



Sanctions & Financial Crime

2023



PROFILED:

KRISTOF WABL

StoneTurn



StoneTurn



Sanctions & Financial Crime



KRISTOF WABL

Partner

StoneTurn

Frankfurt, Germany

T: +49 (0)69 710 455 457

E: kwabl@stoneturn.com

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Kristof Wabl is a partner with StoneTurn and brings over 15 years of experience in advising clients on prevention, detection and investigation of economic crime. He provides advice to multinational organisations, responding to their most complex challenges. He consults on anti-financial crime, sanctions, asset tracing and recovery, and fraud matters. A specialist in anti-bribery and corruption initiatives, he is a board member for the Austrian chapter of Transparency International where he leads the task force focused on whistleblowing. Prior to joining StoneTurn, he was a partner and led the forensics practice at PwC Austria following his return from a secondment in New York.

StoneTurn

**KRISTOF WABL**

StoneTurn

**Q&A WITH KRISTOF WABL****What do you consider to be your major career achievements?**

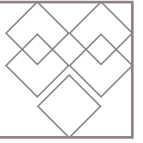
◆ Throughout my career, there have been several defining moments that have significantly contributed to my unique consulting approach. One such pivotal experience was my secondment from PwC Vienna to New York. This transformative period exposed me to a dynamic client landscape characterised by diverse teams and complex global matters, which profoundly influenced my approach to crisis consulting. My subsequent promotion to partner and forensic and crisis leader at PwC Austria underscored my dedication and global expertise in dealing with complex matters. After 14 years at PwC, I needed a new challenge and decided to join StoneTurn. Since 2021, I have been building the StoneTurn DACH practice alongside Julia Arbery based out of Frankfurt. This partnership has not only redefined client trust but has also offered our clients unique insights beyond the conventional Big Four approach. Furthermore, my pro bono involvement with Transparency International, particularly in shaping the whistleblowing channel, has been personally enriching and professionally impactful.

In what ways do you endeavour to support the career development of your colleagues rising through the ranks?

◆ I am deeply committed to nurturing the careers of my colleagues at every level. Having personally benefitted from strong mentorship over the years, I make it my mission to ensure that our team has access to this crucial support. One of the reasons I chose to join StoneTurn was its unique culture and different consulting model. At StoneTurn, we prioritise mentorship, offering tailored guidance that empowers our team members to thrive. Our wealth of expertise sets us apart, drawing from world-class professionals with backgrounds in international consulting firms, C-level industry positions and government agencies. We have a culture that inherently values making time to

**KRISTOF WABL**

StoneTurn



support colleagues, helping them grow and flourish in their careers. Inspired by my fulfilling experience with Transparency International, I am a strong advocate for volunteering opportunities, encouraging diverse experiences that broaden perspectives and skill sets for my colleagues.

**What strengths and characteristics do you, your team, and your firm strive to demonstrate to clients?**

◆ StoneTurn's consulting model is defined by hands-on partner engagement, ensuring clients benefit from unparalleled dedication and expertise. Our lean organisation as well as our guiding principle of leaving no stone unturned underscores our meticulous approach to every engagement. Whether we are conducting internal investigations, serving as government imposed or voluntary compliance monitors, providing expert testimony or evaluating corporate compliance programmes, we collaborate seamlessly with clients. Within our passionate team, creativity, camaraderie and individuality are highly valued, creating a positive atmosphere that directly translates into exceptional client service. We are committed to nurturing the potential of our younger talents, focusing on both cultural fit and diversity. Our dedication to supporting women in the workplace is not merely a goal but a foundational principle, fostering a truly inclusive environment. We aspire to make StoneTurn the premier choice for regulatory, risk and compliance needs, ensuring a remarkable and rewarding experience for all our clients. ■

"THIS TRANSFORMATIVE PERIOD EXPOSED ME TO A DYNAMIC CLIENT LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISED BY DIVERSE TEAMS AND COMPLEX GLOBAL MATTERS, WHICH PROFOUNDLY INFLUENCED MY APPROACH TO CRISIS CONSULTING."