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## THE FIRM

**Walder Wyss is one of the most successful and fastest growing Swiss commercial law firms. The firm specialises in corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, intellectual property and competition law, dispute resolution and tax law. Its clients include national and international companies, publicly held corporations and family businesses as well as public law institutions and private clients.**

Growth and a close relationship to its clients are the factors that determine the firm's success. Walder Wyss was established in Zurich in 1972 and has since grown continuously. With offices in Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Berne, Lausanne and Lugano, it provides its clients with seamless one-stop-shop, personalised and high-quality services in all language regions of Switzerland.

Its strong national and international network of correspondents and partners from a broad range of disciplines are selected according to the highest standards of professional competence.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

**Banking, finance and insurance:** Walder Wyss handles domestic and international banking, securitisations, infrastructure and project finance, domestic and cross-border leasing, and structured financial instruments, as well as over-the-counter and exchange-traded derivatives. Walder Wyss advises on all aspects of Swiss securities laws and regulations.

**IT, telecommunications and multimedia:** Walder Wyss focuses on the interlinked and converging areas of information technology, internet, multimedia, as well as media and telecommunications law. It advises on software protection, licensing issues, systems integration contracts, and data processing contracts.

**Intellectual property:** the firm has a wide range of experience in protecting intellectual property rights, as well as exploiting such rights by way of licensing, franchising and merchandising.

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**Corporate and commercial:** Walder Wyss advises on and assists in the incorporation and organisation of business activities in Switzerland, including the establishment of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures and non-profit organisations.

**M&A, restructuring, joint ventures, IPOs and private equity:** Walder Wyss handles the structuring and implementation of corporate mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, outsourcings, shareholder agreements, takeovers, demergers, capital restructurings, repurchases of shares, management buyouts, joint ventures, reorganisations, cross-border business arrangements and other direct investment transactions. Walder Wyss advises on seed, early stage and growth financing.

**Litigation, arbitration and ADR:** Walder Wyss is renowned for its international arbitration and litigation practice. This is reflected both by a high number of arbitration cases, both with respect to party representation and arbitrator appointments, and a well-established commercial court practice leading to an important number of pending cases before the Zurich Commercial Court and other relevant courts throughout Switzerland.

**Tax:** Walder Wyss' tax specialists advise on private and public M&A, capital market transactions, IPOs, real estate, structured finance, tax-optimised financial products and investment funds.

**Competition/antitrust:** Walder Wyss is proficient in all aspects of the regulation of competition. The competition team regularly handles complex merger filings in Switzerland and co-ordinates them with filings in other jurisdictions. The team is routinely involved in questions of market dominance and the design of agreements that do not violate competition law.

**Private clients:** Walder Wyss advises high-net-worth individuals regarding domestic and international estate planning and provides tailor-made succession solutions. Its services include drafting of wills, pre- and post-nuptial agreements, particularly matrimonial property agreements, and inheritance contracts, as well as any related contractual arrangements, all of which are drawn up in close collaboration with Walder Wyss' experienced notaries. The firm supports relocations and taking up residence in Switzerland and the planning and setting up of appropriate structures.

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## Banking and finance: Geneva

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**Walder Wyss** is recommended for its *'overall excellent level of service'*, especially with regards to drafting non-standard documents and commodity trade finance. The team assisted Safra Sarasin with the acquisition of all shares in Credit Suisse Monaco and Credit Suisse Gibraltar. Practice head Patrick Vogel is supported by the *'client-oriented, efficient and hands-on'* Hubertus Hillerström, who *'can cope with all kinds of requests'* and made partner in 2018.

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Hubertus Hillerström

## Banking and finance: Zurich

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The Zurich team of **Walder Wyss** Ltd focuses on lending and other financial transactions, securitisation and regulatory matters, such as obtaining FINMA licences, and representing clients in fund authorisation processes. The group advised J.P. Morgan and a syndicate of banks on the CHF1.4bn financing of EQT's public tender offer to acquire all shares of Kuoni Travel, and further supported Helvetica Property in their application to become a licensed fund manager according to the Swiss Collective Investment Schemes Act. UBS, Zürcher Kantonalbank and Leonteq Securities are longstanding clients of the team, which is led by Francis Nordmann and Lukas Wyss. Luc Defferrard, Theodor Härtsch and Thomas Müller are other names to note.

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#### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Luc Defferrard

## Capital markets

### TIER 1

**Walder Wyss Ltd** provides *'in-depth knowledge, fast response times and accurate advice'* on equity and debt capital market transactions. The team assisted Zug Estates with issuing its first CHF100m fixed-interest bond publicly and advised a syndicate of lenders on the public CHF1.35bn takeover offer by EQT of all shares in Kuoni Reisen. The recommended Alexander Nikitine jointly heads the team with Lukas Wyss and Theodor Härtsch. Structured finance expert Markus Pfenninger is another name to note.

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#### NEXT GENERATION LAWYERS

Alexander Nikitine

## Commercial, corporate and M&A

### TIER 2

“ The ‘*highly recommendable*’ practice of **Walder Wyss Ltd** impresses with ‘*outstanding speed, practicality and cooperation*’ and advises on M&A and restructuring transactions. The group is assisting Allied World with its \$4.9bn merger acquisition by Fairfax and advised Sanofi on entering a strategic partnership with Lonza worth CHF290m. Migros is a longstanding client. Markus Vischer, Urs Gnos and Urs Schenker all exhibit a ‘*high level of technique*’ and provide ‘*concise answers*’.”

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## Competition

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**Walder Wyss Ltd** provides advice on merger control, compliance, antitrust law, distribution law and investigations. The practice represented Swisscom in an appeal proceeding before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court regarding a CHF186m fee resulting from an alleged price squeeze in the broadband market. An important merger control case was handled for Ticketcorner and its partner Starticket. Other active clients are Migros and Swisscom. Reto Jacobs and managing associate Gion Giger are the main advisers. Roger Staub joined with a three-lawyer team from Froiep in January 2017.

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## Dispute resolution: arbitration

### TIER 2

“**Walder Wyss Ltd** is a *‘heavy-weight in international arbitration with real strength-in-depth and a solid commercial approach’*; the group focuses particularly on infrastructure, construction, engineering, joint venture and shareholder arbitration. *‘Excellent team player and inventive thinker’* Michael Feit acted as arbitrator in a proceeding between ACP Axos Capital and the Republic of Kosovo. Other key clients include Bally and ExxonMobil. *‘Calm-headed tactician’* Michael Bühler and practice head Dieter Hofmann are other names to note.

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Michael Feit

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## Dispute resolution: litigation

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**Walder Wyss Ltd's** *'outstanding' team 'matches rigor with elegance', is 'responsive and eager to work for the client'* and excels in commercial litigation, particularly in the construction, engineering and infrastructure sector. Highlights included representing Sartus Capital in several contractual disputes. Nestlé is another key client. Dieter Hofmann in Zurich heads the practice, which was strengthened by the arrival of the *'thorough and strategic'* Rodolphe Gautier from Baker McKenzie in July 2017.

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## Employment

### TIER 1

**Walder Wyss Ltd's 'strong and enthusiastic team' provides 'short response times, personal support and pragmatic solutions that the courts will largely recognise'. The practice handles regulatory employment aspects, gives social security, pensions and immigration advice and also represents clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings. An ongoing highlight is the preparation of a collective bargaining agreement for the symphonial orchestra of Luzerne and its negotiation with the Swiss Musicians' Union. Ueli Sommer in Zürich is 'responsive, to-the-point and an absolute pleasure to work with', while Philippe Nordmann in Basel has 'in-depth knowledge of all aspects of employment law and always treats his work as high priority. Clients further recommend associate David Hill, who has 'great potential.**

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## Healthcare and life sciences

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**Walder Wyss Ltd** focuses on regulatory, pricing, IP and licensing, transactional and corporate matters, thereby impressing with '*very good business acumen, concrete industry knowledge, comprehension of complex issues and pleasant team interaction*'. The group defended a major international pharmaceutical company in pricing-related litigation brought by the Swiss Government and also advises the client on strategic and reactive market access law. Andreas Wildi, Michael Isler, Alexander Gutmans, Markus Frick and Stefano Codoni are the key contacts.

