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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Capital Markets since 2013
- Chambers and Partners FinTech Legal: Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies
- The Legal 500: Hall of Fame in Banking and Finance since 2024; Leading Individual in Insurance since 2024; Next Generation Partner in Capital Markets since 2017
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader in Banking since 2023; Recommended in Fintech since 2021; Recommended in Capital Markets since 2018
- LMG Expert Guides: Rising Star (Banking and Finance, Insurance and Reinsurance) from 2017 to 2020
- IFLR 1000: Highly Regarded, Financial services regulatory

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Selected Publications

- Virtual Currency Regulation: Switzerland
- Equity Derivates, Switzerland, 2024 Edition
- International Handbook of Blockchain Law: A Guide to Navigating Legal and Regulatory Challenges of Blockchain Technology and Crypto Assets, Second Edition
- Blockchain 2024, Trends and Developments
- Capital Markets: Derivatives, Switzerland 2024 Edition

Olivier Favre is a Partner in our Banking and Finance Group in Zurich. He focuses on capital markets, derivatives and structured finance transactions and advises clients on financial services, securities, commodities, fund and insurance regulation. Olivier also advises clients on fintech solutions and legal aspects of asset management activities.

Expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets
- Insurance
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech
- Financial Services
- ESG

Experience

- Acted as legal counsel to a working group of industry association in charge of preparing a Swiss law governed master agreement for derivatives transactions and related documentation (e.g. agreement to exchange variation margin, PRDR agreement, resolution stay acknowledgment, revised documentation for interest rate products)
- Advised clients on programs for the issuance of structured products in the Swiss market and their approval by a Swiss prospectus office
- Advised on initial margin documentation for OTC derivatives
- Advised on regulatory requirements for providing brokerage and custody services regarding crypto-assets
- Advised foreign insurance companies on Swiss licensing requirements for cross-border activity into Switzerland
- Prepared for the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) the netting and collateral enforceability opinion for international financial organizations established in Switzerland
- Advised on the implementation of the Financial Services Act (FinSA) and the Financial Institutions Act (FinIA)

Career

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| 2016 | Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 2009 | Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer |
| 2007-2009 | Legal Counsel at Goldman Sachs International in London |
| 2004-2007 | Associate at Allen & Overy LLP in London |

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Education

2005	Bar Admission in New York
2005	Admission as Solicitor in England
2004	LL.M., Harvard University
2003	Dr. iur., University of Zurich
2000	Bar Admission in Switzerland

Additional Professional Activities

– Authorized representative at the SIX Swiss Exchange