NKF: PARTNERS GROUP ACQUIRES A MAJORITY STAKE IN BREITLING

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As we have informed <u>here</u>, **CVC** and **Partners Group** have entered into an agreement for Partners Group to increase its stake in leading Swiss watchmaker **Breitling** in a transaction that will make it the company's largest shareholder.

Partners Group is a leading global private markets firm with over USD 131 billion assets under management. Following the acquisition of a minority stake in 2021, Partners Group has decided to increase its stake in the Swiss watch manufacturer Breitling.

Founded in 1884, Breitling has a unique heritage in the industry as the inventor of the modern wrist chronograph and a particular positioning as a casual, inclusive, and sustainable luxury brand.

Niederer Kraft Frey has advised Partners Group, acting on behalf of its clients, on the acquisition of a majority stake in Breitling from CVC. Clifford Chance acted as lead counsel on this transaction. The NKF team was co-led by corporate/m&a partner Ulysses von Salis (pictured left) and senior associate Katalin Siklosi (pictured right), working with associates Naomi Loretz (all corporate/m&a) and Binderiya Gan-Ayush, counsel Janine Reudt-Demont (both data protection, IP/IT) and partner Nicolas Birkhäuser (antitrust).