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## Insolvency and corporate recovery

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“**Walder Wyss Ltd** regularly handles multijurisdictional insolvency proceedings and restructuring matters. In recent highlights, the group advised the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders and Lenders as supporting creditors of Pacific Exploration & Production in its DIP financing transaction and also continues to advise foreign administrators and creditors regarding Petroplus’ ongoing insolvency. Counsel Christoph Stäubli and Mark Reutter are the names to note.”

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## Intellectual property

### TIER 1

**Walder Wyss Ltd's** IP team gives '*commercial, no-nonsense advice*', is '*willing to be creative when it comes to problem-solving*' and '*continues to impress with the speed of its responses and the results it achieves*'. The practice focuses primarily on trade mark and patent litigation, as well as on IP advice related to technology transactions and recently represented the German and Swiss entities of Merck in a trade mark and unfair competition dispute against MSD. '*True professional*' Markus Frick '*ensures that clients receive timely, effective and budget-conscious advice*'; IP litigator Magda Streuli-Youssef and newly promoted partner Michael Isler are also key individuals. Roger Staub and counsel David Vasella joined from Froriep in January 2017.

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#### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Magda Streuli-Youssef  
Markus Frick

## Leading firms: French-speaking Switzerland

### TIER 2

“**Walder Wyss** provides ‘*excellent service*’ in private client and litigious matters, for which Philippe Pulfer and Rodolphe Gautier are well known. Banking lawyer Hubertus Hillerström and private client associate Olivier Sigg are also highly recommended.”

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## Leading firms: German-speaking Switzerland

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**Walder Wyss Ltd** is especially strong in employment, intellectual property, public, TMT and tax matters, but is also highly adept at advising on banking and finance, capital markets and competition issues. Luc Defferrard, Ueli Sommer, Philippe Nordmann, Markus Frick, Magda Streuli-Youssef, Hans Rudolf Trüeb, Mark Reutter and Thomas Meister are the key partners.

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## Leading firms: Italian-speaking Switzerland

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“**Walder Wyss Ltd** focuses on litigation, real estate transactions, banking and finance, as well as corporate matters. Stefano Codoni, Davide Jermini and Karin Valenzano Rossi are the names to note.”

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## Private client

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*'Proactive and attentive' firm **Walder Wyss Ltd** 'demonstrates strength and depth' and utilises its 'unparalleled combination of private client expertise and professional advice across all major centres in Switzerland', thereby also exhibiting an 'understanding of international law'. Recent matters include assisting with the creation and registration of Fondation Concours Menuhin, which sponsors young, world-class violin players, and advising Rothschild Trust on a Swiss voluntary disclosure procedure concerning Swiss and Brazilian assets. The 'charming and capable' Philippe Pulfer is an 'excellent listener and litigation strategist' and 'one of the very few top lawyers who understand the Anglo-Saxon environment well', especially in relation to 'international wealth structuring, succession planning and charitable foundations'. Clients equally recommend 'trustful and sensitive estate and inheritance expert' Kinga Weiss, who provides 'compound and deep analysis', taxation specialist Stephan Neidhardt, as well as 'savvy litigator' and 'rising star' Olivier Sigg, who is 'sought after for his personable manner and precise answers given in record time'.*

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#### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Philippe Pulfer

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Olivier Sigg

## Public law

### TIER 1

Providing *'excellent value for money, Walder Wyss Ltd's 'very quick and responsive'* public law practice advises the Swiss government, state entities and state-owned enterprises on public tender projects and related litigation, as well as on environmental and energy matters. Recent highlights include defending the Swiss Confederation in proceedings against an unsuccessful bidder concerning a procurement matter and advising longstanding client Axpo on the restructuring of its public utilities group. Considered *'one of the best in his field', 'brilliant, hands-on'* team lead Hans Rudolf Trüeb possesses a *'great business sense and a sharp intellect'* and associate Martin Zobl is *'up-and-coming in public and administrative law litigation'*.

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#### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Hans Rudolf Trüeb

## Real estate and construction

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**Walder Wyss Ltd** *'is well positioned with great experts in every field', who offer a 'highly professional service'. The practice deals with transactions, development projects and real estate disputes and recently advised Pradera on its acquisition of a Swiss real estate asset of the IKEA Centers portfolio. Other work included assisting Akara Funds with several purchase transactions of commercial and residential properties. Blackstone and Bricks & Bytes are other active clients. The 'extremely experienced, efficient and helpful' Francis Nordmann provides 'quick responses, which are straight to the point' and the 'practical' Nicolas lynedjian 'regularly exceeds clients' expectations'.*

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#### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Francis Nordmann

Tax  
TIER 1

“**Walder Wyss Ltd's** *'trustful'* tax team consists of *'excellent lawyers'* who provide an *'outstanding quality as well as great responsiveness'* and *'can handle most legal issues without external support'*. A big strength lies in transactional, financial, capital and corporate structuring-related tax assistance, as well as tax controversy and estate planning for private clients. The team advised Akina on its merger with Unigestion, while Thomas Meister assisted Allied World Assurance Company with its \$4.9bn acquisition by Fairfax Financial Holdings. *'Straightforward'* team lead Maurus Winzap *'has a commercial approach, state-of-the-art industry knowledge and is very client-focused'*, while Robert Desax is *'very knowledgeable about Swiss tax issues and has a good business sense'*. *'Absolute tax specialist'* Samuel Dürr is *'excellent in negotiations with tax authorities'* and the recommended counsel Jan Ole Luuk is the key contact for indirect tax.

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Thomas Meister

## TMT TIER 1

**Walder Wyss Ltd's 'excellent' practice** is particularly recommended for its '*strong partnership and team-player qualities*', which add to the '*profound expertise in technology issues, outsourcing and data protection*', as well as the '*high responsiveness and open dialogue*'; the group also advises on IP matters and contentious TMT issues. Co-lead Mark Reutter assisted Kuoni with the reorganisation of its global outsourcings, as well as on application management, data centre hosting and end-user support. Other work included advising Migros on its global GDPR implementation project. '*Efficient and excellent negotiator*' Michael Isler and Lugano team head Stefano Codoni are recommended. Roger Staub and counsel David Vasella joined from Froriep in 2017.

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### LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Mark Reutter



## DR IUR JOHANNES BUERGI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate and Structured Finance.

### POSITION

Johannes Bürgi is a partner at Walder Wyss since 2005. He advises clients on matters involving real estate, finance, structured finance, restructuring, and capital markets (including debt and equity offerings and initial public offerings). In finance, he focuses on secured and unsecured lending, structured finance transactions including securitisation, alternative risk transfer, RMBS, CMBS, covered bonds, factoring, project finance and asset finance including complex real estate financings and PPP financings. Johannes Bürgi advised on virtually all public and private auto-leasing and credit card asset-backed securitisations in Switzerland including GE Money Bank, Cembra, AMAG Leasing, Swisscard/Credit Suisse and a number of conduit transactions for Swiss auto-lease captives. In real estate, Johannes Bürgi advised Norges Bank Investment Management (NBIM) in its 1 billion Swiss franc landmark acquisition of the Uetlihof office complex in Zurich from Credit Suisse AG in a sale-leaseback transaction, Blackstone Group with respect to the Swiss part of the acquisition of assets of GE Capital Real Estate in a transaction valued at US\$ 23 billion globally, a Middle-Eastern sovereign wealth fund on its acquisition of a portfolio of hotel properties in Switzerland.

### CAREER

Johannes Bürgi has working experience as a District Court law clerk, trainee at a Berne law firm, research assistant at the University of Berne and secondee to UBS Investment Bank in Zurich. Johannes Bürgi is ranked as a top practitioner by international directories such as Chambers, PLC and ILO that describe him being "a great tactician". He is winner for Switzerland of the ILO Client Choice Award for securitisation and structured finance.

