

Wolf Theiss has advised Vienna Insurance Group AG on the Acquisition of AEGON's Insurance, Pension, and Asset Management Business in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Turkey for EUR 830 million

Wolf Theiss has advised VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe (VIG) on all legal and regulatory aspects of its acquisition of Aegon's insurance business in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Turkey. As a result of the transaction VIG will take over Aegon's non-life and life insurance companies as well as pension funds, asset management and service companies in these countries, which ideally complement VIG's existing portfolio. The purchase price amounts to EUR 830 million.

"We are delighted to have assisted VIG on this multi-country acquisition, building on the strength and expertise of a single multidisciplinary team that includes our Wolf Theiss colleagues in Warsaw, Budapest, Bucharest and Vienna, as well as Nauta Dutilh in the Netherlands and Paksoy in Turkey", says **Horst Ebhardt**, Partner, Corporate and M&A at **Wolf Theiss**.

The transaction has been entered into on 29 November 2020. It marks one of the largest transactions in the financial industry in Central Europe in 2020 and is subject to the necessary regulatory and competition approvals. Closing of the transaction is expected to take place in the second half of 2021. With the acquisition of these companies, VIG is further expanding its leading market position in Central and Eastern Europe and moves up to the first rank in Hungary's insurance market. In addition, VIG is extending its scope of activity in the pension fund business in this region and will also be active in the life business in Turkey for the first time.

Under a team lead by Horst Ebhardt (Partner, Corporate and M&A), the Wolf Theiss team included:

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Nauta Dutilh Amsterdam: Jaap Stoop (Partner, Corporate and M&A), Joost Kloosterman (Counsel, Corporate and M&A), Eva van Rooijen (Associate, Corporate and M&A), Sanne Mesu (Associate/Candidate Civil Law Notary, M&A/Corporate), Larissa Silverentand (Partner, Regulatory), Roderick Watson (Counsel, Regulatory), Pieter Verhoeven-van den Brink (Partner, Tax) and Erik Poorthuis (Senior Associate, Insurance).

Paksoy Istanbul: Togan Turan (Partner, Corporate and M&A), Nazli Bezirci (Counsel, Corporate and M&A), Asli Eryilmaz (Associate, Corporate and M&A).