

# **Wolf Theiss**

# Smart people working on challenging projects for inspiring clients

# Local focus on a global scale.

## Local knowledge

We focus on a unique part of the world: the complex and dynamic markets of the CEE and SEE regions. With our specialised knowledge and local office network, we support our clients in mastering complex business challenges and creating new opportunities.

In addition to 13 offices, we have regional desks covering Kosovo, Montenegro and North Macedonia. Our desks focus on smaller jurisdictions and help us to serve your needs. This allows us to provide seamless legal services across the region, ensuring coordinated advice in multiple jurisdictions. The European Legal 500 described us as "arguably the best Austrian firm in Central and Eastern Europe". Others agreed, such as Chambers naming us "Law Firm of the Year for Central & Eastern Europe" on multiple occasions and the equivalent recognition from The Lawyer. It's a reputation we've taken 65 years to build. Since starting out in Vienna, we have grown into the largest fully integrated firm in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CEE and SEE). Our team now brings together over 390 lawyers, working across numerous practice areas in 13 countries. During that time, we have worked on numerous cases that have broken new ground.

## International experience

We offer our clients a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the following areas:

- Arbitration
- Banking & Finance
- Blockchain & Crypto Assets
- Capital Markets
- Competition & Antitrust
- Construction Law & Engineering
- Corporate M&A
- Data Protection & Cybersecurity
- Employment
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Intellectual Property
- Investigations, Crisis Response & Compliance
- Litigation
- Private Equity & Venture Capital
- Public Procurement
- Real Estate Law
- Regulatory & Administrative Law
- Restructuring, Insolvency & Distressed Investments
- Tax
- TMT
- White Collar Crime



### The Wolf Theiss region

Many law firms talk about having a presence in multiple countries. But that often means they simply have links to other firms in the region. We prefer to have a real presence on the ground. It leads to closer client relationships and a better working knowledge of regional jurisdictions.

# Where talented people are in good company



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# Setting precedent, breaking new ground

**First ever competing public takeover offer in Austria** – advising CPI Property Group S.A. in its acquisition of control over IMMOFINANZ

**Ground-breaking USD 7 billion global Asset-Based Loan (ABL):** Platinum Equity's acquisition of the world's largest provider of technology solutions

First ever project bond financed renewable energy acquisition in Czech Republic: acquisition of the Energy 21 solar PV portfolio

**Deposit Solutions open banking platform:** the first open deposit banking business model operating officially in Austria and one of the largest and most complex market launches in the FinTech sector in Austria ever

Global Rockstar's market launch of their innovative blockchain-based NFT-platform: a new business model and a worldwide innovation

Largest ever funding round in Austria: GoStudent achieved unicorn status

One of the first multi-jurisdiction SPAC transactions in the CEE region: Bright Machine's merger with a NYSE-listed SPAC

**First-ever acquisition in Austria of a large passive mobile infrastructure holding company:** Cellnex Telecom's EUR 1,2 billion acquisition of the European telecommunications tower assets of CK Hutchison Holdings

One of the largest telecom deals in Austria and Central Europe: Acquisition of UPC Austria by mobile operator T-Mobile

**EBRD's innovative Guarantee for Growth mechanism** with an up to EUR 100 million guarantee to Raiffeisen Bank Albania

Largest energy infrastructure project in Europe: The development of the South Stream gas pipeline from Russia to Bulgaria under the Black Sea

Landmark deal in Slovenian banking sector: OTP's acquisition of Nova KBM

First issuance of notes admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Prague Stock Exchange: fund of qualified investors

Landmark M&A transaction: Croatian auction process for the frozen foods business owned by Fortenova (formerly, Agrokor)

Largest transaction in the betting & gambling sector ever in Romania: Novalpina Capital's acquisition of Maxbet



First ever issue of green bonds: Romanian banking sector

**First ever multi-generating unit cascade of hydropower plants:** Kosovo providing clean energy from a renewable energy source

First formulation of terms & conditions on the definition and classification of an ICO product in Austria: ICO of Bitpanda

**One of the largest European restructuring deals:** corporate and debt restructuring of Steinhoff group

**First privatisation of state owned Sofia Airport:** one of the largest project finance transactions in Bulgaria

# Our awards speak for themselves

#### IFLR

Law Firm of the Year - Austria Law Firm of the Year - Bulgaria Law Firm of the Year - Czech Republic Law Firm of the Year - Hungary Law Firm of the Year - Romania Most Innovative Law Firm of the Year - Austria

#### The Lawyer

Law Firm of the Year - Central Europe Law Firm of the Year - Eastern Europe & The Balkans Law Firm of the Year - Austria



#### Chambers

Client Service Law Firm of the Year - Austria Law Firm of the Year - Austria Law Firm of the Year - Eastern Europe Law Firm of the Year - Central & Eastern Europe

#### **International Tax Review**

Tax Law Firm of the Year - Austria

#### Mergermarket

M&A Legal Advisor of the Year - Central & Eastern Europe M&A Legal Advisor of the Year - Austria

#### Find out more

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### What others say about us

'We particularly appreciate their profound understanding of the commercial side of our business combined with their strong legal knowledge. Wolf Theiss generally provides a high level of solutionoriented service with quick response times. We also like the fact that Wolf Theiss works with a strong team of both partners and younger lawyers which means someone is always available'.

- The Legal 500

Clients appreciated a 'high level of contact with partners' and the firm's presence in CEE once again proves to be a major draw, with market sources habitually agreeing that this is 'the firm you would want to work with going abroad, they're bigger and more experienced than others'. The firm is commended on multiple occasions for its crossborder capabilities within CEE. One client shares: 'A great advantage of Wolf Theiss is that, due to the locations of the firm, we receive legal advice in several jurisdictions from one source in most countries in CEE. We appreciate the international co-ordination of the firm. We have one point of contact in all matters'.

- Chambers Europe

'The firm has a market leading position in CEE and could provide specific input on very short notice while handling multiple dependencies'.

- International Financial Law Review

- Chambers Global

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