### LANGUAGES

He is fluent in German, English and French.

### MEMBER

He is registered with the Zurich Bar Registry and admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

Born in 1972, Johannes Bürgi was educated at Lausanne and Berne universities (state exam, 1998; Dr. iur., 2001, summa cum laude) and at Stanford Law School (LLM in corporate governance and practice, 2003).

### LEISURE

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### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax

### POSITION

Martin Busenhart is a partner in the Tax Team of Walder Wyss. He advises on national and international tax matters and is specialised in domestic and international structuring of capital market transactions, acquisitions and divestments and tax-optimized structuring for relocations of entrepreneurs, partnerships and corporate groups.

Practice Areas: Tax, Corporate Finance & Capital Markets, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions, Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer, Art, Entertainment & Sports, Insurance, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Media & Communications, Private Clients.

### CAREER

Martin Busenhart has work experience as tax expert and tax partner with an international advisory firm in Zurich and London. He has been a tax partner at Walder Wyss since 2002.

### LANGUAGES

Martin Busenhart speaks German, English and French.

### MEMBER

IBA, IFA, AmCham, Swiss Russian Forum, Joint Chamber of Commerce Switzerland-CIS, Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce, Swiss Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

### EDUCATION

Martin Busenhart was educated at Zurich University (lic. iur. 1988) and graduated as Certified Tax Expert (1994).

### LEISURE

Travelling, reading, movies, concerts, chess, architecture, sports.





## LIC IUR SAMUEL DÜRR

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax

### POSITION

Partner. International tax law, corporate tax law (including M&A and reorganisations) relocations and cross-border structuring.

### CAREER

Tax manager in big four firm (1992–1998). Vice-head of tax department of major Swiss telecom firm (1998–2004). Tax partner in another Swiss law firm (2004–2009). Joined Walder Wyss in 2009 as a tax partner.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

### MEMBER

Bernese and Swiss Bar Association; Swiss Chamber of Fiduciaries; IFA.

### EDUCATION

University of Berne, Attorney at Law; Swiss Institute of Certified Accountants and Tax Consultants, Certified Tax Expert.

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## LIC IUR LUC DEFFERRARD

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance / M&A / Corporate

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Qualified in 1989. From 1990 to 1997, project manager at UBS (financing department). From 1998 to 1999, associate at another Swiss law firm. Joined Walder Wyss in 1999. Partner at Walder Wyss since 2001.

### LANGUAGES

French, English and German.

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Geneva (lic. iur., 1987).



## DR IUR MARKUS FRICK

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property, Information Technology and Competition Team

### POSITION

Markus Frick is a partner in the Intellectual Property, Information Technology and Competition Team. He specializes in all aspects of intellectual property law including media law, food and drugs regulation with a particular focus on trademark, patent and unfair competition law. Other areas of expertise include media law as well as food and drugs regulations. He represents clients in complex and cross-border litigations before courts and administrative bodies and advises clients on the development and management of IP rights, related contracts and transactions.

### CAREER

Before joining Walder Wyss Markus Frick worked as an associate in a Zurich and a New York law firm. He is also admitted to the Zurich and New York Bar. He was named partner in 2009.

### LANGUAGES

Speaks German, English and French.

### MEMBER

Swiss, Zurich, American and New York Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

Educated at the University of Zurich (lic. iur. 1995, Dr. iur. 2000) and New York University School of Law (LL.M. 2001).

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## DR IUR URS GNÖS

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A, Capital Markets

### POSITION

Partner; Head Corporate / M&A

### CAREER

Qualified in 1996 (all Swiss courts). From 1997 to 1999 associate at another Swiss law firm. Foreign associate in Chicago and New York in 1999 and 2000. Joined Walder Wyss in 2001. Became partner at Walder Wyss in 2007.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association; International Bar Association; American Bar Association

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (lic. iur.; JD equivalent, 1993), University of Zurich (Dr. iur., 1997); UoP McGeorge School of Law (LL.M. in transnational business practice, 2000)



## LIC IUR FLORIAN GUNZ NIEDERMANN

### **WORK DEPARTMENT**

Corporate M&A

### **POSITION**

Partner. Practice focuses on international and domestic M&A transactions (mainly private M&A and private equity) as well as transactions in the venture capital industry, with a focus on projects in the sectors e-commerce, healthcare and life sciences. Other areas of practice include advising corporate clients on all matters of corporate and commercial law related to their daily operations as well as startups with regard to the implementation and financing of their business models.

### **CAREER**

Qualified in 2003. Joined Walder Wyss in 2006, becoming Partner in 2013.

### **LANGUAGES**

German, English, French

### **MEMBER**

Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations, International Bar Association (IBA), International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

### **EDUCATION**

Graduated from the University of Zurich in 2000 and received a Master Degree (LLM) from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences in 2006.

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## DR IUR ALEXANDER GUTMANS

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and commercial, M&A, private equity and venture capital, life sciences and health care

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Worked during 16 years (1998–2014) as a lawyer for a leading Swiss law firm (2002–2014 as a partner) with offices in Basel, Zurich and Bern. Joined Walder Wyss as partner in 2014.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Basel and Swiss Bar Association, ASA

### EDUCATION

University of Basel (lic. iur., 1990; Dr. iur., 1995), Yale University School of Law (LL.M., 1996)



## LIC IUR THEODOR HÄRTSCH

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital markets and securities (debt and equity capital markets representing banks and issuers), public mergers and acquisitions, loans and credit facilities (representing banks and borrowers), regulatory law (banking, securities dealers, stock exchanges, investment funds and asset management companies) and mergers and acquisitions.

### POSITION

Partner, Banking & Finance

### CAREER

Since January 2016 Theodor Härtsch is a member of the Banking and Finance Practice Group of Walder Wyss Ltd. He advises issuers and investment banks on debt and equity capital markets transactions, including ongoing compliance with securities laws and takeover matters. Furthermore, he advises banks and borrowers on all aspects of syndicated loans and the preparation of the related security documentation. Furthermore he regularly advises banks and securities dealers on regulatory matters. Finally, he regularly advises clients in structuring funds (private equity and hedge funds). Prior to joining Walder Wyss Ltd, Theodor Härtsch was a partner at the Zurich office of a large international law firm. Before joining this law firm, he held different positions in the banking industry in various Swiss banks. Theodor Härtsch holds lectures on international debt financing agreements and securities packages (using a comparative law method) at the Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao (Spain), and at Universidad Pontificia Comillas I.C.A.D.E., Madrid (Spain), in English and Spanish.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish.

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (1995–2001; lic. iur, 2001), Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao, Spain (1997–1998), admitted to the Zurich bar (2003).

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## LIC IUR DIETER HOFMANN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution

### POSITION

Dieter Hofmann heads the Litigation & Arbitration Team. His primary focus is dispute resolution in complex, mainly international cases, ranging from pre-litigation advice, representation of clients in court and in arbitration proceedings, coordination in cases involving multiple jurisdictions, enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards and international legal assistance. He also sits as arbitrator in international arbitrations. He has considerable experience in complex disputes arising from joint-venture and shareholders' agreements, M&A, international contracts, engineering and construction projects, directors' liability, banking, finance and (re-)insurance, insolvency etc.

### CAREER

Admitted throughout Switzerland. Before joining Walder Wyss in 1999, he worked as a court law clerk in Zurich and as an attorney with major law firms in Zurich and in London. Partner at Walder Wyss since 2003. Chair of the Zurich Bar's Litigation Practice Group. Regularly publishes and speaks on litigation and arbitration in Switzerland and abroad. Past Chair of DRI – Dispute Resolution International and past Vice-Chair of the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association.

