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Recent transactions*

HU **PONTES Budapest** advised **O&GD Central Kft.** on the sale of various stakes and certain assets (including gas processing facilities), constituting the Hungarian upstream business of O&GD Central Kft, to MOL Group. The transferred assets produce 700 barrels of oil and 200 barrels of oil equivalent gas per day. The transaction is expected to close in Q3 2026.

AT **Graf Patsch Freisinger** advised **Stellantis Group** and its Austrian subsidiary, Opel Wien GmbH, on the closure of its Vienna plant, the city's largest industrial facility. The firm assisted the client in its negotia-tions with the Austrian public real estate fund regarding the return of the land, as well as on the public law and environmental issues connected with the plant's closure.

BG **Gugushev & Partners Law Office** represented **Allianz Bank Bulgaria JSC** in two debt recovery proceedings arising from an unpaid loan agreement. The firm pursued an *actio Pauliana* claim to invalidate asset transfers intended to prejudice creditors and conducted enforcement proceedings against multiple debtors under the Bulgarian Code of Civil Procedure. A writ of execution was issued, enforcement proceedings were initi-ated, and part of the debt has been recovered.

CZ **JŠK** advised **Raiffeisenbank** on the financing of MATTELI Group's acquisition of Anexia s.r.o., a leading logistics company, which manages approximately 50,000 m^2 of warehouse space and operates a fleet of around 100 vehicles providing domestic and international transport services. The legal team was led by partner Daniel Pospíšil and supported by junior lawyers Filip Vraspír and Filip Rebeka.

SK **Majernik & Mihálíková** advised **Communication Group** on the buy-out of shares in one of the largest Slovak advertising agencies, ISTROPOLITANA. The Slovak co-owners have successfully bought out the stake held by the global holding company WPP, allowing the agency to break away from the international Ogilvy network and become fully independent.

*** only selected transactions are presented; a full list of our publishable transactional experience is available upon request.**

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CZ **JŠK** advised **Genesis Private Equity Fund III** on the successful exit of its majority stake in GTH Catering, concluding a remarkable investment partnership of more than 15 years that transformed the company into the largest provider of corporate catering services in the Czech Republic. The JŠK team was led by partner Tomáš Doležil, with managing associate Helena Hailichová in an executive role.

BG **Gugushev & Partners Law Office** advised **Black Sea Center BSC EAD** on the sale of a major shopping mall in Varna through the incorporation of a special-purpose company, an in-kind contribution of property, and a subsequent share transfer. The legal team structured the transaction to address pending litigation, enforcement and insolvency risks, negotiated an out-of-court settlement with the seller's creditor, and satisfied all conditions required for the buyer's bank financing.

CZ **JŠK** advised **Sport Labs Group Limited** on the sale of an online project providing advertising solutions within a network of various sports-related websites to Livesport, a global digital media company specialising in real-time sports data and live score services for millions of users worldwide. The transaction was structured as a complex multi-jurisdictional deal involving the transfer of domain names, trademarks, digital platforms, and a wide array of contracts within a highly specialised business sector.

Recent cases and notable legal developments

PL BTA SOLIVAN law office led a complex arbitration proceeding involving a high-value damages claim. The firm represented a British real estate property investment fund in a dispute against an international retail chain tenant arising from a commercial lease. The arbitration concluded with a successful award in the client's favour, resulting in the recovery of approximately EUR 1.7 million in damages. The award was obtained within approximately one year of the commencement of the arbitration proceedings.

CZ Several Czech ministries and state authorities have signed the KOBRA 26 memorandum to strengthen cooperation in combating illegal employment and related financial leakages, particularly in the area of social security contributions, and to curb the abuse of social benefits. Employers should review their contractor and cross-border employment structures, as violations may result in fines of up to CZK 10 million and bans on carrying out activities.

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AT **Wolfgang Graf** has been named as one of Austria's leading attorneys in corporate law by both the Austian magazine Trend and the German Handelsblatt (in cooperation with best lawyers). In addition, the firm sponsored students at the TU Wien Innovation Incubation Center (i^{2}c) and will act as legal advisor to one of its award-winning startups (link to post: https://www.linkedin.com/ school/ tuw-i2ncubator/posts/).

CZ The exit of Tescan received the Private Equity Deal of the Czech Republic and Slovakia award at the CVCA/ SLOVCA Awards 2026. **JŠK** advised the shareholders on exploring the company's strategic options prior to its sale to the Carlyle fund, then guided the full transaction process, including a reinvestment alongside Carlyle. The firm later supported the successful joint exit to a strategic investor.