Flick Gocke Schaumburg

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Our advisory practice and delegation at a glance

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Facts and figures

Flick Gocke Schaumburg is one of Germany's leading commercial law firms, with around 450 professionals advising corporate groups, family-owned businesses, private clients, financial investors, non-profit organizations and public institutions. It provides interdisciplinary advisory services from a single source, with expertise spanning business law, transactions, tax law, auditing, business valuation and compliance.

1972
founded in Bonn

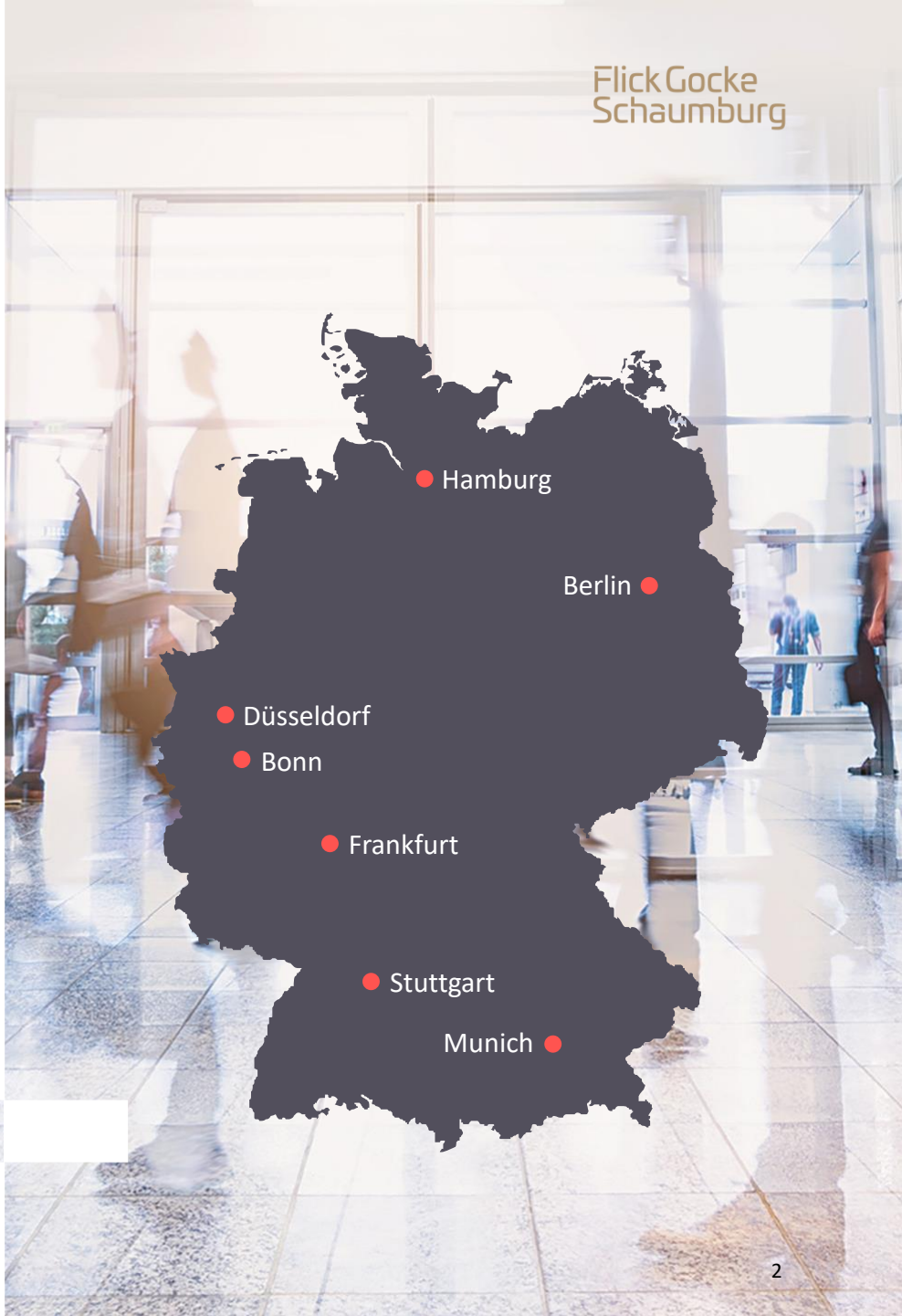
7
offices

97
partners

95
associated partners

950+
team members

2
international memberships:
Taxand and Praxity



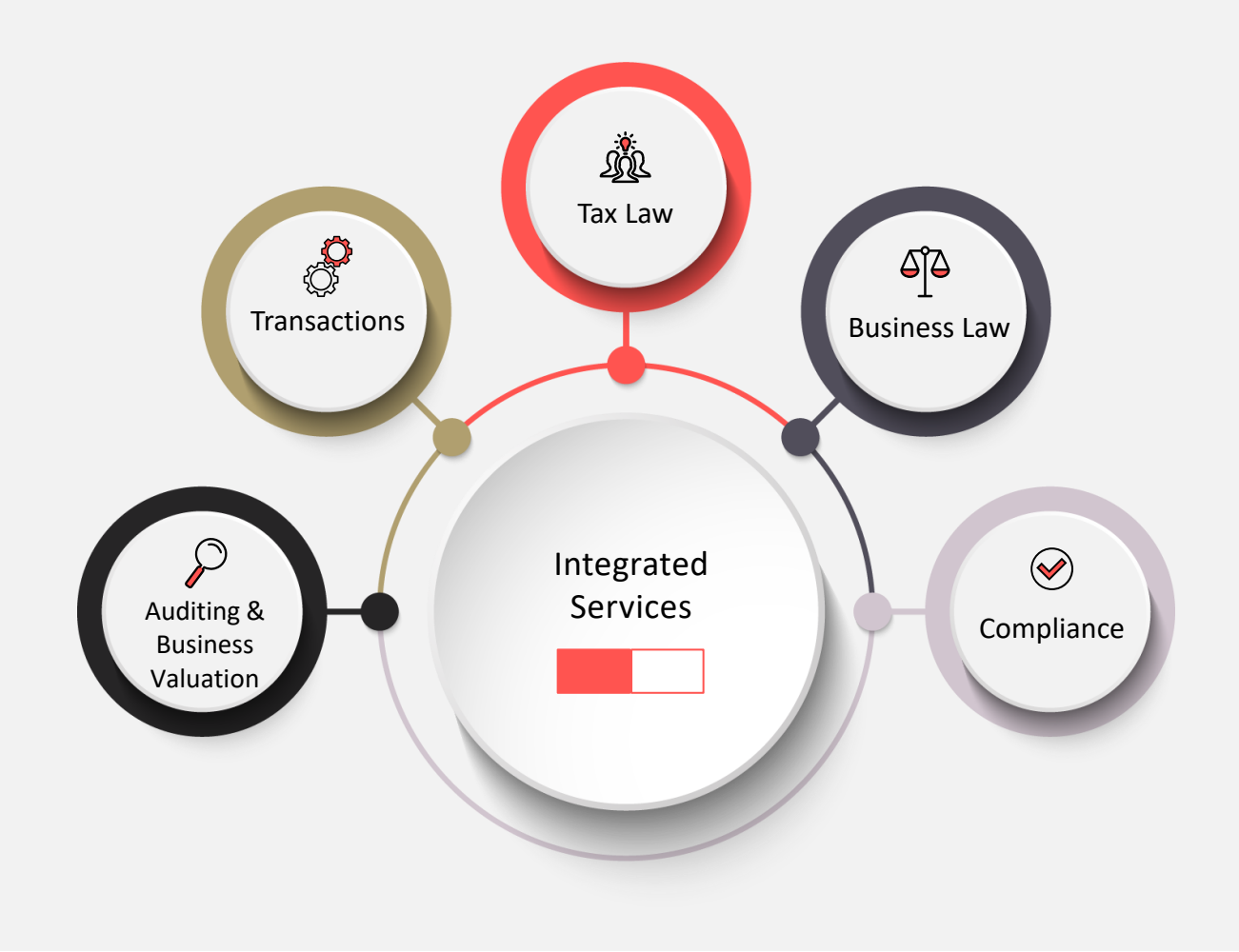
Our services

Our experienced partners and advisors are loyal companions with a deep understanding of our clients' needs and a view of clients' concerns from different, complementary angles.

