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CMS named Law Firm of the Year 2016 in CEE

CMS has been named CEE Law Firm of the Year at the Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2016

The award reflects CMS's leading position in Central Eastern Europe, the scale of its activity and the high profile and complexity of its work in recent years, as well as the reputation of the CMS teams.

Peter Huber, Managing Partner of CMS Austria, was delighted by this win for CMS and commented: "We offer our clients a crucial competitive edge in the region through our excellent local expertise and our cross-border cooperation between CMS member firms. Our clients have long appreciated CMS's sustainable involvement in CEE. This ranking once again proves the leading presence and excellent legal services CMS provides for its clients in CEE. This award recognises the expertise of our team and the significance of the deals we have worked on in the CEE region. This is a great honour for us."

The Chambers Europe awards and rankings are recognised as one of the most prestigious in Europe and are the culmination of the in-depth and independent research conducted by Chambers and Partners. Chambers awards reflect not just a law firm's pre-eminence but also highlight impressive strategic growth, excellence in client services and notable achievements over the past twelve months.

Top-Rankings at Chambers Global and Legal500

CMS has also been recognised by **Chambers Global** as the best law firm (Band 1) in two out of three categories – Corporate/M&A and Projects & Energy. CMS was classified in Band 2 in the third CEE category – banking & finance. This year CMS also received first place in the Central Eastern Europe category of the **Legal500** ranking. As Legal500 reported, *“the CEE coverage of CMS is unrivalled with offices in 13 cities in the region, including FYR countries.”* CMS has been recommended by Legal500 rankings as a top-tier firm in 30 practice areas and also received another 54 recommendations in other tiers. With 84 recommendations in Legal500 CMS is the most highly recommended law firm in CEE.

CMS in CEE: Most highly recommended law firm in CEE

CMS is a pioneer among international law firms active in Eastern Europe. For more than fifteen years, our legal experts have advised mostly international clients wishing to enter these markets. CMS was one of the first international legal advisors to establish offices across the region. More than 600 lawyers and tax experts in 15 locations, as well as a country desk, advise companies, governments and international organisations in all areas of the law across the whole CEE/SEE region.

Please feel free to use the picture of the award ceremony under http://sites.cms-rrh.com/downloads/Chambers_Europe_Awards_2016.jpg

The picture shows partners from nine jurisdictions (starting with left):

Marek Sawicki (CMS Poland), John Fitzpatrick (CMS Turkey), presenter Chambers, Radivoje Petrić (CMS Vienna, Serbia), Anela Musat (CMS UK, Romania), Dora Petranyi (CMS Hungary), Duncan Weston (Managing Partner CMS UK), Gregor Famira (CMS Vienna, Croatia, Slovenia), presenter Chambers

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CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz is one of the leading law firms in Austria and Southeast Europe. Because we are specialists, our lawyers and tax advisors are able to provide you with advice of the highest calibre and sophistication, both from a legal perspective as well as through our industry specific know-how. Highly-specialised teams consisting of internationally experienced lawyers primarily provide services in the following fields of law: M&A, banking and finance, real estate, construction law, taxes, labour laws, IP and IT laws, and public procurement.

We not only create sound legal solutions for you but also work to create pragmatic solutions, also with regards to your commercial goals. Our solutions correspond as much as possible to your company's business needs. We operate offices in Vienna, Belgrade, Bratislava, Brussels, Istanbul, Kiev, Ljubljana, Podgorica, Sarajevo, Sofia and Zagreb. All CMS offices together offer clients a team of more than 600 experienced specialists in 15 offices across the CEE/SEE region.

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About CMS

Founded in 1999, CMS offers a wide range of specialised services. We are, based on the number of lawyers, a full-service top 10 international law firm, (AM Law 2013 Global 100). With 60 offices in 34 countries across the world, and employing over 3,000 lawyers, CMS has longstanding expertise in advising in local jurisdictions, as well as across borders. CMS acts for a large number of Fortune 500 companies and the FT European 500 and for the majority of the DAX 30.

CMS provides a wide range of expertise across 18 expert practice and sector areas including corporate, energy, funds, life sciences and pharmaceuticals, TMT, tax, banking and finance, commercial, competition, dispute resolution, employment, intellectual property and real estate & construction.

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