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CMS advises DPE Deutsche Private Equity on the sale of VTU Group to Altior Fonds

An international CMS team advised DPE Deutsche Private Equity GmbH (DPE) on all aspects of the transaction. The team included lawyers from CMS offices in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Romania and Poland.

DPE is selling its stake in VTU Group, a leading European provider of engineering solutions for the life science industry based in Graz, to Altior Funds. The Swedish private equity firm, which invests in mid-sized companies with the aim of creating value through growth initiatives and operational improvements, prevailed in a bidding process. The sellers, DPE-owned funds, were advised on all aspects of the transaction by an international CMS team led by Hendrik Hirsch (CMS Germany). The transaction is subject to the requisite approvals from the competent authorities. The parties have agreed not to disclose further details of the transaction.

The CMS Austria team led by Alexander Rakosi consisted of corporate/M&A experts Florian Mayer, Marco Selenic and Christoph Birner. The employment department was represented by Jens Winter and Shima Babanzadeh. Competition issues were handled by Dieter Zandler. Real estate law expertise was provided by Mariella Kapoun and Maximilian Uidl. Marlene Wimmer-Nistelberger was in charge of public law issues and Thomas Aspalter saw to tax issues.

Alexander Rakosi, partner at CMS in Vienna and leader of the Austrian team, is enthusiastic about the cross-border cooperation: "Once again, we were able to demonstrate our international expertise, especially in the private equity area, in a multi-jurisdictional project – congratulations to all involved!"

DPE is an independent German investment company with total assets under management of around three billion euros. With around 1,200 employees, the VTU Group specialises in end-to-end engineering services and covers the entire value chain – from engineering to procurement, construction management and validation as well as other value-added services such as green engineering, digitalisation and strategy consulting.

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