

PRESS CONTACT

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**SCHILLING, ZUTT & ANSCHÜTZ ADVISES AVANTOR ON THE ACQUISITION OF RITTER GMBH AND SEVERAL AFFILIATES.**

A Schilling, Zutt & Anschütz team led by partners Dr Michaela Balke and Dr Oliver Schröder has provided legal advice to US life science company AVANTOR in connection with the acquisition of Ritter GmbH and several affiliates. The transaction is subject to the approval of the relevant authorities. The acquisition allows AVANTOR to expand its proprietary offering to the biopharma and healthcare end markets, in particular in the field of critical lab automation workflows.

**AVANTOR**, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading global provider of products and services in the biopharma, healthcare, education and government, advanced technologies and applied materials industries. The company's portfolio is used in virtually every stage of the most important research, development and production activities in the respective industries. AVANTOR's global presence allows the company to serve more than 225,000 customer locations and grants the company extensive access to research laboratories and scientists in more than 180 countries.

Based in Schwabmünchen, **Ritter GmbH** is the fastest-growing manufacturer of high-quality robotic and liquid handling consumables. These mission-critical consumables are used in a variety of molecular screening and diagnostic applications as well as in drug discovery and clinical trial testing in pharma and biotech applications. Besides its German location, Ritter also operates a plant in Slovenia.

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A Wolff Theiss team led by Markus Bruckmüller has advised AVANTOR on all matters concerning Slovenian law.

Dr Sabine Funke, LL.M. (University of Chicago), notarized the transaction at FM-Notare.

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