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Versatile professional always capable of successfully adapting to new challenges with a pragmatic, solution-oriented approach.

Umberto Milano is a business lawyer with an international background (licensed in Switzerland, Italy and New York, US).

Specializing in corporate law, his practice is primarily focused on venture capital. As part thereof, he provides comprehensive advice to investors and (deep) tech startups across all phases of growth. This includes adeptly navigating equity and debt financing transactions, both domestically and internationally, as well as overseeing M&A endeavours. His career boasts dozens of successfully executed deals.

Additionally, he maintains a keen interest in the impact of ESG considerations on entrepreneurship, regularly contributing insights through articles and participation in expert forums reflecting his dedication to fostering positive change through legal advocacy.

Expertise

Banking, Finance and Fintech

White-collar crime, mutual legal assistance, internal investigations, crisis management, and compliance

Company & Corporate Law / M&A

Capital markets and listed companies

Startup & Venture Capital Desk

Career

- Since 2025: Partner, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2023-2024: Senior Associate, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2018–2022
  Associate, Kellerhals Carrard, Zurich
- 2015–2018
  Legal trainee, Shearman & Sterling LLP, Rome (IT)
- 2015
  Legal intern, Tosolini, Lamura, Rasile & Toniutti LLP, New York (US)

Memberships

- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Bar Association of Asti (IT)
- New York Bar (US)
- American Bar Association (US)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

Education

- 2022
  Bar exam, Canton of Zurich
- 2020
  Enrolled as a Ph.D. student at the law faculty of the University of Geneva
- 2018
  Bar exam, Rome (IT)
- 2017
  Bar exam, New York (US)
- 2015
  LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law, Fordham University School of Law, New York (US)
- 2015
  MLaw, Luiss "Guido Carli", Rome (IT)

Other Activities

- Co-founder of pizzatech, the Italian founders' community in Switzerland

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Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Publications & Presentations

Documenting Shareholder Resolutions: Selected Questions on Minutes and Circular Resolutions after the Corporate Law Reform in: Beiträge zum neuen Aktienrecht. Eine fünfundzwanzigjährige notarielle Zusammenarbeit im interkantonalen Bereich, Festschrift 2025, swisNot.ch/Giulia Neri-Castracane/Philippe Frésard (Hrsg.), Zürich/Genf 2025	Roman Aus der Au Umberto Milano	2025
Umsetzung der Fair-Preis-Initiative auf dem Gesetzesweg: Ausdehnung der Missbrauchsaufsicht auf relativ marktmächtige Unternehmen und Einführung des Geoblocking-Verbots Newsletter 3/2020	Daniel Emch Umberto Milano Christophe Rapin	2021