### LANGUAGES

German, English and French

### MEMBER

Chair of the Zurich Bar Association's Litigation Practice Group, past Chair of DRI – Dispute Resolution International, past Vice-Chair of the ABA Section of International Law's Litigation Committee, member of IBA, ASA, RAA, DIS etc.

### EDUCATION

Law degree from Zurich University (1991, magna cum laude). Admitted throughout Switzerland (1994). In 1999, he was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales (not practising).





## DR IUR MICHAEL ISLER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property and Technology Group.

### POSITION

Michael Isler is a partner in the product groups Intellectual Property, Information Technology and Data Protection. He regularly advises in complex outsourcing, technology transfer and platform projects from the conceptual and negotiation phase to dispute settlement. He further enjoys a vast experience in copyright, trademark and patent law. A particular focus of his work is dedicated to the life sciences and health sector as well as the financial industry. He is co-editor of the Swiss Life Science Law Review.

### CAREER

Michael arrived at Walder Wyss in 2014 and became partner in 2017. Before joining a major law firm in Basel and Zurich in 2010, has worked for several years as inhouse counsel at a technology group and a global telecom infrastructure and service provider.

### LANGUAGES

German, English.

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, International Technology Law Association, INTA.

### EDUCATION

Michael Isler was educated at the Universities of Zurich (lic. iur. 2000) and Louvain and also holds a doctoral degree from the University of Lucerne (2011).

### LEISURE

Skiing, race cycling, reading.

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## DR IUR RETO JACOBS

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Information Technology & Telecommunications / Antitrust and Competition Team

### POSITION

Partner. Heads the Antitrust and Competition Team. Advises domestic and foreign companies regarding all competition law issues, represents them before competition authorities and courts, and assists them in complex merger filings. Advises also with respect to distribution systems and supports various companies with respect to their antitrust compliance programs.

### CAREER

Qualified in 1992 (all Swiss courts). Registered with the Zurich Bar Registry and admitted to practice in all Switzerland. Joined Walder Wyss in 1996. Became partner at Walder Wyss in 2001. Is lecturer at the University of St. Gall. Regularly publishes articles on antitrust and competition law. All publications are available on [www.walderwyss.com/reto.jacobs](http://www.walderwyss.com/reto.jacobs).

### LANGUAGES

German and English

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, IBA, Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht

### EDUCATION

Educated at the University of St. Gall (lic. iur., JD equivalent, 1990; Dr. iur. 1997). Obtained an additional degree in European competition law from the University of Amsterdam (LL.M. 1993), was a research assistant at the University of St. Gall (1994) and stayed as a visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley (1995–1996).



## PD DR IUR STEFAN KNOBLOCH

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A, Capital Market

### POSITION

Partner. Practice focus on international and national M&A transactions, public takeovers, private equity transactions, IPOs, debt financing, corporate governance and matters relating to company, stock exchange transaction and capital market law in general. The work includes also the preparation of legal opinions in matters of law on stock exchange transactions, company law, law of obligations and law on civil procedure. Stefan Knobloch is further publishing articles and lecturing at the University of Zurich in his preferred fields of activity.

### CAREER

Qualified in 2005 (all Swiss courts). Joined Walder Wyss in 2015, becoming partner in 2017.

### LANGUAGES

German and English.

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations, International Bar Association (IBA).

### EDUCATION

After having studied at the University of Zurich (lic. iur. 2002), Stefan Knobloch obtained a Doctor of Law at the University of Zurich (2006) in Corporate Law and Financial Restructuring Law. The *venia legendi* for Commercial Law and Civil Action Law was given to him in 2011 by the University of Zurich. The subject of his professorial thesis is about the enforcement of shareholder rights. He teaches courses at the University of Zurich and is an alternate judge at the district court of Uster (Canton of Zurich).

### LEISURE

Windsurfing, Snowboarding and Reading.

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## LIC IUR OLIVER KUNZ

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution and Corporate crime and investigations

### POSITION

Oliver M. Kunz is a partner at Walder Wyss and is specialized in litigation in civil and criminal matters. He provides advice to parties in domestic and international commercial disputes, and represents them in trial and appellate proceedings as well as in enforcement proceedings and in international legal assistance matters. Oliver's litigation practice covers a broad range of sectors, with a particular emphasis on the financial industry and technology-intensive sectors. In addition, he represents accused and injured parties in white-collar crime and fraud cases, in particular in relation to asset recovery. Finally, he assists clients in relation to internal investigations.

### CAREER

Oliver joined Walder Wyss in 2004 after having worked as a student assistant in criminal law at the University of Fribourg and for a non-profit organisation that provided legal services to refugees. He was promoted to partner in 2016.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association; AIJA; DRI

### EDUCATION

University of Fribourg (lic. iur. [JD equivalent] in 2003 with the special mentions «European Law» and «bilingual» [German-French]), Stanford Law School (LL.M. in Law, Science and Technology in 2010).



## DR IUR THOMAS MEISTER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax

### POSITION

Partner, head of tax department. Swiss and international corporate tax, corporate migrations and reorganisations, transaction structuring and M&A, corporate and real estate finance, structured finance, tax controversy and litigation.

### CAREER

Qualified in all Swiss courts and admitted to New York bar. Professional experience as a law clerk at a District Court, general secretary at the Zurich Revenue Service, tax associate in Zurich, Geneva and Washington D.C. law firms and tax partner in a Zurich law firm. Joined Walder Wyss as a partner in 2002. He is heading the Walder Wyss tax department since 2008.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, IFA, ABA, IBA and IPBA Tax Committees. Adjunct professor for graduate and post-graduate tax programs at the Universities of Geneva, St. Gallen and Zurich. Co-editor of IFF Forum für Steuerrecht, a quarterly Swiss tax journal.

### EDUCATION

Universities of St. Gallen and Lausanne (lic. iur., 1989; Dr. iur., 1995), New York University (Tax LL.M., 1998), certified tax expert (1996), admission to Zurich and NY Bars (1991 and 1998, respectively). For his doctoral thesis, Thomas Meister received the 1995 Blumenstein Award.

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### WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance / Investment Funds

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Qualified in 2003. Associate with the litigation and arbitration practice of a Swiss law firm from 2002 to 2004. Foreign associate at the New York office of a US law firm in 2006. Joined Walder Wyss in 2007 (partner since 2015). Seconded to the Swiss Bankers' Association in 2009. Lecturer at University of Geneva in 2015.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Zurich, Berne and Swiss Bar Association, International Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Berne Law School (lic. iur., 2000; Dr. iur., 2008), New York University School of Law (LL.M., 2005), Fordham University School of Law (visiting scholar, 2007).



## LIC IUR STEPHAN NEIDHARDT

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax, Private Clients, Real Estate

### POSITION

Partner, Co-Chair Private Clients

### CAREER

1994 certified tax expert, tax partner and head of the tax law department at another Zurich law firm 1996–2007, tax partner at Walder Wyss Ltd. since 2007, worked temporarily in 2012 with two law firms in Santiago de Chile and Bogotá, Colombia

### LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, Tax Chapter Board of the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce, The Legal and Tax Group of the Latin-American Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland, The working group on Competitive Tax Policy in the Canton of Zurich Since 2011, Associate Judge for the Swiss Equestrian Federation

### EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen (lic. iur. HSG), University of San Diego (LL.M. Tax, 1996), Certified Tax Expert (1994)

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## DR IUR ALEX NIKITINE

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A, Capital Markets

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Qualified in 2003 (all Swiss courts) and in 2008 (New York). From 2006 to 2012 associate at another Swiss law firm. Foreign associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, in 2009. Joined Walder Wyss in 2012. Became partner at Walder Wyss in 2015.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, New York State Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Basel (lic. iur., JD equivalent, 2000), University of Zurich (Dr. iur., 2007), Harvard Law School (LL.M., 2004)





## DR IUR FRANCIS NORDMANN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate and Finance

### POSITION

Partner, Head of Banking & Finance and Co-Head of Real Estate Practice

### CAREER

Before joining Walder Wyss in 2001, he gained working experience as clerk at the civil court Basel, trainee in a Basel law firm and associate in Zurich and London law firms. Partner at Walder Wyss since 2008, heads its banking & finance as well as its real estate practice.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French and Hebrew

### MEMBER

Member of Zurich Bar Association, admitted to practice in Switzerland; MRICS

### EDUCATION

Zurich and Basel University (lic. oec. publ. 1993, lic. iur. 1995, Dr. iur. 1996), University of Melbourne (LL.M. 1999).

