

Press Release

# Allianz invests in heycar

**Berlin, July 9, 2021** – While working at YPOG's predecessor firm SMP, Members of the YPOG Team provided comprehensive legal advice to Allianz X, Allianz's digital investments unit, on its investment in heycar Group (Mobility Trader Holding GmbH). YPOG partners Stephan Bank and Frederik Gärtner had the lead on this transaction. KNPZ advised on IP/IT/data protection and PWWL on employment law. UK counsel was Fox Williams.

heycar is an international digital sales platform for high-quality used cars. Existing investors include Volkswagen, Volkswagen Financial Services and Daimler Mobility. Allianz Partners, a leader in B2B2C insurance and assistance services, will become the insurance partner for heycar in all existing and future markets for the next five years, according to the company. The collaboration will add Allianz insurance products and services to the heycar platform, which will be seamlessly integrated into the customer journey. By partnering with heycar Group, Allianz confirms its commitment to digital business models with the potential to fundamentally change the mobility sector. Allianz will offer essential car insurance products via the platform and extend them with a variety of additional offerings such as roadside assistance and warranty. In this way, heycar will become a holistic and customer-centric mobility provider, covering both conventional offline sales through dealers and the growing end-to-end online transactions. Since its foundation in 2017, heycar Group has become one of the leading sales platforms for high-quality used cars of numerous automotive brands in Europe. After launching in Germany, the company now also operates in the UK and Spain.

"We are delighted to have advised Allianz X on this transaction and also congratulate heycar on this partnership. The online used car market has great potential. Particularly in this area, customer confidence in the products and services offered is crucial, and the name Allianz provides the ideal framework for this," says YPOG partner Stephan Bank.

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