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Another Landmark in CMS Expansion: Merger With Leading Scottish Law Firm Completed in Early May

The merger between CMS United Kingdom and Dundas & Wilson in Scotland ranks among the most significant expansion steps CMS has taken in the last few years and will, without a doubt, benefit the entire CMS organisation: already Europe's largest provider of legal consulting services, CMS is now also the biggest law firm in Scotland, offering legal full service to both Scottish and international clients in the country's market.

Corporate transactions, especially cross-border mergers, are among the core competencies and most important fields of activity of CMS. Many CMS teams offer legal support in M&A projects to their national and international clients on a daily basis. But CMS also experiences growth itself through mergers with other law firms. The last CMS expansion was completed several days ago through a merger in the United Kingdom. After adding Dundas & Wilson, the leading law firm in Scotland, to its ranks, CMS now counts close to 5,600 employees – among them 3,000 legal experts and 830 partners – in 58 locations across 32 countries.

Peter Huber, Managing Partner of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz, welcomes the newest expansion of CMS, “The Scottish legal services market is important for CMS. By merging with Dundas & Wilson, we have become the market leader in this country as well.”

Focus on energy and financial sectors

Both law firms – CMS United Kingdom and Dundas & Wilson – have already focussed on the energy and financial sectors in the past. Through the merger, this concentration will be further intensified. After all, CMS is now present in the three most important financial centres of the British Isles (London, Edinburgh and Glasgow).

On a related note, CMS has recently opened a location in Oman (Muscat) as well – the seventh office outside Europe after Algeria, Brazil, China, Mexico, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates.

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