Eight firms in AB Inbev Grupo Modelo buy

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Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, <u>Sullivan & Cromwell LLP</u> and <u>Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP</u>, and Mexican firms <u>Mijares</u>, <u>Angoitia</u>, <u>Cortés y Fuentes SC</u> and <u>Von Wobeser y Sierra SC</u> have advised Belgium-based brewer Anheuser-Busch Inbev in the US\$20.1 billion acquisition of the remaining stake in Mexican counterpart Grupo Modelo which it does not already own.



Grupo Modelo owns the popular Corona, Negra Modelo, Victoria and Pacífico brands, among others (Credit: Donald Cook)

US firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP and Mexican firms <u>Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enriquez SC</u>, Ritch Mueller SC, and Duclaud Asesores advised Grupo Modelo in the deal, which was announced on 29 June and represents the second largest acquisition in Anheuser-Busch Inbev's history. Anheuser-Busch Inbev already has a 50 per cent stake in the Mexican brewer, which owns popular brands Corona, Victoria and Negra Modelo, among others.

Skadden Arps advised AB Inbev on US law aspects, while Freshfields provided global antitrust counsel. Sullivan & Cromwell's role was unconfirmed at the time of publication.

Anheuser-Busch Inbevis the world's largest brewer, with a portfolio of more than 200 brands globally.

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