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## POELLATH advises management of GBA Group on acquisition of majority stake by investor Ardian

Private equity investment company Ardian has acquired a majority stake in GBA Group. In the course of the transaction, GBA's management team and the previous shareholder, Quadriga Capital, have also re-invested in the company. POELLATH advised the management of GBA Group on this transaction. The transaction is still subject to approval by the relevant antitrust authorities.

Founded in 1989 and based in Hamburg, GBA Group is a leading company in the field of bioanalytical laboratory services in the DACH region. Its core competencies are in food, environmental and pharmaceutical analysis. The company employs around 1,400 people at 39 locations and 44 laboratories and also has a strong presence in Belgium and Poland.

Ardian and Quadriga Capital, together with GBA's management team, intend to further develop the company by investing in the above-mentioned core areas, as well as by expanding into new markets.

POELLATH provided comprehensive legal advice to the GBA Group in the context of the acquisition of shares by Ardian with the following Munich-based team:

- Dr. Benedikt Hohaus (partner, lead, M&A/private equity/management participation)
- Johanna Scherk (associate, M&A/ private equity/management participation)
- Silke Simmer (née Bandener) (associate, M&A/ private equity/management participation)

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