This clear **focus on our clients** is the basis of our integrated services: a unique advisory approach that opens up promising business opportunities for our clients.

Our services are aimed in particular at

- Family-Owned Businesses
- Corporate Groups and Stock-listed Corporations
- Private Clients
- Family Offices
- Civil Society and the Public Sector
- Founders and Investors



Our services

Tax Law

- Group and Corporate Tax Law
- International Tax Law
- Transfer Pricing
- Business Succession and Wealth Planning
- Indirect Tax
- Real Estate Tax Law
- Non-Profit Sector and Public Sector
- Tax Compliance
- Tax Criminal Law
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Technology and Digital Innovation

Business Law

- Labor / Employment Law and Social Security Law
- Banking and Insurance Supervisory Law
- Inheritance and Family Law
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law
- Capital Markets Law
- Notary Services
- Litigation and Arbitration
- Restructuring and Insolvency Law
- Foundation Law and Association Law
- Competition and Antitrust Law
- White-Collar Criminal Law

Transactions

- M&A Tax / M&A Legal / M&A Financial Advisory
- Distressed M&A
- Private Equity / Venture Capital / Fund Advice
- Real Estate Transactions

Auditing & Business Valuation

- Auditing and Audit-Related Advisory Services
- Business Valuation and Corporate Finance

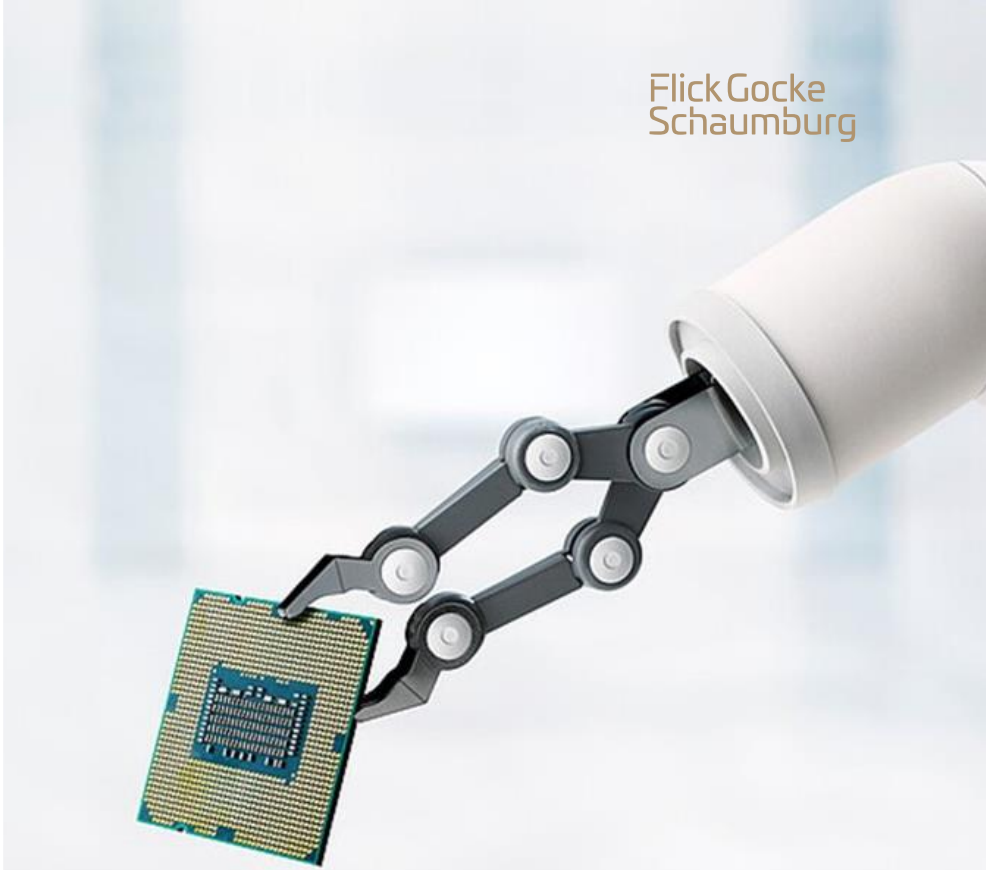
Compliance

- Tax Compliance Management
- Corporate Compliance | Antitrust Compliance
- Criminal Law Prevention Advice
- Auditing CMS, Tax CMS and RMS
- Internal Investigations