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## DR IUR MARKUS PFENNINGER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance / Capital Markets

### POSITION

Partner. Focus on banking and finance and corporate transactional work. Fields of expertise include capital market transactions, mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, collective investment schemes, as well as banking and insurance regulatory matters.

### CAREER

Admitted to the bar in 1991. Foreign associate, Boston Financial Management Company and Law Firm (1994–95).

### LANGUAGES

German and English

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Associations; International Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (lic. iur.; Dr. iur.), Morin Center of Banking Law Studies, Boston University (LL.M., 1994).



## DR IUR DIDIER SANGIORGIO

### WORK DEPARTMENT

IP, IT and Competition Law

### POSITION

Partner, Specialist for transactions in all areas of IT and outsourcing

### CAREER

Qualified in 1989 (all Swiss courts). Working experience as clerk at the District Court of Winterthur and as foreign associate at Reed Smith, Pittsburgh. Joined Walder Wyss in 1992, became Partner in 1996. Co-Chair of the Zurich Bar's Technology and Telecom Law Practice Group, President of TechlawGroup Inc, and past Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Committee on Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law. He was a part-time lecturer at the Swiss Federal Institute for Technology (ETH) Zurich from 1997 to 2009. Holding several chairs and directorships on boards of non-listed corporations and trusts.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, International Bar Association, ITechlaw

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich, (lic. iur. 1984, Dr. iur. 1996), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C. (LL.M. 1992)

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## PROF DR IUR URS SCHENKER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A.

### POSITION

Urs Schenker is senior counsel at Walder Wyss. His practice areas include Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Financing and Restructurings, and Capital Markets. Urs Schenker is very experienced in the areas of restructuring, financing, capital markets, M&A and company law. He has been involved in numerous national and international M&A transactions and public takeovers as well as financing, restructuring and other corporate finance transactions. He has published a number of books and specialist articles in his fields of expertise and is a regular lecturer at conferences in Switzerland and abroad.

### CAREER

2015 Senior Counsel Walder Wyss Attorneys Zurich  
1991 Partner Baker & McKenzie Zurich  
1985 Associate Baker & McKenzie Zurich  
1983 Law Clerk Baker & McKenzie Zurich  
1982 Research Assistant University of Zurich (conflicts of law and contract)

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian, Spanish.

### MEMBER

President of the Harvard Club of Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

2016 Professor (Titular Professor) University of St. Gallen  
2009 PD (associate professor) University of St. Gallen  
1985 LL.M., Harvard Law School  
1984 Dr. iur., University of Zurich (summa cum laude)  
1984 Admission to the bar of canton Zurich  
1984 Harvard Law School  
1981 lic. iur., University of Zurich (summa cum laude)

### LEISURE

Golf.



## DR IUR JÜRIG SCHNEIDER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Information Technology & Telecommunications, Data Protection and Outsourcing

### POSITION

Partner. His primary practice areas include information technology, data protection, and outsourcing. Regularly advises both Swiss and international firms on comprehensive licensing, development, system integration, and global outsourcing projects. Has deep and extensive experience in the fields of data protection, information security, and e-commerce, with a particular focus on transborder and international contexts. Regularly publishes and lectures on ICT topics. All publications are available on [www.walderwyss.com/juerg.schneider](http://www.walderwyss.com/juerg.schneider). Is a member of several professional organisations and is member of the board and co-chair of the data protection committee of the International Technology Law Association.

### CAREER

Qualified in 1995 (all Swiss courts). Previously worked as a research assistant at the University of Neuchâtel, as a trainee at the legal department of the Canton of Neuchâtel and in a Neuchâtel law firm. Joined Walder Wyss in 2000. Became partner at Walder Wyss in 2015.

### LANGUAGES

German, French, and English

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar, ITechLaw (co-chair of Data Protection Committee), LES

### EDUCATION

Educated at the University of Neuchâtel (lic. iur., JD equivalent, 1992; Dr. iur., 1999)

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## DR IUR UELI SOMMER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment and Immigration

### POSITION

Partner, Head of Employment and Immigration Practice.

### CAREER

Ueli Sommer joined Walder Wyss 1999. From 2001–2002 he worked as foreign associate at Allens Arthur Robinson in Sydney.

### LANGUAGES

German and English

### MEMBER

Member Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, Board Member of European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA), Senior Vice Chair and Quality Officer of Discrimination and Equality Law Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA), Member of American Bar Association (ABA), Former Co-Chair of International Employment Law Committee of ABA, member of The Global Forum for Cross-Border Human Resource Experts (XBHR), member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Chairman of the Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### EDUCATION

In 1995, Ueli Sommer graduated from the University of Zurich (lic. iur.). He received his doctor's degree from Zurich University in 1999. Further, he obtained an LL.M. from UNSW Sydney in 2001.



## RA DANIEL STAFFELBACH

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate & Commercial

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Qualified in 1993. Worked at the Administrative Law Panel Fraubrunnen, at the Court of Appeal of the Canton of Berne and in a law firm in Berne. Furthermore, he worked as a legal counsel at an international insurance company and headed the legal department of a leading healthcare organisation. He also acted as a part-time judge at the Swiss Federal Supreme Court.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBER

Zurich Bar

### EDUCATION

University of Berne (lic. iur., Attorney at Law, 1993)

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## DR IUR ROGER STAUB

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Information Technology, Intellectual Property and Competition Team

### POSITION

Roger Staub is a partner at Walder Wyss in Zurich. He represents national and international companies from various industries, such as luxury goods, pharmaceuticals, food, financial services, fashion, medical devices and media. He specialises in litigating complex cases before state courts and arbitration tribunals. In addition, he advises clients in negotiating IP and technology-related contracts and in developing IP strategies. He also works as an arbitrator in international arbitral tribunals.

### CAREER

Before joining Walder Wyss, he was a partner and head of the IP group of a law firm in Zurich. He also worked for a major law firm in London. He is the author of various publications, in particular the co-editor of a commentary on the Designs Act and co-author of a commentary on the Trademarks Act.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish and French.

### MEMBER

Roger Staub is an active member in various organisations in the field of intellectual property. In past years he has been both a committee chairperson and a member of the Global Europe Advisory Council in the International Trademark Administration (INTA).

### EDUCATION

After studying law at the universities of Munich and Zurich (licentiate degree, 1992), Roger Staub became a member of the bar in Zurich in 1995 and received his doctorate at the University of Zurich in 2000 with a thesis on copyright contract law.





## DR IUR PETER STRAUB

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation & Arbitration

### POSITION

Counsel

Having been a partner of the firm for more than ten years and also head of the business group, Peter Straub is now counsel in the Litigation & Arbitration Team. He is specialised on complex international commercial disputes and represents parties in both state court litigations and before arbitral panels. His main areas are disputes stemming from telecommunications, pharmaceutical products, construction, joint ventures, commodities trading, high end consumer goods, etc. Peter Straub is also sitting as an arbitrator in international arbitrations (ICC, Swiss Rules, UNCITRAL, ad hoc, etc.). He also handles international recognition and enforcement matters. He has published on various subjects in his area of expertise and is a frequent panellist in international conferences.

### CAREER

He practiced with international law firms in Zurich before he became a partner in a major law firm in Zurich in 1996.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French and Italian.

### MEMBER

LCIA, IUA, IBA, ASA, etc.

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (lic. iur. 1984, Dr. iur. 1988) and the London School of Economics (LL.M. 1991).

