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**New Partners at CMS**

**New partners at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz: effective from 1 February 2012, Sibylle Novak, Thomas Hamerl and Johannes Hysek will be partners at the international law firm.**

International law firm CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz will appoint altogether three new partners on 1 February 2012. “Sibylle Novak, Thomas Hamerl and Johannes Hysek have made vital contributions to the success of our law firm for the past few years. We are very pleased to now count them among our partners,” says Peter Huber, Managing Partner at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz.

**Sibylle Novak**Sibylle Novak (40) is an expert in national and international tax law. She is among the very few law experts in Austria who are admitted to the bar and also certified as tax advisors. She can draw on 15 years of work experience. She specialises in tax-optimising transactions, M&A, restructurings, private foundations as well as private equity and venture capital deals.

**Thomas Hamerl**Thomas Hamerl (41) is specialised in public private partnerships (PPP), national and international building projects, public procurement law and anti-trust law. He gained much experience as in-house counsel at an international building group, where he headed the legal department as well as the company-wide “Legal Practice Group PPP”. At CMS, he represents clients at national and international arbitration courts.

**Johannes Hysek**Johannes Hysek (41) is an expert in real estate law. He has advised numerous national and international companies in real estate transactions, privatisations and various restructurings for many years. He especially supports national and international clients in financing matters (including mortgage-backed syndicated loan contracts), the acquisition, sale and development of commercial property and also deals with real estate portfolios. Johannes Hysek also focuses on advising clients in the hotel industry.

A current picture of Sibylle Novak, Thomas Hamerl and Johannes Hysek is available at <http://sites.cms-rrh.com/downloads/Hamerl_Novak_Hysek.zip>.

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