Our industry expertise

Our teams share their industry expertise by working together across practice groups. That way, we can identify market developments and trends early on and create solutions tailored to each client's needs. In regulated and non-regulated industries, we focus in particular on:

- Art & cultural assets
- Automotive
- Banks
- Chemicals & pharmaceuticals
- Commerce
- Digital Economy and telecommunications
- Energy sector
- Foundations & non-profit organizations
- Healthcare sector
- Industrials
- Insurance
- Logistics
- Real estate
- Sports



Selected highlight matters

Flick Gocke Schaumburg regularly advises clients on **domestic and cross-border M&A transactions**. We create and arrange M&A transaction structures for investors and companies from a wide variety of sectors. We implement them efficiently and economically in the interests of our clients. **From legal advice to tax structuring and support, valuation, audits and general advisory, clients benefit from our interdisciplinary approach**: Our M&A experts work closely with specialists in tax law, competition and antitrust law, labor and employment law, real-estate law, or business valuation. We cover all continents with our network of leading law firms in all relevant jurisdictions.

- Advised **Porsche** on the acquisition of V4Smart from VARTA. We are also advising Porsche extensively on the restructuring of the VARTA Group via the German Corporate Stabilization and Restructuring Act proceedings.
- Tax advice to **Volkswagen** in connection with its joint venture with Rivian Automotive – Rivian and VW Group Technology, LLC.
- Tax and legal advice to **Barmenia Versicherungsgruppe** and **Gothaer Versicherungsgruppe** on their merger, resulting in the creation of Germany's tenth-largest insurer.
- Advised **Joachim Herz Foundation** on the acquisition of a minority stake in Weidmüller Holding AG & Co. KG. on all legal and tax matters.
- Tax advice to private equity firm **capiton AG** on the sale of its holding in GRITEC TopCo GmbH to the Viessmann Generations Group.
- Advised **Believe International**, the largest digital music distributor in Europe, on the acquisition of a music catalog and a publishing catalog from PCH Recordings.
- Advised **Alex Birkenstock** on the sale of a majority stake in the Birkenstock Group to L Catterton and Financière Agache.
- Advised various portfolio companies of funds advised by **Bregal Unternehmerkapital** on M&A transactions (e.g., GSG GENII Software Group, medavis Group, BuildTec Software)
- Advised **DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga** on a long-term cooperation agreement with Relevent Sports to boost the profile of Germany's top soccer leagues in the US.
- Tax advice to **KKR** in connection with its investment in German biopharmaceutical research and development company Coriolis Pharma.
- Legal advice to **GETEC Energie Holding GmbH** on the sale of GETEC Energie GmbH to bp.
- Advise **POLAR Group** on the sale to SOL Capital Management (SOL).
- Tax advise to **Vattenfall** on the sale of 49 percent of the shares in the Nordlicht 1 and 2 wind farm projects to BASF.
- **One Equity Partners** on all tax aspects in connection with the acquisition of the core operating assets of Muehlhan AG, including its operating companies in Europe and the U.S.

Our reputation: Awards and rankings

- **JUVE**
  Law Firm of the Year for Tax Controversy 2023
  Law Firm of the Year for Group Tax Law 2022

  Regularly ranked among the leading law firms for tax law, succession / private wealth / foundations and criminal tax law prominently listed in corporate / M&A; recommended for competition / antitrust, labor law and private equity / venture capital

- **ITR Tax Awards**
  Germany Indirect Tax Law Firm of the Year 2024
  Germany Transfer Pricing Firm of the Year 2023
  Germany Tax Disputes Firm of the Year 2021 / 2022 / 2023
  Germany Tax Firm of the Year 2021

  Tier 1 in all areas in Germany: General corporate tax, Indirect tax, Tax controversy, Transactional tax and Transfer pricing

- **Chambers Germany Awards**
  Tax Law Firm of the Year 2025

  Recognized as a top-tier law firm for tax and private wealth law for many years.

