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## **Hans Christian Blum new coordinator of Succession & Assets practice area**

Stuttgart – Hans Christian Blum has been appointed as new head of the Succession & Assets practice area, assuming responsibility for a multi-location team of 32 specialists at CMS Hasche Sigle.

The lawyers in this practice area serve clients within Germany and beyond as part of the international presence of the CMS organisation. They advise on all types of asset and corporate succession (estate planning) and on inheritance disputes. The aim of succession planning is to enable family and corporate assets to be passed on tax-efficiently and to avoid family disputes. Clients include SMEs and major organisations under family management, both national and international, as well as family-owned businesses and high net worth individuals.

CMS Hasche Sigle's Succession & Assets practice area offers a comprehensive range of services across all locations:

- Structuring wills, contracts of inheritance, marriage contracts, anticipated successions and gifts
- International estate planning for private assets and companies
- Establishing foundations, both private and business-related
- Executing wills, in-court representation
- Advice on financing succession

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- Strategic tax advice

Born in 1972, Hans Christian Blum studied law at the University of Mainz. He joined law firm CMS Hasche Sigle Eschenlohr Peltzer in 2000 and is a partner at the Stuttgart office. Hans Christian Blum takes over from Dr Björn Demuth, who has coordinated the Succession & Assets practice area since 2002.

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