

Press Release

Gütt Olk Feldhaus advises HQ Equita on its acquisition of a majority interest in WELL PLUS TRADE

Munich, February 16, 2017 – The German business law firm Gütt Olk Feldhaus has advised HQ Equita on the acquisition of a majority interest in the sports nutrition specialist WELL PLUS TRADE. Gütt Olk Feldhaus acted as legal counsel to HQ Equita with regard to both the acquisition and the acquisition financing which was provided by NORD/LB Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale.

WELL PLUS TRADE headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, specializes in the development and the distribution of protein-based sports nutrition and weight management products. The company is market leader in the sports nutrition segment in Germany. Its products are sold to leading key retailers and drugstores under the brands Power System, Slim System.

HQ Equita is the mid-cap buyout firm of HQ Capital. It continues the Harald Quandt family's tradition of acquiring entrepreneurial equity interests in SMEs. HQ Equita will support WELL PLUS TRADE with regard to its international growth.

The former managing shareholders of WELL PLUS TRADE will retain a minority ownership stake in the company and continue in their positions as executives.

Legal advisors to HQ Equita:

Gütt Olk Feldhaus (Munich): Dr. Sebastian Olk, Dr. Kilian Helmreich (both lead partners M&A/private equity), Dr. Tilmann Gütt, LL.M. (lead partner, finance), Thomas Becker, LL.M. (of counsel, IP/IT); associates: Adrian von Prittwitz und Gaffron, LL.M. (M&A/private equity), Nicole Beyersdorfer, LL.M. (finance), Katalin Siklosi (M&A/private equity), Isabelle Vrancken (M&A/private equity)

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Legal advisors to the sellers:

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About Gütt Olk Feldhaus:

Gütt Olk Feldhaus is a law firm founded by experienced lawyers from leading international law firms. The key areas of expertise of Gütt Olk Feldhaus are M&A, private equity, finance and corporate with a particular focus on transactions and cross border aspects. All partners of the Munich-based law firm previously worked for many years with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hengeler Mueller, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy and Latham & Watkins, respectively.

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