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## DR IUR MAGDA STREULI-YOUSSEF

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Information Technology, Intellectual Property and Competition Team.

### POSITION

Magda Streuli-Youssef is a partner at Walder Wyss. She represents parties before courts and state authorities in all kind of intellectual property, media and unfair competition law matters. She has a very broad litigation practice and is regularly involved in landmark court cases in the field of copyrights, trademarks and unfair competition law. Her practice areas also include IP strategies, IP audits and licensing, drafting and negotiating all types of IP-related contracts and advising clients in intellectual property, media and unfair competition law matters.

### CAREER

Her working experience as an attorney stretches back to 1980; she is a partner of Walder Wyss since 2001. Magda Streuli-Youssef was a lecturer at the University of Zurich and at various institutions such as SAWI in Bienne and the EMBA of the University of St. Gallen. She was a member of the Federal Commission for the Exploitation of Copyrights and Neighbouring Rights and former Vice-President of the Federal Appeals Commission for Intellectual Property. She has been active in several professional associations, notably the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and the Swiss Institute for Industrial Property (INGRES). She publishes and lectures regularly on various IP topics.

She is ranked in Chambers, Legal500, Best Lawyers, Who's Who Legal, Expert Guides / Women in Business Law.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

### MEMBER

Member of the Swiss and the Zurich Bar Association, AIPPI, INGRES, INTA, SF, GRUR, ECTA, Swiss Society of the legal profession. Registered with the Zurich Bar Registry and admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

Magda Streuli-Youssef was educated at the University of Zurich (lic. iur. 1975, Dr. iur. 1978).

### LEISURE

Sports, Art, Reading.



## PROF DR IUR HANS RUDOLF TRÜEB

### WORK DEPARTMENT

IT, Telecommunications & Multimedia

### POSITION

Member of Managing Committee of Walder Wyss and Partner in the Information Technology, Energy, Intellectual Property and Competition Group. He advises Swiss and international clients in matters of technology, telecom, energy, competition and procurement law. He handles technology transfer, licensing, distribution, cooperation and outsourcing projects as well as corporate transactions. He is often retained as expert and represents clients in court or before arbitral tribunals. Hans Rudolf Trüeb regularly lectures and publishes in his areas of practice. All publications are available on [www.walderwyss.com/hansrudolf.trueb](http://www.walderwyss.com/hansrudolf.trueb)

### CAREER

Hans Rudolf Trüeb previously worked as associate and partner in a second tier Zurich law firm. Joined Walder Wyss in 2007 as partner. He is Co-Chair of the Zurich Bar's Technology and Telecom Law Practice Group and frequently publishes in this field. Various board positions in telecom and IT related companies. Ranked 1st tier for telecom and IT expertise.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French and Italian

### MEMBER

IBA, ASA, Swiss and Zurich Bar Association; various IT and IT law related associations

### EDUCATION

Studies at Zurich University, Switzerland (lic. iur. summa cum laude, 1987; Dr. iur. summa cum laude, 1989) University of Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (LL.M., 1991), Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley (1997) Lecturer at Zurich University (2000), Adjoint Professor Zurich University (2006)

### LEISURE

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## LIC IUR KARIN VALENZANO ROSSI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Contracts, commercial, banking, finance and corporate law (including regulatory issues, white collar crime, international mutual assistance, insolvency and bankruptcy)

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Researching and teaching assistant at the University of Fribourg law school (civil law and contract law). Admitted to the Ticino Bar (and all Swiss Courts) in 2001 and as Public Notary of the Canton Ticino in 2003. From 2001 to 2014 attorney and public notary in a major Lugano law firm. Joined Walder Wyss in 2015 as a partner. Since 2000, teacher and lecturer at Centro Studi Bancari in Vezia.

### LANGUAGES

Italian, English, French and German

### MEMBER

Ticino and Swiss Bar Association, Ticino public notary association

### EDUCATION

University of Fribourg (lic. iur. 1997)



## DR IUR DAVID VASELLA

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Information Technology, Intellectual Property and Competition Team

### POSITION

David Vasella advises and represents companies on all questions of information and technology law. He specializes in data protection, intellectual property and contract law, especially in connection with the monetization of data and the digitization of business processes, and supports in data protection law compliance. He regularly gives talks and publishes on his fields of expertise.

### CAREER

Before joining our firm, David Vasella worked at a large business law firm in Zurich and London for a number of years. He has been seconded twice to companies active in data and software licensing and development. David Vasella has a teaching assignment at the University of Zurich and is co-editor of *digma* (Journal for Data Law and Information Security), of *swissblawg* (the largest legal blog in Switzerland) and of *datenrecht.ch* (a platform on data law). He is also a member of the law commission of SwissICT, a Swiss ICT industry association.

### LANGUAGES

German and English.

### MEMBER

IAPP (International Association of Privacy Professionals), DGRI (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Recht und Information), Swiss and Zurich Bar Associations.

### EDUCATION

After studying law at the University of Fribourg (licentiate degree 2002), he became a member of the bar association in Zurich in 2004 and received his doctorate at the University of Zurich in 2011 in the field of capital market and unfair trading practice law (summa cum laude; awarded the Prof. Walther Hug Prize and Issekutz Prize).

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## DR IUR MARKUS VISCHER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A

### POSITION

Main areas of practice are M&A, private equity and venture capital transactions, business reorganisations and corporate and commercial, including employment and real estate law. Recognised leader in M&A due to his involvement in major transactions, in particular in the media, real estate, IT and health-care sectors, and due to his many publications.

### CAREER

1986 to 1987 Research Assistant at University of Zurich, Switzerland 1987 to 1987 Clerk at the District Court of Meilen, Switzerland 1988 to 1989 Associate at Tax Law Firm Dr Bruhin & Partner in Zurich, Switzerland 1989 to 1995 Associate at Walder Wyss Ltd in Zurich, Switzerland 1991 Associate at Bristows in London, England 1992 to 1998 Judge (part-time) at Appellate Tax Court in Zurich, Switzerland 1995 to present Partner at Walder Wyss Ltd in Zurich, Switzerland

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association; International Bar Association (IBA); Swiss Arbitration Association

### EDUCATION

1984: lic. iur., University of Zurich, Switzerland 1986: Dr. iur., University of Zurich, Switzerland 1991: LL.M., Queen Mary College, London University, England



## LIC IUR PATRICK W VOGEL

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance / M&A / Corporate

### POSITION

Partner. Domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance and corporate matters. Regulatory matters for Swiss and foreign banks and financial institutions. Private equity and venture capital transactions.

### CAREER

1996 to 1997 Foreign associate with McDermott Will & Emery, New York. From 1999 to 2002 associate with Chadbourne & Parke LLP, New York and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, New York. From 2002 to 2007 associate at another Swiss law firm in Geneva and Zurich. From 2007 to 2015 partner at another Swiss law firm.

### LANGUAGES

English and French

### MEMBER

Geneva Bar 1996 (all Swiss courts). New York 1999. Geneva Bar Association, the Swiss Bar Association and the International Bar Association (IBA). Geneva Association of Business Law (agda).

### EDUCATION

New York University School of Law (NYU), Master of Laws in Corporate Law (LL.M., 1999). University of Geneva, Faculty of Law (lic. iur. 1993) awarded two prizes for first average grades of promotion (Prix Huet du Pavillon and the Geneva Society of Law and Legislation Prize). University of Lausanne, Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC Lausanne) (lic. oec., 1990).

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## DR IUR RETO VONZUN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and commercial, M&A, private equity and venture capital

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Worked during nine years (2005–2014) as a lawyer for a leading Swiss law firm (2011–2014 as a partner) with offices in Basel, Zurich and Bern. Joined Walder Wyss as partner in 2014.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Basel and Swiss Bar Association, ASA.

