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Dr. Tárkány has extensive domestic and international experiences. He opened his private practice as strategy advisor after more than fifteen years of government service, which included senior positions in diplomacy, justice, legislation and industry administration. He closed his term in diplomacy as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Washington, DC, where as deputy of the Ambassador of the Hungarian diplomatic mission he advised the U.S. Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, investment funds and banks on Hungarian investment opportunities.

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Dr. Tárkány speaks in addition to his native Hungarian in English on working level and in German. His references as strategy advisor include New England Electric Resources, American Bank Note Corporation, ICN Pharmaceuticals, Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec, Callahan International (retired founder and first President of USWest-MediaOne), ORANGE, VODAFONE, POWERGEN and NRG, Budapest Public Transport Co, PROVIDENT Financial, Kapsch TraffiCom AG. He was between 2004-09 Law and Corporate Affairs (LCA) Director of MICROSOFT Hungary Ltd. As admiration of his support for technical innovations he received the Genius Award from the President of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) in 2009.

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Dr. Tárkány was founder of the European Law Students' Association in 1981 and acted as Member of the Advisory Board of the Southwestern Institute for International and Comparative Law, Plano, Texas between 1989-92. He is registered at the Justicedepartment as economic mediator since April, 2016.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

1) Joint Venturing in Hungary, publisher: Dobunkan Shuppan 1991, was the most used key handbook for Japanese investors in that early stage of Central European reform struggles to understand the political, social and economic factors of the changes. In fact, it is a broader introduction of Hungary right after the first democratic elections, containing rich evaluations of the multiparty political system, the major parties and their anticipation. This is the first publication in Japanese about the reforms in the Hungarian economic structure, financial infrastructure, the first concept of privatization and the early rules of the protection of foreign investors. It also has the Japanese versions of economic laws of major importance.

2) Auslandsinvestitionen in Ungarn (Foreign Investments in Hungary), publisher: MANZ Verlag 1991, is the first comprehensive handbook, the most complete study of the author published in German language about the new economic legislation of Hungary, giving a commentary on the directions of legislative concepts, as well as an introduction to the newly established institutions, like the bilevel banking system, capital market, deregulation, private companies, protection of foreign investments, tax system, privatization, etc.

3) Átalakulás - privatizáció (Transition - privatization), publisher: OKTÁV Rt. 1992, is a technical guide for all players of privatization, for politicians, managers, domestic and foreign investors, advisors and accountants. It includes technical details of privatization, special loan constructions, buyouts, activities of the privatization agency, techniques of asset evaluation and transformation.

4) Das Recht der Kapitalgesellschaften und der ausländischen Investitionen in Ungarn (Legal Framework of Venture Capital Companies and the Investments of Foreigners in Hungary), publisher: Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Republic Austria 1993, is the comprehensive outline of current Hungarian regulations in the framework of a series published about the emerging market countries of Central and Eastern Europe by Minister Schüssel.

5) Die neuesten Regelungen der Privatisierung in Ungarn - Hintergrund, Gegenwart und Zukunft (The Latest Rules of Privatization in Hungary - Background, Present and Future), (article in: Tomislav Boric and Willibald Posch: Privatisierung in Ungarn, Kroatien und Slowenien im Rechtsvergleich) publisher: Springer-Verlag, Vienna New York 1993, is an overview of the rules enacted in 1992 about Hungarian privatization, making reference to the

achievements of the first years as well as trying to pull together the first general consequences of the processes and their impact.