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**BianchiSchwald, GHR Rechtsanwälte and PYTHON merge to form valfor**

## **The merger to form valfor creates one of the most competitive national business law firms on the Swiss legal market**

The leading Swiss business law firms BianchiSchwald, GHR Rechtsanwälte and PYTHON merge to form valfor. The merger creates one of the most competitive national business law firms with more than 70 lawyers in six offices in Switzerland and an office in Brussels. In an increasingly complex economic and legal environment, valfor positions itself as a one-stop shop for comprehensive advice on national and international business law.

From July 1, 2024, BianchiSchwald, GHR Rechtsanwälte and PYTHON will operate as **valfor**. The merger will result in one of Switzerland's leading nationwide commercial law firms with more than 70 lawyers in Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Sion, Zug and Zurich as well as in Brussels.

Under the maxim «value beyond legal advice», the new law firm stands for continuous commitment and the shared aspiration to always offer its clients real added value. With a strong interdisciplinary and international focus in all areas of business law, **valfor** offers clients comprehensive advice tailored to their individual needs from a single source.

By merging to form **valfor**, the new firm will be able to expand its client relationships, deepen its core competencies, extend its geographical reach and optimize the efficiency of its internal structures and processes. For clients requiring international advice, the new firm's experts are closely connected to leading law firms and consultants worldwide through their established networks. In this way, **valfor** combines the strengths and many years of experience of the founding law firms BianchiSchwald, GHR Rechtsanwälte and PYTHON to form a more powerful unit that can support and advise its clients even more effectively. **valfor** is thus playing a leading role in actively shaping a market development in which comprehensive and at the same time bundled knowledge as well as first-class, integrated solutions and outstanding services are in demand – beyond national borders.

## Quotes

### On the merger

«A law firm merger is not something to be entered into lightly. It is a process that takes months or longer to complete, affecting lawyers, members of staff and clients alike. We are therefore extremely pleased to have successfully merged BianchiSchwald, GHR Rechtsanwälte and PYTHON to form the leading business law firm **valfor**. We are convinced that this will enable us to create real added value for our clients in a challenging environment.»

Philippe Kenel, Partner

### On the strategic positioning of the new firm

«Our strength lies in our broad expertise, our many years of experience, our deep understanding of local laws and customs and our uncompromising pursuit of excellence. This enables us to provide the first-class integrated solutions and outstanding services that our clients seek in today's increasingly complex business and legal environment – both nationally and internationally.»

Marc Grüninger, Partner

### About our corporate culture

«Corporate culture is of course important in any industry, but it is of the utmost importance in a law firm merger. Our strength is based on our people. Our teams of experts work closely together and share our common values and principles. We foster an open, dynamic and sustainable working environment. Always with the aim of creating added value for our clients.»

Hans-Peter Schwald, Partner

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