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Andreas Fabritius of Freshfields, Francesco Gianni of Gianni Origoni, Mathias Strasser of Sullivan & Cromwell, Oliver Schröder and Pietro Fioruzzi of Cleary Gottlieb, Guy Norman of Clifford Chance and Michael Kutschera from Binder Grosswang

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The acquisition of the second-largest German bank by the second-largest Italian one was never going to be straightforward. Three parallel takeover offers were initially coordinated in three separate jurisdictions, which required the legal teams to resolve numerous regulatory, corporate governance and antitrust headaches. A major challenge was that the exchange offer for HVB was the first such offer done under the Prospectus Directive.

The law firms involved were **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Wardynski & Partners, Gianni Origoni Grippo & Partners, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Hengeler Mueller, Binder Grösswang, Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak, Sullivan & Cromwell, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, and Clifford Chance**