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Deutsche unquote" Private Equity Awards

CMS Hasche Sigle named "Law Firm of the Year 2010"

Berlin – CMS Hasche Sigle received the "Law Firm of the Year 2010" award at the Private Equity Awards presented recently by highly-regarded magazine Deutsche unquote" in Munich.

Explaining its choice of winner, the jury said that CMS Hasche Sigle had "played a major role in an extremely difficult market environment. As well as being one of the most active law firms for transactions between July 2009 and June 2010, it continued to be highly recommended by market players. Statements such as 'When it comes to transactions, CMS goes the extra mile' and 'CMS frequently provides valuable commercial knowledge' make the firm a worthy winner."

The unquote" jury singled out Dr. Martin Bell, partner at CMS Hasche Sigle and co-head of the Private Equity practice group, for special praise as "an outstanding lawyer who has made a major contribution to the firm's transaction success."

A delighted Cornelius Brandi, managing partner of CMS Hasche Sigle, said: "This is a wonderful achievement for the whole firm and comes as no surprise to us. We're proud of our Private Equity team, who for many years have been one of the best private equity and venture capital practices in Germany. We are also in the top tier of European law firms as regular advisors on a large number of cross-border

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transactions involving our extensive international network of CMS offices. CMS is the go-to firm for private equity and venture capital advice in Germany and Europe."

Dr Martin Bell: "Thanks to our three-pillar model covering large-cap, mid-cap and venture capital companies, we have been able to maintain our leading position in the German market despite the economic crisis. Our broad-based expertise and regional capacity and international capability give us an unbeatable competitive advantage."

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