- **The Legal 500 Germany**
  Tax Team of the Year 2025

  Tier 1 : private clients and non-profits, tax law, tax criminal law as well as PE – fund formation / Tier 2: M&A – small deals / Recommended: M&A – mid-sized deals, PE transactions – mid-sized deals, corporate and employment law.

- **Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt**
  Law Firm of the Year for Tax Law 2023, 2024
  Law Firm of the Year for Trusts and Succession Planning 2023

- **WirtschaftsWoche 2025**
  Top Law Firm / Top Lawyer in Corporate

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Mathias specializes in Private Equity and M&A transactions and is co-heading the firm's private equity and transaction departments.

He regularly advises corporate clients and private equity investors on all types of M&A-, and private equity transactions, including — as buyers — private acquisitions, carve-outs and co-investments through to — as sellers' disposals across a number of business sectors and industries.

Best Lawyers, Juve and the Legal 500 recognize him for his work in M&A law and mid-cap private equity transactions.

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Jens focuses on national and international M&A transactions, joint ventures, private equity / venture capital, management participations as well as restructurings.

He is also admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in the State of New York (2000) and Jens is a member of the New York State Bar Association; since 2002, he has also been admitted to practice before the U.S. Federal Courts in the Eastern as well as the Southern District of New York.

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Dieter regularly advises on corporate law and restructurings, as well as M&A transactions.

He is a specialist lawyer (*Fachanwalt*) in commercial and corporate law as well as tax law, an honorary professor at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf and director of its Institute for Enterprise Law.

Dieter is regularly listed in Juve, Best Laywers and Legal 500 as well as in the business press.

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Fred advises public and private companies as well as private equity funds on complex transactions. He has particular experience in cross-border transactions, joint ventures and restructurings.

In addition, Fred is a sought-after advisor to executive boards, managing directors and supervisory boards of large companies and financial institutions, often in connection with transactions.

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Bettina's area of expertise in Corporate/M&A includes all kinds of sell and buy side M&A and Private Equity transactions with a focus on cross border deals, in particular with a link to Italy and France.

She advises private and public corporations as well as private equity funds in transactions, complex corporate matters as well as restructuring processes and has particular expertise in advising GP led secondary transactions.

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Alexander's practice involves mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, stock corporation law as well as general corporate law.

He has advised listed companies, family-owned businesses and private companies on both domestic and cross-border transactions, including complex carve-outs and corporate reorganizations.

Alexander is recognized by Juve and the Legal 500 for his experience in Corporate law, M&A and PE & VC transactions.

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Sven-Eric provides comprehensive advice to multinational enterprises on their international tax and transfer pricing issues, specifically German inbound and outbound investments.

His particular focus is on resolving complicated tax audits in Germany, including providing assistance in court proceedings and mutual agreement procedures (MAPs). This extends to tax planning, restructuring and negotiating advance tax rulings.

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Torsten specializes on international tax law, structuring of cross-border investments (inbound and outbound), M&A and corporate reorganizations, business taxation and taxation of real-estate transactions.

He is a lecturer at the University of Frankfurt/Main as well as the Institute for Law and Finance and he is Officer of the Taxes Committee from the International Bar Association.

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Matthias has more than 16 years of experience in private equity and M&A transaction tax services.

He has served both private equity and corporate clients on domestic and international transactions by covering all tax aspects throughout the transaction lifecycle, including tax due diligence, tax planning and structuring services, SPA advice, preparation of funds flow statements, as well as support on pre- or post-closing.

Matthias is recognized by Best Lawyers and Juve for his experience in tax M&A transactions.

