

Press release

Dentons top ranked for Russia in Mergermarket and Mergers.ru rankings of M&A counsel for the first half of 2021

Moscow, July 2021 – Global law firm Dentons has topped the Mergermarket and Mergers.ru rankings by number of M&A transactions in Russia for the first half of 2021. The Firm took the first place in the Mergers.ru ranking and took fourth place in Mergermarket in terms of transaction value.

Some of the major deals that Dentons' M&A team has been involved in the first half of 2021 included advising on the acquisition by Soyuzmultfilm LLC of a stake in Mult Efir LLC; the formation of a strategic joint venture in which Sber, VEB.RF and RDIF (Russian Direct Investment Fund) acquired 25 percent each of Prosveshcheniye JSC, a Russian national educational integrator with 90 years of history; VTB Capital investment bank's acquisition of a US\$75 million stake in Delimobil Holding SA, a major carsharing company; the sale by controlling shareholder of Chelyabinsk Pipe-Rolling Plant PJSC (ChelPipe) Andrey Komarov of his 86.54 percent stake in ChelPipe to TMK PJSC; Puratos Group's acquisition of 100 percent of Ruskhleb Issledovaniya; Sberbank's acquisition of 100 percent of Yo-engineering, the developer of a Russian hybrid electric vehicle, from Belarus' KG Impex; and the acquisition by the chairman of the board of directors and founder of Finstar Financial Group investment holding, businessman Oleg Boyko, of a 99.56 percent stake in SIAB Bank PJSC.

Konstantin Kroll, Partner and Head of Corporate and M&A practice at Dentons said *"I am very glad that Dentons continues to lead the key M&A counsel rankings. The M&A market in Russia is now experiencing a long-awaited activation and we are grateful to our clients for their trust and the opportunity to support them in the most complex and ambitious projects."*

Dentons is top ranked for Corporate and M&A by *The Legal 500*, *Chambers Europe*, *Chambers Global*, *Pravo.ru-300* and *Kommersant*. In 2021 and 2019 Dentons was awarded "Russia M&A Firm of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*, and, in 2020, "Russia Corporate Law Firm of the Year." Dentons provides the full spectrum of services in Corporate Law, M&A and Private Equity and works on many of the largest international transactions in Russia and around the world. Dentons'

global Corporate and M&A practice brings together the talent of over 2,600 lawyers in 77 countries, with more than 50 lawyers in Russia.

Mergermarket is one of the leading international news and analysis publications in M&A that ranks counsel for major M&A transactions in 67 countries of the world.

Mergers.ru is a Russian news and analysis portal that ranks M&A counsel in Russia.

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