+PRESS

Contact
Attorney-at-law Nadine Ackermann
Bockenheimer Landstraße 2-4, 60306 Frankfurt aMT
+49 (69) 247047-74
nadine.ackermann@pplaw.com

17 July 2026

POELLATH advises the management of GBA Group on the sale to Bridgepoint

French private equity firm Ardian has sold its majority stake in GBA Group, a provider of specialized laboratory and analytical services, to British investment firm Bridgepoint. The transaction remains subject to customary regulatory approvals and is expected to close by the end of 2026. Ardian will retain a minority stake in GBA Group as part of the transaction. The management team will also continue to hold an investment in the company.

Headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, GBA Group is a leading provider of specialized laboratory and analytical services for clients in the pharmaceutical, cosmetics, chemicals, food, drinking water, and environmental sectors. Since Ardian's investment in 2021, the company has significantly expanded its international footprint, extending its operations beyond the DACH region into additional European markets, Southeast Asia, and the United States.

Driven by a consistent buy-and-build strategy and strong organic growth, GBA Group increased its workforce from approximately 1,400 to around 3,500 employees. At the same time, the company expanded its service offering, entered new end markets, and further strengthened its position in a market environment characterized by increasing regulatory requirements and growing demand for independent scientific expertise.

Bridgepoint is one of the world's leading mid-market investors, with a strong local presence across Europe, North America, and Asia. The firm invests primarily in the private equity, infrastructure, and private credit sectors.

POELLATH advised the management of GBA Group on all legal and tax aspects of its management participation in connection with the sale with the following Munich-based team:

- Dr. Benedikt Hohaus (partner, management participation, M&A/PE)
- Silke Simmer (counsel, management participation, M&A/PE)
- Natalie Tafelski (associate, management participation, M&A/PE)

About POELLATH

POELLATH is a leading German law firm with an international reach, specializing in business and tax law. With over 180 legal and tax professionals in Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt, we stand for excellent legal and tax advice with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, investment funds, real estate transactions, corporate and capital market law, tax law, as well as succession, assets and foundations. Our specialized practice groups don’t just know the law – together with our clients, we actively shape best practices in the market. National and international rankings regularly list us among the top law firms in our core areas of expertise.

Visit us at www.pplaw.com or follow us on LinkedIn and Instagram.