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Dr. Roman Hager, LL.M. (LSE) joined the capital markets law team of international law firm CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in early April. The expert on capital markets, banking & finance, private equity and restructurings, who looks back on more than 15 years of experience in the banking industry, will now continue his career at CMS.

Roman Hager (43) studied law in Vienna and completed a Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme at the renowned London School of Economics (LSE). His invaluable 15-year experience in different positions in the finance industry include eight years in executive and management positions. Most of this time was spent working for the Raiffeisen Zentralbank Group. Among other things, he headed the management office of Raiffeisen Bank International AG (formerly Raiffeisen International AG) and, subsequently, the Financial Institutions & Sovereigns Restructuring department of Raiffeisen Zentralbank, which focused on the successful restructuring of international financing projects in the area of financial institutions.

Before Roman Hager joined CMS, he was managing partner at VERTO Invest GmbH and, as such, responsible for the founding and operative management of an asset management firm.

Now Roman Hager continues his career as a senior attorney at CMS. He will mostly specialise in the areas of capital markets, banking & finance, private equity and restructurings. "In my work so far, I've had the chance to study the law from the client's perspective", says Hager. "This gives me the practical approach that is so essential for a successful cooperation between companies and lawyers."

Martin Zuffer, head of the capital markets law team at CMS Vienna, welcomes his new team member: "With Roman Hager, we can offer our clients the expertise of a lawyer who, in addition to his excellent knowledge of the law, has executive and management experience and knows the industry from the company's point of view. Especially with complex clients, all these assets are becoming ever more important in order to better understand clients' needs and successfully manage transactions."

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