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Johannes A. Bürgi advises clients on matters involving real estate, structured finance/securitisation, restructuring, and debt capital markets. Johannes is ranked as a top practitioner by international directories such as Chambers, PLC and ILO that describe him being 'a great tactician'. He is increasingly involved in complex restructuring, insolvency and workout situations.

In finance, Johannes for instance advised Goldman Sachs on the establishment of a new Swiss residential mortgage business platform. He also advised on virtually all public and private auto-leasing and credit card asset-backed securitisations as well as covered bond / RMBS projects in Switzerland. Johannes is Swiss winner of the ILO Client Choice Award for Securitisation and Structured Finance.

In real estate, Johannes advised the buyer in its 1 billion Swiss franc landmark acquisition of the Uetlihof office complex in Zurich from Credit Suisse AG in a sale-leaseback transaction, Blackstone Group with respect to the Swiss part of the acquisition of assets of GE Capital Real Estate in a transaction valued at US$ 23 billion globally, a Middle-Eastern sovereign wealth fund on the acquisition, development and operation of one of the biggest shopping malls in Switzerland, and another Middle-Eastern sovereign wealth fund on its acquisition of a portfolio of hotel properties in Switzerland.

Johannes was educated at Lausanne and Berne universities (state exam, 1998; Dr. iur., 2001, summa cum laude) and at Stanford Law School, U.S.A. (LL.M. in Corporate Governance and Practice, 2003). He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Board of Walder Wyss Ltd. from 2013-2021. He is fluent in German, English and French; he is registered with the Zurich Bar Registry and admitted to practice in all Switzerland.

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