## KELLERHALS ADVISES SWITCH ON ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH PHOENIX

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**SWITCH**, a Swiss foundation that has been the operator of the Swiss academic network of universities since 1987, is working with **Phoenix Systems** as part of a strategic partnership to implement and operate the SWITCH Cloud.

Phoenix Systems provides reliable data security solutions through its hyper-secure cloud infrastructure. As a full service provider, Phoenix Systems offers all services from onboarding to customizing and monitoring from a single source.

The **SWITCH Cloud** is a new offering of the company tailored to specific needs of the Swiss education, research and innovation system. While Phoenix provides highly automated SWITCH Cloud infrastructures, SWITCH is responsible for the cloud services that build on them and for overall operation. The first projects are planned for implementation in the second half of 2023.

<u>Kellerhals Carrard</u> provided legal advice to SWITCH on the implementation of the strategic partnership. The team was formed by **Ralph Gramigna** (partner technology Law, data & privacy, pictured left) and **Reto Schumacher** (partner m&a/corporate, pictured right),

From the other side, <u>Niederer Kraft Frey</u> has acted as legal counsel to Phoenix Systems on the transaction leading to a strategic investment from SWITCH. The NKF team was led by corporate/m&a partner **Moritz Maurer**, working with associate **Benedikt Hadorn** (m&a/corporate) as well as partner **Clara-Ann\_Gordon** and counsel **Janine Reudt-Demont** (both technology), senior associate **Derya Özdogan** (tax) and associate **Daniela Lötscher** (employment).