International Capital Markets Review – Chapter 13: Switzerland, 2022, in: The Law Reviews, 2022, Edition 12 (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Till Spillmann, Francois M Bianchi, Daniel Bono, Andrea Giger, The International Capital Markets Review – Chapter 15: Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 2021, Edition 11 (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Till Spillmann, Francois M Bianchi, Daniel Bono, Andrea Giger, The International Capital Markets Review – Chapter 18: Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 2020, 10th Edition (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Till Spillmann, Francois M Bianchi, Daniel Bono, Andrea Giger, The International Capital Markets Review – Chapter 18: Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 2019, 9th Edition (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Till Spillmann, Andrea Giger, Non-public offerings in Switzerland – an endangered species?, in: Capital Markets Newsletter - Switzerland, International Law Office, 14 May 2019
- Till Spillmann, Andrea Giger, Ein modernes Prospektrecht für die Schweiz - Prospektpflicht, Prospektinhalt und Prospektprüfung gemäss dem neuen Finanzdienstleistungsgesetz, in: GesKR 2.2019, 2019
- Till Spillmann, Francois M Bianchi, Daniel Bono, Andrea Giger, The International Capital Markets Review – Chapter 23: Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 2018, Edition 8 (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Till Spillmann, Andrea Giger, New Swiss prospectus regime in the making, in: Capital Markets Newsletter – Switzerland, International Law Office, 15 May 2018
- Till Spillmann, Andrea Giger, Corporate Law Reform, in: IFLR Magazine, April 2017
- Till Spillmann, Adrian Koller, Ivo von Büren, Andrea Giger, Lending and taking security in Switzerland, in: Thomson Reuters Practical Law 2016

## Market Perception

"Andrea Giger really does an excellent job. She is really reliable and really willing to go the extra mile to get the work done with us." (Chambers 2024 – Capital Markets)

"The team around Philip Spoerle and Andrea Giger stands out for its quick and efficient handling of transactional projects. They have a lot of experience in handling complex projects and have a profound legal and commercial knowledge. Combined with a 24/7 availability on partner level, this leads to a great client experience."  
(Legal 500 2024 – Commercial, corporate and M&A)

"Both Philip Spoerle and Andrea Giger are standout lawyers – always available, impressively swift and possessing profound understanding of both commercial and legal intricacies. They approach projects with a pragmatic style, ensuring that complex issues are navigated with precision and efficiency." (Legal 500 2024 – Commercial, corporate and M&A)

"Andrea Giger has very strong knowledge and broad experience. She has a pragmatic work style. Her client service and her general level of service are very strong. She has very strong commercial awareness and vision and a very strong level of sophistication. (Chambers 2023 – Capital Markets)

