**Press release**

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**CMS: New Office in Tirana**

**CMS acquires leading law firm in Tirana, Albania, further expanding its top position on the European market. CMS is now present at 54 locations in Europe, South America, Russia and China.**

CMS has completed the transfer of ownership of an established law firm in Tirana. In the course of the acquisition of the firm, which was founded as Eversheds Bianchini in 2009, by the Italian partner firm of CMS, CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni, eleven experts have also transferred to and joined the CMS team.

“This exciting acquisition adds an outstanding team, which is recognised as a leader in Albania, to CMS, enabling us to advise our clients on all legal issues of this market as well,” says Peter Huber, Managing Partner at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz. The office in Tirana is already the second acquisition this year: in January, CMS opened a location in Luxembourg. CMS now operates at 54 locations in 29 countries across Europe, South America, Russia and China with more than 770 partners and nearly 2,900 lawyers.Text]

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**About CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz**

CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz was founded in Vienna in 1970 and has since emerged as one of the leading specialists in all areas of commercial and labour law. Highly-specialized teams consisting of internationally experienced lawyers primarily provide services in the following fields of law: M&A, banking and finance, real estate, taxes, labour laws, IP and IT laws, and public procurement. The company operates offices in Vienna, Belgrade, Bratislava, Brussels, Kiev, Ljubljana, Sarajevo, Sofia and Zagreb. All CMS offices together offer clients a team of more than 500 experienced specialists in 13 offices across the CEE/SEE region.

CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz is one of the founding members of CMS, the association of leading European legal firms and tax consultants. At present, CMS operates a network consisting of more than 700 partners, 2,800 lawyers and tax consultants, and a total of 5,000 employees working on behalf of its clients. www.cms-rrh.com

**About CMS**

CMS aims to be recognised as the best European provider of legal and tax services. Clients say that what makes CMS special is a combination of three things:

Strong, trusted client relationships

High quality advice

Industry specialization

We combine deep local expertise and the most extensive presence in Europe with cross-border consistency and coordination.

CMS has a common culture and a shared heritage which make us distinctively European. CMS operates in 27 jurisdictions, with 53 offices in Western and Central Europe and beyond. CMS was established in 1999 and today comprises nine CMS firms, employing over 2,800 lawyers. CMS is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

**CMS member firms are:** CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni (Italy); CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo, S.L.P. (Spain); CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre (France); CMS Cameron McKenna LLP (UK); CMS DeBacker Leclère Walry (Belgium); CMS Derks Star Busmann (The Netherlands); CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd. (Switzerland); CMS Hasche Sigle (Germany) and CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz Rechtsanwälte GmbH (Austria).

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