

NKF ADVISES AMBIENTA ON THE SALE OF SF-FILTER TO EQUISTONE

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Niederer Kraft Frey has advised **Ambienta**, one of Europe's largest asset managers entirely focused on environmental sustainability, on the sale of its portfolio company **SF-Filter**, Europe's renowned supplier of mobile and industrial filters, to funds advised by **Equistone Partners Europe**. The parties have agreed to observe confidentiality regarding the financial details of the transaction. From the other side, **Bär & Karrer** has advised funds advised by Equistone on the acquisition.

Ambienta has acquired a majority stake in SF-Filter in January 2016 transforming the company from an owner-operated into a management-run enterprise with an experienced management team and a modern cross-national matrix organisation. Today SF-Filter, headquartered in Bachenbülach (Switzerland), operates sales and logistics centres in Germany, Austria, France and Poland, plus a number of export markets.

The **NKF** team was led by corporate/m&a partners **Philip Spoerlé** (pictured right) and **Andrea Giger** (pictured left), working with senior associate **Katalin Siklosi** as well as partners **Catherine**

Grun (employment) and **Adrian Koller** (finance), senior associate **Livia Keller** (employment), associates **Benedikt Hadorn** and **Binderiya Gan-Ayush** (both corporate/m&a) as well as junior associates **Carlotta Ulmer** and **Alexander Zuger** (both corporate/m&a).

Bär & Karrer has acted as lead counsel alongside with the local counsels **LATHAM & WATKINS** (legal in Germany and France), **E+H Rechtsanwälte** (legal in Austria), **Schindler Attorneys** (legal in Austria), **Wardyński & Partners** (legal and tax in Poland), **Flick Gocke Schaumburg** (tax in Germany) as well as **Aigner Buzanich** (tax in Austria).

The Bär & Karrer team was led by **Christoph Neeracher** (partner, pictured right) and **Philippe Seiler** (partner, pictured left) and included **Luca Jagmetti**, **Carlo Hunter**, **Luca Tarzia**, **Djawad Kleist** and **Marcel Lüscher** (all m&a), **Susanne Schreiber**, **Cyrill Diefenbacher**, **Martin Leu** and **Anke Stumm** (all tax), **Ralph Malacrida** and **Micha Schilling** (both financing), **Laura Widmer** and **Manuel Schmid** (both employment), **Ruth Bloch-Riemer** and **Marco Weiss** (both pensions), **Rehana Harasgama** (data protection), **Jonas Bornhauser** (IP/IT) as well as **Kilian Müller** (real estate).



Bär & Karrer's partners Philippe Seiler and **Christoph Neeracher**