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Rainer Wachter Is New Partner at CMS

International law firm CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz has again won a high-profile partner: on 1 October, Rainer Wachter, long-time managing partner at Skadden in Vienna, will join the firm as a partner and co-head of the CMS corporate transactions team. He is specialised in M&A transactions, compliance issues and capital market transactions.

Rainer Wachter, who has eight years of international experience as a lawyer (New York, London and Frankfurt), headed the Vienna office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, one of the largest and most successful law firms in the world, as managing partner for 20 years. The distinguished expert in cross-border M&A transactions is also specialised in the field of compliance (including forensic investigations) and capital market transactions. On 1 October, he will join CMS in Vienna as a partner, where he will co-head the CMS corporate transactions team together with Peter Huber.

Rainer Wachter has made significant contributions to numerous major transactions for Austrian and international clients in Austria, Central and Eastern European countries as well as the USA and China.

“In Rainer Wachter, CMS is welcoming one of the most reputable Austrian lawyers in the international transaction business. We are very happy to be able to once again strengthen the consulting competence we provide for our international and national clients through this high-profile addition”, says Peter Huber, Managing Partner at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz.

“It is almost like ‘coming home’”, comments Rainer Wachter, who started his career as an associate with CMS. “CMS has undergone an impressive development during the last years. The combination of internationality and a focus on CEE as well as the law firm’s full-service approach provide an excellent environment for exciting future projects. This enables me to offer even more comprehensive services, especially to international clients”, Rainer Wachter says, looking forward to his work with CMS: “I am happy to be able to contribute my experience to leading one of the largest practice area groups at CMS.”

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MMag. Dr. Rainer Wachter, M.C.L.

Rainer Wachter (55) has advised both Austrian and international clients on cross-border M&A transactions with a focus on Austria and CEE, but also the USA and China, for many years. He frequently represents private equity firms with regard to their investments in Austria and CEE. Rainer Wachter also advises international companies and governments on issues of corporate compliance and related investigations. In the field of corporate finance, he represents banks and issuers in international capital market transactions and financings, focusing on IPOs and acquisition financings. He has many years of experience with international arbitration proceedings, in particular investment treaty arbitrations.

Rainer Wachter is admitted to the bar in Vienna, New York, England and Wales and has repeatedly been listed as a leading expert in Austria in corporate/M&A, banking & finance as well as capital markets by the legal directories *Chambers Global* and *Legal500*.

He studied law at the University of Innsbruck and received a MBA from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. He also completed the post-graduate programme “*Master of Comparative Law – M.C.L.*” at the University of San Diego (USA). He has authored many publications, among them “Due Diligence, Selected Legal Issues” in the manual “Mergers & Acquisitions”, edited by Polster-Grüll, Zöchling and Kranebitter, and regularly lectures on compliance topics.

A picture of Rainer Wachter is available for free download at
http://sites.cms-rrh.com/downloads/Wachter_Rainer.zip

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