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Rodolphe Pellerin focuses his practice on local and cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, corporate restructurings, complex commercial matters and joint ventures as well as pre-litigation negotiations.

Mr. Pellerin works with international and regional clients in a wide range of industries, including financial services, energy, insurance, pharmaceutical and consumer products. He is experienced in handling complex cross-border in-bound and out-bound transactions, particularly between the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Pellerin is ranked in *The Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019 for Commercial, Corporate and M&A and is described as "very technically impressive" in the *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018 and is noted for his work in the 2017 edition of the *Legal 500 EMEA* which states: "At Dechert LLP, Chris Sioufi and Rodolphe Pellerin handle sizeable transactions, including M&A, for regional and international corporates as well as private equity funds."

Prior to joining Dechert, Mr. Pellerin was a lawyer in the Paris, Dubai and New York offices of an international law firm. He speaks French and English.

EXPERIENCE

- **The provisional liquidator-appointed turnaround firm** on the restructuring of the Abraaj Health Care Fund, and on the sale of the fund portfolio with healthcare assets across India, Pakistan, Kenya, Nigeria and elsewhere. The sale was structured as an asset sale to an entity managed by global PE house TPG Capital. (Shortlisted and a finalist for 'M&A Deal of the Year' 2019 by *IFLR* at its Middle East Awards).
- **Kenes S.a.r.l.** (Luxembourg) in connection with the sale of its 51% interest in Caroli Foods Group B.V. to Campofrio Food Group, the Spanish subsidiary of Mexican multinational food processing and distribution company Sigma Alimentos.
- **The founding shareholder of a Singapore-based broker dealer** in connection with the sale of a controlling interest to a US-based group, including the negotiation of retention arrangements for management.
- **The shareholders of Total Solutions Middle East Limited**, a regional provider of governance, risk, compliance and human resources services established in the Dubai International Financial Centre and the Abu Dhabi Global Market free zones, to Vistra Group, one of the world's leading corporate service providers of international incorporations, trust, fiduciary, private client services, and fund administration.
- The ongoing representation of a **CAC 40 Group** in connection with its strategic investments in the Middle East.
- The sale to the German consumer goods major **Henkel** of a significant majority interest in Nigerian detergent manufacturer Expand Global Industries.
- **A UAE entity** on the disposal of a part-share in an Asian port-project, and related revised shareholder arrangements with its new and existing joint venture partners.
- **Emirates NBD**, the largest bank by assets in the Middle East, in connection with the sale of a 49% stake of its credit card-processing subsidiary Network International LLC to Abraaj Capital, a Dubai-based private-equity firm that manages US\$6.6 billion, for a total consideration of approximately US\$550 million (which transaction was short-listed by *International Financial Law Review* magazine's Middle East "Deals of the Year" in 2011).
- **A Bahrain-based private equity house** in connection with the sale of a minority interest in a Turkish fruit juice manufacturing company.
- **A regional private equity house** in connection with the sale of a minority interest in a Qatar-based construction and engineering company catering to the oil and natural gas industry.
- **A sovereign wealth fund** in connection with the disposal of companies and assets in various jurisdictions, including India, the Republic of Georgia, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman.
- **A NYSE-listed mortgage lender** in connection with a Regulation D private placement of participating preferred convertible stock and a subsequent rights offering and institutional backstop.
- **A mortgage servicer** in connection with the sale of its affordable housing debt business to Citigroup for approximately US\$1.2 billion in cash and the assumption of related debt.
- **A provider of trading software and services to brokerage and publicly traded companies** in connection with its reverse triangular merger with an international software provider.
- **A Kuwait-based investment firm** in complying with securities law requirements associated with investments and divestures in the United States.
- **The Government of Kuwait** in connection with the potential privatization of the national airline.
- **A Lebanon-based back office solution provider** in connection with the acquisition of a software provider in the United States.

- **Several small business issuers** listed on the American Stock Exchange in connection with private placements of equity securities and convertible securities.
- Saudi private investment firm **Kingdom Holding Company (KHC)** on its US\$370 million acquisition of the 44% of shares in Dubai's Kingdom Hotel Investments (KHI) not already held by KHC under the Dubai takeover rules, including the delisting of KHI from the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and NASDAQ Dubai (which transaction was awarded *International Financial Law Review* magazine's Middle East "Deal of the Year" in 2010).
- **A French animal health care company** in successfully completing a "going private" tender offer on a Nasdaq-listed Texas-based animal health care company, including the subsequent delisting of the target from Nasdaq and merger of the target into the acquisition subsidiary.
- **A major New York-based insurance company** in setting up a tax efficient structure for the acquisition of an international portfolio of fixed income securities worth approximately US\$300 million.

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, LL.M., 2004
- University of Paris Nanterre - Paris X, School of Law, LL.B., 1996
- University of Paris Nanterre - Paris X, School of Law, Master's Degree, 1998, with Honors
- School of Law, University of Reading, LL.M., 1997, Erasmus Scholarship

ADMISSIONS

- Paris
- New York

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

MEMBERSHIPS

- French Business Council of Dubai and the Northern Emirates

