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Education

LL.M., Columbia Law School, 2016

Master II, University of Paris II -
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Maîtrise, University of Paris II -
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Licence, University of Paris II -
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Bar Admissions

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Pierre-Hadrien Darriet's practice focuses on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and capital markets matters. In recognition of his work, Mr. Darriet was named one of *Best Lawyers'* 2024 Ones to Watch.

His representations include:

- Air France-KLM in connection with Apollo's €500 million investment in 2023 into an operating affiliate of Air France that owns a pool of components dedicated to the airline's engineering and maintenance activities; Apollo's €500 million investment into an affiliate of Air France that owns engineering and maintenance assets of the airline; corporate and governance matters relating to its 2022 €2.256 billion capital increase with preferential subscription rights; and corporate and governance matters relating to the €4 billion recapitalization measures approved by the European Commission in April 2021
- SCOR SE, the fifth-largest reinsurance group worldwide and which is listed on both Euronext Paris and the SIX Swiss Exchange, in the acquisition of 5.01% of its own shares from Covéa for €252 million upon the partial exercise of the call option granted by Covéa in 2021, and the subsequent sale of these shares to BNP Paribas Cardif; in its successful defense against a €8.3 billion unsolicited takeover proposal from Covéa, a French mutual insurance group and the largest shareholder of SCOR SE; and in connection with its defense against claims made by activist fund CIAM
- Westfield Corporation, an international retail property group, in connection with its US\$24.7 billion business combination with Unibail-Rodamco, Europe's largest listed commercial property company, through Australian law schemes of arrangement and a stapling of the shares of Unibail-Rodamco with the shares of a Dutch subsidiary. This stapled security structure, which included the shares of a publicly traded French company, was a first under French law
- Iliad, a listed telecom group and parent company of French telecom company Free, in connection with the acquisition of a 75% stake in Jaguar Network, a leading developer of technologies for the cloud, telecom and smart cities markets in France
- L'Occitane International S.A., a global luxury cosmetics group based in Europe and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, in connection with its proposed acquisition of the Elemis Group for US\$900 million, as well as on the financing of the acquisition
- Renault in connection with its agreements with Nissan regarding the rebalanced cross-shareholding between the two companies (including the transfer by Renault of 28.4% of Nissan shares into a French trust), the reinforcement of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance's governance and the investment agreement of Nissan, as strategic investor, in Ampere; its proposed (but withdrawn) €32.6 billion 50/50 merger transaction with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles; and additional matters relating to the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance
- Daimler in its disposals of certain dealerships in France in connection with the company's strategic plan for its distribution network
- the Beaufour family's trust in connection with the reorganization of the controlling shareholding structure of Ipsen, a French publicly listed pharmaceutical company
- Silver Lake Partners in its €275 million term loan B and revolving credit facilities in connection with its acquisition of Groupe Meilleurtaux, a leading French online and mobile financial services provider; and in connection with the financing of its acquisition of Silae SAS, a cloud-based payroll and HR software specialist