

## Press release

### **RITTERSHAUS advises Malt on Acquisition of German Freelancing-Marketplace Comatch**

Frankfurt/ Mannheim/Munich, 1 April 2022: The German law firm [RITTERSHAUS](#) has advised [Malt Community S.A.](#) ("Malt") on the acquisition of Berlin-based [Comatch GmbH](#) ("Comatch"). Malt operates the largest European digital freelancing-marketplace for companies to choose from more than 340,000 freelance experts to advance their projects with external expertise.

Founded in Germany, Comatch is a curated marketplace for freelance management consultants and industry experts. With its network of more than 15.000 consultants, Comatch is considered a pioneer among consulting marketplaces. By acquiring Comatch, Malt expands its services and strategically lays the foundation for becoming the undisputed European market leader and preferred partner for companies requiring external resources. With the combined network of freelance experts Malt now offers its corporate clients the resources to realize projects from strategic planning to execution. The combined client network of Malt and Comatch consists of more than 1.000 enterprises, including 80 percent of the DAX 40 and CAC 40 companies.

In this transaction, RITTERSHAUS advised Malt jointly with its French partner law firm [Yards](#) based in Paris, who is Malt's regular legal advisor. Both law firms have a longstanding personal relationship. The specialized transaction team headed by Frankfurt partner [Dr. Markus Bauer](#) advised Malt on the acquisition of Comatch shares from the two founders as well as numerous venture capital investors and, together with Yards, coordinated various interfaces of the German and French side of the transaction. Comatch was advised by Berlin law firm Studio Legal Rechtsanwälte.

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In 2020, RITTERSHAUS was nominated for the award as "Law Firm of the Year for M&A" by the editors of the JUVÉ Directory, the leading publication on commercial law firms in Germany, and was named Law Firm of the Year 2020 for Succession, Wealth and Foundations. In 2021, RITTERSHAUS was recommended by FOCUS as a top business law firm 2021 in data protection and, as in the previous year, in corporate law. RITTERSHAUS has already been recognized by Wirtschaftswoche as a top law firm for corporate law and patent law in 2019 and as a top law firm for data protection law in 2020 and 2021, as well as a top law firm for construction law in 2022.

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