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+++ The M&A market still has wind in its sails. Together with Advent, Lanxess acquires the Engineering Materials business of Royal DSM for approx. EUR 3.7 billion. Lanxess is contributing its High Performance Materials business to the joint venture, thus preparing for its exit from this segment. Siemens Energy intends to take over Siemens Gamesa Renewable in its entirety for approx. EUR 4.2 billion. At the same time, Siemens Energy will sell its Spanish engine business to Mutares. Fresenius Kabi acquires a 55% stake in the Spanish biotech company mAbxience for approx. EUR 495 million. Several years after its failed takeover attempt, SAF-Holland tries its luck again with Swedish competitor Haldex with a takeover offer worth approx. EUR 307 million. BMW and Mercedes-Benz sell the car sharing service Share Now to Stellantis for reported approx. EUR 250 million. Finally, Nestlé secures a majority stake in Ankerkraut, the spice start-up known from a TV show. +++

+++ The business model of financial investors is adapting. Advent's DSM transaction not only confirms that PE deals are becoming increasingly complex: with an equity check of 50% and an expected holding period of around eight years, the business model of financial investors is also adapting to market conditions. ICIG is passing Corden Pharma on to Astorg for approx. EUR 2.6 billion. With a reported transaction volume of approx. EUR 2.5 billion, Amira with the LSH investor consortium acquires a stake of approx. 40% in the pharmaceutical and laboratory supplier from the Sartorius heirs. The Otto Family Office joins forces with Oaktree to acquire Deutsche EuroShop, an operator of shopping centers valued at approx. EUR 1.4 billion. Hg sells medical software company Medifox Dan to its competitor ResMed for approx. USD 1 billion. A new takeover offer with a higher offer price finally convinces the activist shareholders of Aareal Bank and ultimately brings Advent, Centerbridge and CPPIB to their goal. +++

+++ The State gets in on the act. The foreign direct investment control regime is enforced more rigidly, as demonstrated by the prohibition of the acquisition of Heyer Medical by the Chinese Aeonmed Group. In addition, the geopolitical situation is turning the State into a player. Gazprom Germania, which operates gas storage facilities and trades in gas, is put under trusteeship of the Federal Network Agency and supported with a billion-Euro loan from KfW. A plan for the refinery in Schwedt is being worked on. At Commerzbank, on the other hand, the State's exit is being explored. +++

+++ The capital markets are dragging themselves to the summer break. Work continues on ongoing projects, in particular the Porsche IPO. Otherwise, the capital markets are currently hoping for lower volatility in the market window after the summer break. Stock market aspirants could become M&A candidates. +++

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