

BÄR & KARRER TOPS 1Q20 MERGERMARKET M&A SWISS LEAGUE TABLES PER NUMBER OF DEALS

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In the first quarter of 2020, Bär & Karrer is the first Swiss law firm per number of deals. [According to Mergermarket's Global & Regional m&a Report](#) they acted as legal advisors in 7 deals, three more compared to the same period of the previous year's first quarter. Ranked immediately after them, there are Niederer Kraft Frey and Latham & Watkins with four deals per capita. Interesting to notice that CMS, which was first in 1Q19, is ranked fourth, whereas Lenz & Staehelin which merely touched the top ten in 2019 is fifth with three deals in this period.

As [Legalcommunity.ch](#) we have reported the news of the main 1Q20 deals, among those there are: [Water Street Healthcare Partners that has invested in Solvias](#) (Bär & Karrer advised Solvias and Lenz & Staehelin Water Street), [Far Point Acquisition Corporation that has acquired Global Blue](#) from Silver Lake and Partners Group (Bär & Karrer advised Far Point Acquisition Corporation and Niederer Kraft Frey Global Blue), [Ardian, Tikehau Capital and the family shareholders of Les Derives Resiniques et Terpeniques have sold the company to Firmenich](#) (Latham & Watkins acted as legal advisor to Ardian) and [Valeta-portfolio company of Halder that has acquired a majority stake in Switzerland-based supplier of pneumatics Sirag, Univer and Uniprod](#) (CMS acted as legal advisor to Valeta group).

In addition, looking at the tables by value, still according to *Mergermarket*, **Lenz & Staehelin** tops the ranking followed by **Willkie Farr & Gallagher** and **Ropes & Gray. Bär & Karrer** which was second in this ranking last year this period is fourth. **Kirkland & Ellis** closes the top ten. Even though global deal making has been brought to a halt in the past few weeks due to covid-19 pandemic, and so activity is likely to remain subdued in the next few months, Switzerland, for now, is among Top Five Deals (1Q20) concerning a global private equity ranking in terms of value. This deal concerns the software investor **Insight Partners** that [has acquired the Swiss cloud data management Veeam](#). Indeed, **Lenz & Staehelin** acted as legal advisors to Insight Partners in Switzerland for this transaction.