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CMS Hasche Sigle returns to Stadthausbrücke office in Hamburg

Hamburg – After nine months of refurbishment work, national and international commercial law firm CMS Hasche Sigle has moved back into its Hamburg premises at Stadthausbrücke 1–3 in the heart of the city's business district. Around 200 employees, including some 90 lawyers, have now vacated the firm's temporary premises at Millerntor and returned to the third and fourth floors of the Fleethof building, each of which offers 2,700 sq m of modern, light-filled space.

Dr Christian von Lenthe, corporate lawyer and Office Managing Partner at the Hamburg office, is delighted with the revamped office and increased space: "The Fleethof building has a unique architectural charm. It is in a prominent and much sought-after location in the city centre and surrounded by international companies and major banks, insurance companies and world-class hotels, which is a huge motivating factor for staff. Employees and clients have always felt very much at home here. Updating the office to accommodate the firm's future growth was therefore very important to us." The 31 partners in the office have been particularly impressed by the new, open layout, which facilitates contact and communication. The abundance of light combined with a sophisticated interior design by Darmstadt-based Lengfeld & Wilisch have promoted collaborative working and improved the use of space, according to von Lenthe.

High above the Bleichenfleet canal, the conference zone has doubled in size to 400 sq m since the refurbishment. Benefiting from outstanding views of Hamburg city

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centre, clients and employees can also now relax in a maritime-themed lounge.

"We're very pleased with our new offices. The open, clear design encourages cooperation and exchange. This willingness to communicate is reflected in our work for international clients across individual practice areas, locations and borders," says von Lenthe. "We've actually organised two moves within a short period, first to the temporary offices at Millerntor and then back to Stadthausbrücke, so it's not something we want to do again in a hurry," he adds with a wry smile.

In total, the move involved transporting four kilometres of files and books plus the furniture and belongings of some 200 employees. IT experts needed to set up server rooms and connect 250 PCs and laptops, laying 33 kilometres of cable over an area of 5,400 sq m in the process.

The Hamburg practice is one of the leading full-service firms in the commercial law sector. "Our specialist teams cover all relevant areas of business law. The Hamburg office is noted in particular for its expertise in corporate and transaction law, real estate and construction law, banking and finance, maritime, intellectual property and employment and trademark law, as well as its expert knowledge of renewable energy and pharmaceutical and medical products," says Dr von Lenthe.

The return to Stadthausbrücke resumes an association with the address that dates back to 1997. Originally founded by Dr Walter Hasche in Hamburg in 1945, the firm gained a reputation as a leading player in the commercial law market in the latter half of the twentieth century. As Hasche Albrecht Fischer (the names of its senior partners), a truly international law firm had emerged by the 1960s. A merger in 1990 resulted in a change of name to Weiss & Hasche and the creation of one of Germany's first transregional law firms. CMS Hasche Sigle was established in 1999 following further mergers with other law firms.

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