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Christian Matarese focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions and various private equity transactions, and his experience includes domestic, cross-border, private and public company M&A. He also advises on venture capital and joint venture transactions and a variety of other general corporate and business matters. He represents private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, strategic buyers and sellers and venture capital firms across various industry sectors.

Mr. Matarese has been recognized as a leading lawyer in the United States for private equity buyouts in legal directory *Chambers USA*, which noted that “he has made an excellent impression on clients.” In addition, he is listed as a recommended lawyer for M&A by *The Legal 500* United States, where he is described as a “terrific M&A lawyer.” Mr. Matarese was also named one of just seven Next Generation Lawyers in the United States for Private Equity Buyouts by *The Legal 500*. He was also a key member of the team that won the LMG Life Sciences “2015 Collaboration Deal of the Year” award for work on behalf of Johnson & Johnson in connection with its strategic partnership with Google Life Sciences to innovate advanced surgical robots. Prior to that, he received Dechert’s Exceptional Teachers Award in recognition of his “genuine inquisitive spirit, continually seeking to expand upon his awareness and understanding of deal mechanics and market movements — inspiring others to do the same.” In addition, Mr. Matarese was recently recognized as a Rising Star for both M&A and private equity by *IFLR1000* and as one of *LMG’s* Rising Stars for private equity/M&A.

Before joining Dechert, he was an attorney in the New York office of an international law firm.

EXPERIENCE

- **Griffon Corporation** and its affiliates in connection with the acquisition of CornellCookson, a leading U.S. manufacturer and marketer of rolling steel door and grille products designed for commercial, industrial, institutional, and retail use.
- An affiliate of **Quilvest Private Equity** on its acquisition of Phaidon International, a U.K./U.S. recruitment outsourcing business.
- **Griffon Corporation** and its affiliates in connection with the sale of Clopay Plastic Products Company, Inc. to Berry Global Group, Inc.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** in connection with the acquisition of TDBBS, a producer of natural dog treats and chews, under the Best Bully Sticks, Barkworthies, and Paw Luxury brands.
- An affiliate of **Quilvest Private Equity** in the acquisition of approximately 55% of the equity interests in American Franchise Capital (AFC), which operates as a significant and leading franchisee of Applebee's and YUM! Brands restaurants; and AFC in connection with the acquisition of numerous YUM Brands! Corporate locations.
- Affiliates of **Centre Partners** in connection with the sale of Monte Nido Holdings, LLC, a leading provider of treatment for eating disorders and exercise addiction, to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** in connection with its investment in American Seafoods Group, LLC and its affiliates, the largest harvester of wild-caught fish for human consumption in the United States, as part of a broader deleveraging recapitalization.
- Affiliates of **Johnson & Johnson** in connection with a strategic collaboration with Google to advance surgical robotics to benefit surgeons, patients and health care systems.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** on its sponsorship of Blue Harvest Fisheries, LLC and the acquisition of a fleet of Virginia-based scallop vessels and related shore assets from Peabody Corp and affiliates.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** on its acquisition of Shock Doctor, Inc., a leading provider of athletic performance and protective equipment, and Shock Doctor, Inc. on its business combination with McDavid, Inc.
- An affiliate of **Quilvest Private Equity** on its investment in Crown Health Care Laundry Services, LLC, a full-service health care laundry processor and linen rental company.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** on the formation of Aqua Terra Water Management, L.P., an acquisition and organic growth platform providing water management and disposal services to onshore oilfield customers in North America, and numerous acquisitions of saltwater disposal facilities and related assets throughout the United States and Canada.
- **Bregal Partners L.P.** on its acquisition of a leading multi-state provider of community-based residential and behavioral services as well as portfolio company add-on acquisitions, and sales, including ReMed Recovery Care Centers, LLC.
- **Bradford Equities Management, L.L.C.** on the sale of Professional Plumbing Group, Inc. to Dunes Point Capital.
- An affiliate of **Quilvest Private Equity** on its acquisition of National Copper & Smelting, a producer of specialty copper tubing.
- **One Equity Partners** on its US\$1.1 billion take private of MModal, Inc., a Nasdaq-quoted provider of clinical documentation services and Speech Understanding™ solutions.
- **Inhibitex, Inc.**, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, on its sale to Bristol-Myers Squibb for US\$2.5 billion.

- **Invatec S.p.A.**, an Italian medical device manufacturer, and its owners on their sale to Medtronic, Inc., a NYSE-listed medical technology company, in a transaction valued at up to US\$500 million.
- **K+S A.G.**, a German DAX-quoted leading supplier of salt products and fertilizers on its US \$1.7 billion acquisition of Morton Salt (a transaction ranked as “Highly Commended” in the *Financial Times*’2010 U.S. Innovative Lawyer Report).
- **Beaufour Ipsen Pharma**, a French-based global biotechnology care group on its acquisition of Tercica, Inc., a Nasdaq-quoted biopharmaceutical company in a Rule 13e-3 going-private transaction valued at US\$663 million.

Includes matters handled at Dechert or prior to joining the firm.

EDUCATION

- Fairfield University, B.S., *cum laude*, Dean’s Merit Scholar, Dean’s List, International Honor Society for Economics, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete
- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, Carswell Merit Scholar, Dean’s List, Editorial Board member of the *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial, and Commercial Law*, Moot Court Honor Society (Trial & Appellate Divisions)

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Connecticut

MEMBERSHIPS

- New York City Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **A Price Worth Paying?: Proactive Risk Management for Corporate Counsel** - New York, NY (April 27, 2017)

- **Working Capital Adjustments – Eliminating the Guesswork** — Practising Law Institute
, New York, NY (February 3, 2016)