

# Biography



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### Expertise

Corporate

Valentina is counsel in our Corporate practice in Cyprus. She has over a decade of experience advising on a wide range of corporate transactions, including joint ventures, restructuring, due diligence, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and in general commercial and corporate law. She advises both domestic and foreign clients, including multinational companies and international banking institutions.

Valentina's experience includes advising on IPOs on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, AIM and Main, and the delisting of shares of public companies from the Oslo Stock Exchange. She frequently acts for clients on major complex cross-border corporate deals.

Valentina is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association.

## Recommendations

Clients describe Valentina as "very responsive, knowledgeable and patient." "She always responded quickly and assisted in closing the transaction under immense time pressure."

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## Experience

Assisting Mondelēz International, a global snack company headquartered in Chicago, in relation to the Cypriot subsidiaries of the Chipita Group and on the integration steps following the acquisition of Chipita S.A, with a deal value of USD\$ 2 billion. Chipita S.A. is a high-growth key player in the Central and Eastern European croissants and baked snacks category, which cultivates its products in 13 factories and distributes to more than 50 countries.

Advised investors, in their investment in KGH GROUP LTD. KGH would be the holding company of a group of companies whose business is the operation of "KEABANK" a fintech solutions hub that unifies a neobank, crypto-platform and global payments services localized for different countries,

providing both innovative and traditional financial services to individual and corporate clients globally;

Advises GDEV Inc, an international game development company listed in NASDAQ, and provides general corporate advice, support and assistance in relation to the Cypriot companies of its group and their restructuring.

Advised Tencent in relation to its participation in the preferred equity financing of Gaijin Entertainment Holdings S.A., a Seychelles limited company following its redomiciliation to Cyprus. Gaijin is an independent European video game developer and publisher headquartered in Budapest.

Advised Grafton Capital, a software-specialist growth equity firm, in its investment in, Omilia, a dynamic innovator in conversational AI, for the continuing growth and adoption of advanced, human-like conversational AI.

Advising Puma Brandenburg Investments Ltd, an investment company majority-owned by Howard Shore, for the commercialisation of the molecular biology-based solutions being developed by Ador Diagnostics S.r.l (**Ador**) through the Cypriot joint venture vehicle Ador Diagnostics Ltd. Ador is a joint venture of BATM Advanced Communications Limited (LSE: BVC), a leading provider of real-time technologies for networking solutions and medical laboratory systems with Gamida for Life B.V.

Advising China Merchants Port Group Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Shenzhen Chiwan Wharf Holdings Limited), a China based port services company and, a PRC-listed company (**CWH**) in connection with Thesar Maritime Limited (the holding company of a private terminal at the port of Lomé by concession agreement) and the internal reorganisation involving China Merchants Port Holdings Company Limited, a Hong Kong-listed company with stock code 144 (**CMP**) whose ultimate holding company is China Merchants Group Limited. Pursuant to the re-organisation, CWH became a controlling shareholder of CMP.

Advising Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia, as to matters of Cypriot law in its investment in obtaining the majority ownership of the leading Greek natural cosmetics producer Korres. Morgan Stanley and Chinese company Profex have agreed to acquire majority share in leading Greek natural cosmetics producer Korres for €48.3 million (US\$58 million). The transaction was made through Cyprus-based company Nissos Holdings, founded by Korres.

Advising Sekyra Group, a leading property development company in Czech Republic, in connection with its joint venture with Penta Investments Group, and Kaprain Investments Group for the development of the Dejvice Center in Prague.

Acting for and providing advice on Cypriot law matters to The Brink's Company in connection to its acquisition of the majority of G4S plc's cash operations for US\$860 million.

Acting for Agri Europe Cyprus (**AEC**) in its restructuring through a scheme of arrangement.

## Bar Admissions

Cyprus  
2009

## Education

College of Law (LPC)  
2008

Cass Business School (MSc)  
2006

Queen Mary's University of London (LLB)  
2005

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