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Rautenberg & Company Recognized with the Best of Consulting Award 2025

Düsseldorf, November 2025 – Rautenberg & Company, the leading integrated strategy and corporate finance advisory firm, has been honoured at this year's *Best of Consulting 2025* awards by *WirtschaftsWoche*, securing 2nd place in the highly competitive "Finance" category.

At the core of this achievement was the firm's ability to seamlessly integrate Strategy & Value Creation and Corporate Finance / M&A services into an singe, fully unified buy-side project. This integrated approach enabled its client, a renowned European PE fund manager, to prevail in a highly competitive technology-sector sale process.

Our Award-Winning Project: VELVET

The recognition was awarded for project *VELVET*, a complex and intensely competitive technology-sector transaction. Rautenberg & Company's private equity client entered a demanding, high-velocity bidding process for a highly attractive tech asset, aiming to secure preferred-bidder status in a rigorously managed sell-side process led by an American investment bank.

Two factors made the project particularly challenging: an intensely competitive environment requiring speed, precision, and flawless strategic positioning; and the inherent complexity of the target company, characterized by a sophisticated business model, advanced technology, and a heterogeneous shareholder structure.

Rautenberg & Company executed an integrated Commercial and Technical Due Diligence and delivered a detailed Value Creation Plan, providing the client with the clarity needed to thoroughly evaluate the opportunity, secure internal investment approvals, and ultimately win the process as the preferred bidder. Implementation of the Value Creation Plan began immediately upon closing. Reflecting the strength of the partnership, Rautenberg & Company was invited both to co-invest via its dedicated investment vehicle and to join the advisory board of the target.

Arndt Rautenberg, Managing Partner, commented: "Project VELVET exemplifies our ability to combine analytical accuracy with entrepreneurial execution under intense time pressure, creating tangible value for our clients in highly demanding situations. It also demonstrates our commitment to long-term partnerships with our clients – through our investment in both time and own capital."

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About the Best of Consulting Award

The *Best of Consulting* award by *WirtschaftsWoche* is one of Germany's most prestigious honours for management consultancies. Each year, an independent jury of industry experts and academics evaluates submitted projects based on their innovation, strategic relevance, and measurable client impact. The awards recognize consulting firms that have delivered exceptional results and excellence in their field.

About Rautenberg & Company

Rautenberg & Company advises financial investors and their portfolio companies as well as corporates and medium-sized companies in all phases of a transaction: from initiation and preparation of successful sales processes across their support and implementation to planning and realization of value creation. The market-leading offer consists of two key components – Strategy and Value Creation advisory and Corporate Finance / M&A advisory, led by a highly experienced and exceptionally competent team.

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