

SANTO DOMINGO GROUP INSTRUCTS SIMPSON THACHER ON \$106M SABMILLER SALE

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Simpson Thacher & Bartlett was instructed by Santo Domingo Group in connection with SABMiller's sale to rivals Anheuser-Busch InBev for approximately \$106 billion.

Santo Domingo Group has a 14 per cent shareholding in SABMiller.

London-listed Anheuser-Busch InBev is the world's largest brewer by revenue – SABMiller is the second-largest.

The Simpson Thacher team included partners David Williams, Alan Klein, Michael Nathan and Rob Holo.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Sullivan & Cromwell advised AB InBev on the deal, while Clifford Chance acted for the controlling shareholders of AB InBev.

Linklaters and Hogan Lovells advised SABMiller, while Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz acted for Altria Group, a 27 per cent shareholder in SABMiller.

The Santo Domingo Group is owned by the Santo Domingos, Colombia's wealthiest family.

Market analysts estimate that the combined Anheuser-Busch InBev-SABMiller could account for 29 per cent of global beer sales. The company will be more than three times as large – in terms of sales – as its next closest competitor, Dutch brewer Heineken.