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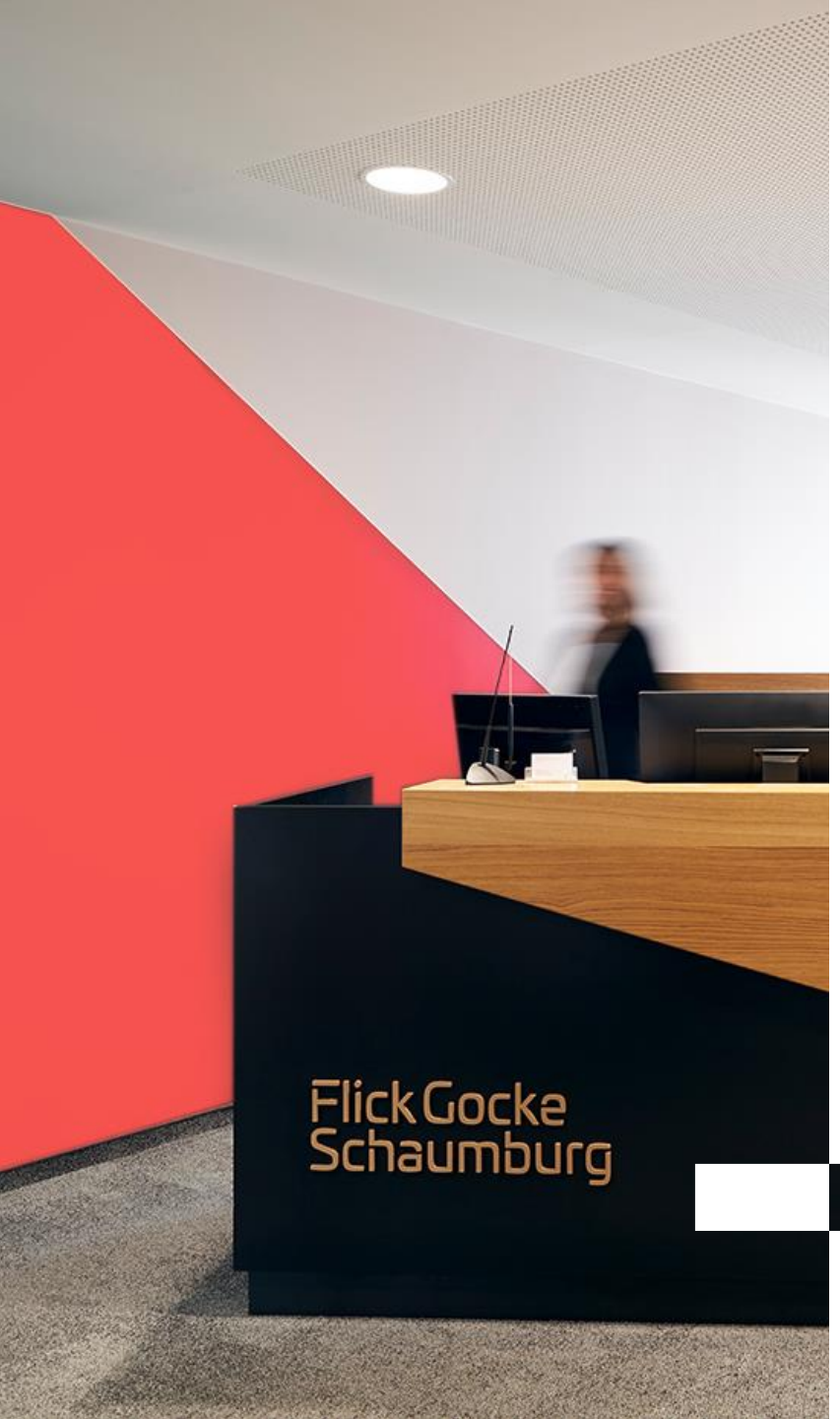
Jochen is an expert in international private client matters, including inheritance and income tax planning, estate planning and overseas assets. He regularly advises members and shareholders of large family-owned businesses and family offices on estate planning issues covering all relevant tax, estate and corporate law aspects.

Jochen is a guest lecturer at the German Federal Finance Academy and a member of the German-American Lawyers' Association, the German Association for Inheritance Law and Succession Planning as well as the International Bar Association.



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