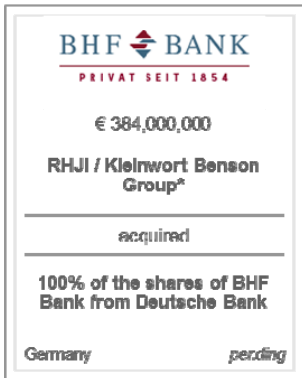


External Deal Announcement



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goetzpartners advised RHJ International / Kleinwort Benson Group Limited on the agreement to purchase a 100% interest in BHF-BANK, one of Germany's leading private banks



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Kleinwort Benson Group Limited ("KBG"), the wholly owned subsidiary of financial services group RHJ International ("RHJ"), has reached an agreement with Deutsche Bank to acquire BHF-BANK, one of Germany's leading private banks. Under the transaction, KBG will acquire 100% of BHF-BANK for an agreed consideration of €384 million, which will be paid in cash and is subject to closing purchase price adjustments. In addition to funds provided by RHJ, the associated capital increase in KBG is supported by Fosun Group, AQTON SE (the wholly owned strategic investment company of German entrepreneur Stefan Quandt), entities affiliated with Timothy C. Collins, and individual investment funds managed and/or sub-advised by BlackRock Investment Management, LLC. Upon completion of the transaction, RHJ will remain a majority shareholder in KBG, with a stake of approximately 60%.

The proposed transaction is subject to regulatory approvals.

About RHJ International

RHJ International is a financial services group with principal activities in wealth management, asset management and merchant banking.

About Kleinwort Benson Group

Kleinwort Benson Group Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of RHJ International, with approximately €9 billion of assets under management, and comprises the businesses of Kleinwort Benson Bank Limited and Kleinwort Benson Channel Islands Holdings Limited and Kleinwort Benson Investors Dublin Ltd.

About BHF-Bank

BHF-BANK is a leading German private bank. Headquartered in Frankfurt (Germany), the bank employs 1,200 members of staff and has about EUR 36 billion of assets under management.

About goetzpartners

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