### EDUCATION

University of Basel (lic. iur., 1997; Dr. iur., 2000), Boston University School of Law (LL.M., 2001)





## DR IUR KINGA WEISS

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Private Clients / Tax

### POSITION

Kinga M. Weiss is a partner and co-chair of the Private Clients team of Walder Wyss. She primarily devotes her time to domestic and foreign private clients, banks and family offices. Her areas of expertise are centered around both private clients and entrepreneurs in matters of inheritance law, including marital property law, relating to estate planning, business succession and execution of wills. Cross-border cases account for the bulk of her field of action. Besides, she also supports clients with relocation, asset structuring, trust and endowment matters and tax affairs. She regularly holds speeches and publishes articles in and outside of Switzerland.

### CAREER

Qualified in 2000 (all Swiss courts). In 1998 clerk at District Court of Meilen. From 1998 to 2010 associate at another Swiss law firm. Joined Walder Wyss in 2010 as counsel. Partner since 2016.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Hungarian

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association, Society of Successio

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (lic. iur., JD equivalent, 1996; Dr. iur., 1999), New York University School of Law (LL.M., 2003), certified specialist SBA inheritance law (2011)

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## LIC IUR MAURUS WINZAP

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax, M&A, Private Equity, Capital Markets, Funds

### POSITION

Partner. Maurus' practice covers all areas of domestic and international corporate taxation. He acts for a broad range of corporate and financial clients, and has developed significant expertise in planning and advising on M&A and private equity transactions, structured financings, corporate restructurings, relocations, capital market transactions, collective investment schemes and management incentive programs.

### CAREER

Qualified in 1999 (all Swiss courts). Joined Walder Wyss in 2002. Became partner at Walder Wyss in 2009.

### LANGUAGES

English and German

### MEMBER

Zurich and Swiss Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University of Zurich (lic. iur., 1997), University of Virginia (LL.M.; 2002), Swiss certified tax expert (2004)



## DR IUR MAURICE COURVOISIER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation / Arbitration, Corporate & Commercial, Trade & Distribution, Art & Entertainment

### POSITION

Maurice Courvoisier is a partner at Walder Wyss in Basel. He concentrates on advising and representing of parties in arbitration and litigation in all areas of corporate and commercial law, with a special emphasis on construction and civil engineering, sales, distribution and licensing. In addition Maurice deals with theater-, art- and sports-related disputes. He represents corporate groups as well as smaller and medium-sized companies and cultural institutions, and he has experience in proceedings for and against states and cultural institutions. He speaks and publishes on these topics regularly and also acts as an arbitrator.

### CAREER

University of Basel: Research and teaching fellow of Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Schwenzer and Swiss Federal Supreme Court Justice Prof. Dr. Thomas Geiser. Regional court of Bienne: Clerk. Admission to Basel and Swiss Bars. Admission to New York Bar. Associate and partner at Wenger Plattner. Partner at Walder Wyss.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian.

### MEMBER

Vice-president of the Basel Bar Association, Swiss Bar Association, New York Bar Association, American Bar Association, co-chair of the Basel local group of the Swiss Association for Arbitration (ASA), International Bar Association (IBA), Swiss Federal Arbitral Commission on the Exploitation of Copyrights and Neighbouring Rights, German Institution of Arbitration (DIS).

### EDUCATION

University of Basel (lic. iur., 1995; Dr. iur., 2001; both summa cum laude), Columbia University in New York (LL.M., 1998; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar).

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## DR IUR PHILIPPE NORDMANN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment Law / Litigation

### POSITION

Partner. Philippe Nordmann advises national and international companies and business executives in all aspects of employment law (drafting of employment contracts and employee regulations, setting compensation schemes, support concerning dismissals and plant closures, advising companies in negotiations regarding collective bargaining agreements, assignments of employees, staff leasing, work permits etc.). He is recognised as a leading expert in this area. Philippe Nordmann has substantial experience in employment related litigation (private and public law) and arbitration – for example, in disputes about termination, non-competition clauses, bonus and incentive plans.

### CAREER

Research assistant at the University of Basel from 1996 until 2000. Qualified in 1999 (all Swiss courts). From 2000 to 2009 associate at two other Swiss law firms, from 2010 to 2014 Partner at another Swiss law firm. Joined and became Partner at Walder Wyss in 2014. Member of several boards of directors and foundations. Member of the Tax Appeal Commission of the canton of Basel-Stadt from 2013 to 2015 and Vice-President of the Personnel Appeals Commission of the canton of Basel-Stadt since 2016.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Basel and Swiss Bar Association

### EDUCATION

University of Basel (lic. iur., JD equivalent, 1995), University of Basel (Dr. iur., 1997), Cardozo School of Law, New York (LL.M., 2002)



## DR IUR MARKUS SCHÜLIN

### POSITION

He is a Counsel. Markus Schülin's main areas of work are commercial, corporate and foundation law. He also works in real estate law (including building rights), estate and succession planning (including settlement and distribution of estates), marriage and inheritance law, representation law (including Advance Care Directives), as well as security law (including guarantees). He also has experience in the field of ship assignments.

### CAREER

Running an own practice as an independent lawyer and notary in Basel (1991-2017) before joining Walder Wyss (2017).

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

### MEMBER

Bar association Basel, Chamber of Notaries Basel-Stadt, Swiss Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

University degree at the University of Basel (lic. iur. 1986; Dr. iur. 1990), admission to the bar in the canton of Basel-Stadt (1991), admission to practise as a notary in the canton of Basel-Stadt (1995).

### LEISURE

Music (electric guitar), water sports, dog sport

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## ASS JUR ROBERT VON ROSEN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A

### POSITION

Robert von Rosen is partner at Walder Wyss. His practice focuses on domestic and international M&A transactions (mainly private M&A, private equity and venture capital), with a focus on telecommunication, energy and life sciences. Other areas of practice include advising corporate clients and start-up companies on all matters of corporate and commercial law related to their daily operations.

### CAREER

Admitted to the German bar and the Swiss bar in 2006, associate with Wenger Plattner (2006-2014), joined Walder Wyss in 2014, became Partner in 2017.

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBER

Basel and Swiss Bar Associations, German Bar Association, International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA).

### EDUCATION

Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany (law exam 2004).



## RA/NOTAR MARCO STRAHM

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Real Estate

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Marco Strahm has been working as a practising attorney and notary since 1995. He is admitted to practice in all Switzerland and is also admitted as Notary in Berne. Before joining Walder Wyss in 2009, Marco Strahm was a partner in a major Zurich law firm for eight years.

### LANGUAGES

English, German, French

### MEMBER

Berne Bar

### EDUCATION

Marco Strahm was educated at the University of Berne (state exam 1992, notary 1995).

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## LIC IUR ADRIANO ANTONIETTI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate & Commercial, Banking & Finance

### POSITION

Adriano Antonietti advises domestic and foreign banking and financial institutions, as well as collective investment schemes and asset managers on a wide range of matters, in particular regulatory issues, private placements, the drafting of banking contracts and certain tax related matters. He also defended banks and their clients in a number of disputes and deals with all aspects of corporate and commercial law. His main fields include financial products and services, including regulatory aspects, as well as corporate and commercial matters.

### CAREER

Before joining Walder Wyss he worked as a senior associate with another major law firm in Geneva and Zurich.

### LANGUAGES

Adriano Antonietti speaks French, English, German, and Italian. He also has some fair knowledge of Russian.

### MEMBER

He is registered with the Geneva Bar Registry since 2008 and admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

In 2005, Adriano Antonietti obtained a law degree (lic. iur.) from the University of Fribourg.





## LIC IUR AZADEH DJALILI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation, Employment

### POSITION

Azadeh Djalili's main area of practice is litigation, primarily complex cases of fraud, attachment of as-sets and enforcement of foreign judgements, as well as succession disputes. She is an expert in succes-sion law and in the relocation of high-net-worth individuals. She has been appointed as a deputy judge to the Geneva Civil Tribunal. She is also a member of the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association, dealing in particular with the set-up of a pro-bono platform.

