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## For the second year in a row, GESSEL named Legal Advisor of the Year in the PSIK Awards 2021!

Our firm welcomes this success and thanks the market community for its appreciation.

This is a great honour for us, and a very important award. Especially seeing as we are being recognised for the second year running - there's plenty of truth to the saying that, oftentimes, reaching the top is the easy part, staying there is more difficult. I take this opportunity to thank all our Clients for their continued trust - it is the Clients who bring new projects to us, and who keep us trying! We also thank all the Polish Private Equity Association (PSIK) members for their recognition. Credit is due to the entire magnificent staff of our firm, now – would you believe it! - 28 years and over 400 transactions later since its founding by Beata Gessel. We take this track record seriously, and we aim to uphold it. Dear GESSEL Team – we've done it again! Congratulations to all!

Marcin Macieszczak, managing partner

Apart from that, GESSEL was also a finalist in the Venture Capital Legal Advisor of the Year category, and sale of the Akomex group, with GESSEL as counsel to the Highlander Partners fund, was shortlisted for Transaction of the Year!

The annual competition of the Polish Private Equity Association (PSIK) aims to honour managers of private equity / venture capital funds, consultancies, banks, and counsel for their achievements in the Polish private equity / venture capital markets and for their pro bono work. Since its inauguration in 2018, the competition fosters best practices in the private equity/venture capital sector and encourages PE/VC involvement in the growth of Polish

The Polish Private Equity Association (PSIK), in existence since 2002, represents the interests of the PE/VC sector and works towards its growth. PSIK's membership base includes PE/VC funds active in Poland as well as law firms, banks, and consultancies working with the PE/VC sector.

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