

WFW ADVISES AUCTUS ON ACQUISITION FINANCING OF ROBERT BÜRKLE GMBH

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Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) has advised AUCTUS Capital Partners AG (“AUCTUS”) on the financing of its acquisition of Robert Bürkle GmbH. The financing consisted of senior loans arranged by Oldenburgische Landesbank Aktiengesellschaft and Raiffeisenlandesbank Niederösterreich-Wien AG as well as a mezzanine facility and preferred equity provided by funds managed by Beechbrook Capital. The seller was Nimbus Investment.

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Robert Bürkle is a leading manufacturer of presses and coating lines for surfaces. It offers systems solutions across five product groups (wood working & furniture, building insulation, photovoltaic, printed circuit boards and plastic cards) for several independent industry players.

The WFW Banking & Finance team advising AUCTUS was led by Hamburg Partner Dr Stefan Kilgus. He was supported by Managing Associate Dr Pascal Unger and Associate Jens Leu in Hamburg, and Managing Associate Marcus Mützelburg and Associate Roman Schneider in Munich.

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