### CAREER

From 2002 to 2006, she was an assistant at the University of Geneva (human rights and constitutional law). She was admitted to the Geneva Bar in 2008 and went on to work as an associate in the litigation department of a large Swiss law firm before joining another large Swiss law firm from 2010 to 2015.

### LANGUAGES

Azadeh Djalili's professional languages are French and English. She also has some knowledge of Persian.

### MEMBER

Azadeh Djalili is a member of the Swiss Bar Association and the Geneva Bar Association.

### EDUCATION

Azadeh Djalili graduated from the University of Geneva (lic. iur.) in 2002, and earned a DEA (Diplôme d'études approfondies) from the University of Geneva in 2004 and a Master of Science (MSc) from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2005.

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## LIC IUR RODOLPHE GAUTIER

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute / White-Collar Crime

### POSITION

Rodolphe Gautier is partner and head of the Geneva Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Walder Wyss.

Rodolphe Gautier's practice focuses on commercial disputes in Switzerland and international arbitration involving Swiss-connected parties, assets, substantive law or seats of arbitration. He also handles litigation relating to banking law issues. He is versed in white collar criminal proceedings – including fraud, mismanagement, embezzlement, money laundering and bribery – tracing assets procedures and related international mutual assistance proceedings in Switzerland.

### CAREER

Rodolphe Gautier has 15 years of experience working on litigation and arbitration, asset tracing, white-collar crimes and related international mutual assistance in Switzerland.

Rodolphe Gautier joined Walder Wyss Ltd in 2017 and previously was a partner at Baker McKenzie, since 2009.

### LANGUAGES

French, English

### MEMBER

He is registered with the Geneva Bar Association, the Swiss Bar Association, the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (MSIarb) and is admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

Rodolphe Gautier graduated in law with honours from the University of Fribourg in 1998, with a special mention in European law, and was admitted to the bar of Geneva in 2001. He spent part of his traineeship with the Geneva Civil Courts and in a well-known Geneva law firm. While foreign associate of Baker McKenzie Singapore in 2006–2007, he was auditor at the National University of Singapore with a focus on Asian comparative law.

### LEISURE

Sailing, Art



## LIC IUR PHILIPPE PULFER

### **WORK DEPARTMENT**

Private client, litigation

### **POSITION**

Philippe Pulfer heads the Geneva Private Client practice of Walder Wyss. He specialises in wealth structuring and estate planning with an international focus. He also acts in complex, often multi-jurisdictional, succession and trust disputes. With more than 15 years of experience in his field, both in Geneva and London, he has developed a reputation as a leading expert advising individuals and families, trustees, banks, and lawyers from other jurisdictions, in particular UK solicitors. His combined practice in estate planning and litigation enables him to offer effective advice to private clients and trustees who are involved in disputes and/or potential disputes. He also advises charities and charity donors in all areas of philanthropy.

### **CAREER**

Graduated in 1992, qualified in 1995. Joined Froriep in 1996 (partner 2005–2015). Partner at Walder Wyss since 2016.

### **LANGUAGES**

Philippe speaks French and English.

### **MEMBER**

STEP Council member, STEP Geneva committee member, IBA, AIJA (former Commission Chair), Art Law Centre, Geneva and Swiss Bar Associations.

### **EDUCATION**

Philippe graduated from the University of Geneva in 1992 and went on to train at the Geneva Court of Appeal. He was admitted to the Bar in 1995.

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## LIC IUR OLIVIER SIGG

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Private Clients, Tax, Litigation, Employment

### POSITION

Olivier is Counsel in our Private Clients team. Olivier's main expertise is in trusts, foundations and other estate-planning techniques. In addition to his private client practice, he is an experienced employment lawyer. Olivier is experienced in advising international high-net-worth individuals on estate planning, asset protection, relocation and philanthropy. He acts for a wide range of private clients, including entrepreneurs and high-profile international families. His private client practice includes complex cross-border succession litigation and trust disputes. Olivier also has a wealth of experience in employment law. He advises both employers and executives on contractual matters, and litigates in this field.

### CAREER

Prior to joining Walder Wyss, Olivier worked in Geneva and London in another major Swiss law firm of which he became a partner in 2015. His work experience also includes a secondment to the International Private Wealth Group of a prominent London law firm. In 2012, Olivier was appointed as a Conciliatory Judge with the Geneva Labour Court. Earlier in his career, he worked at the Geneva Court of Appeal.

### LANGUAGES

Olivier speaks French, Italian, English and Spanish.

### MEMBER

Olivier is a member of the Swiss Bar Association, the Geneva Bar Association, the International Bar Association (IBA) and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) as well as a committee member and the Student Liaison Officer of STEP Geneva.

### EDUCATION

Olivier studied at the Universities of Geneva and Berne. He graduated from the University of Geneva in 2002 and was admitted to the Bar in 2005.



## DR IUR NICOLAS IYNEDJIAN

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate and M&A, Contracts, Real Estate

### POSITION

Nicolas Iynedjian is partner at Walder Wyss. An expert in real estate law, he also advises Swiss and international clients on all aspects of corporate and commercial law. A significant portion of his work is in connection with real estate and includes acquisition, lease, loan, security interest, regulatory and zoning matters, as well as dispute resolution. He also regularly advises Swiss and foreign companies on corporate issues, shareholders' agreements, mergers and acquisitions, plus banking and financing matters. Nicolas also acts as an independent Member of the Board of Directors of Halter Holding AG.

### CAREER

Nicolas's work experience includes practice with a major Swiss law firm in Zurich, Geneva and Lausanne as well as with a leading US law firm in New York City. He teaches negotiation at the Lausanne University Centre for Business Law (CEDIDAC), at the International Institute of Management in Technology of the University of Fribourg (iimt), at LUISS Guido Carli in Rome, at the University of Lucerne (Lawbility program) and at the Swiss Bar Association in connection with its specialisation programmes. Nicolas is the author of a number of legal publications, mainly on security interests and contract negotiation. He is a regular speaker on negotiation and corporate law.

### LANGUAGES

French, English, German

### MEMBER

Nicolas is a member of the Vaud Bar Association, the Columbia Law School Association, the Center for Business Law of the University of Lausanne. He acts as a member of the Commission of the Vaud Bar Exam.

### EDUCATION

Nicolas graduated in 1995, earned a doctorate in 1999 at the University of Lausanne and an LL.M. (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar) at Columbia School of Law in New York City in 2003.

### LEISURE

Negotiation

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## LIC IUR STEFANO CODONI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Lugano office (head)

IP /IT

### POSITION

Partner, Head of Lugano Office. Active mainly on intellectual property, life science and technology related transactions (including private equity, venture capital and M&A ) and litigation (including arbitration). Other areas of work are corporate and commercial law.

### CAREER

Prior to his joining Walder Wyss in 2013, held positions as a District Court law clerk, as Foreign Associate in a leading London law firm and as Associate and, during 12 years, as Partner in Zurich and Lugano law firms.

### LANGUAGES

English, Italian, German and French.

### MEMBER

Swiss and Ticino Bar Association, International Trademark Association, Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution, Board Member of the Ticino Chapter of the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce.

### EDUCATION

Born in 1967 and educated at the University of Zurich (lic. iur. 1991) and at the University of London, Queen Mary & Westfield College (LL.M. 1995). Admitted to the Zurich bar in 1994.

### LEISURE

Cycling, Skiing.



## LIC IUR DAVIDE JERMINI

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate and Commercial, Real Estate, Notary Public

### POSITION

Partner

### CAREER

Qualified in 1999 (all Swiss Courts) and admitted to the Ticino notary society since 2000. He joined Walder Wyss as a partner in 2013 after having worked 5 years for a major international business law firm in Zurich and after having been a partner in Zurich and Lugano based law firms for 8 years.

### LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue), German, English, French

### MEMBER

Member of the Legal Advisory Board of Centro Studi Bancari, Lugano.

### EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen (lic. oec. HSG, 1992); University of Basel (lic. iur., 1995)