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**CMS will work in association with Saudi Arabian law firm Feras Al Shawaf. The Saudi Arabian firm will add to CMS’s existing presence in Algeria, Iran, Morocco, Oman, Turkey and the UAE, with associated offices in Iraq and Lebanon.**

CMS will partner with Feras Al Shawaf, a Saudi Arabian law firm based in Riyadh in an exclusive agreement. CMS now has one of the most extensive footprints in the MENA region. Dubai is the hub of CMS’s MENA operations, with more than 100 lawyers across the region.

Peter Huber, Managing Partner of CMS in Austria, commented, “MENA is a dynamic growth region that is gaining importance for our clients and Saudi Arabia is the largest economy in the region. Our Middle East offices, particularly the Dubai office, have been working with Feras Al Shawaf for some time. Now as associated firms, CMS and Feras Al Shawaf will setting up an integrated team to ensure that a full and efficient service is provided at the right level.”

CMS brings market-leading expertise in PPPs, infrastructure and TMC to the partnership. In the Middle East, CMS also has particular expertise in Construction, Energy, Banking and Islamic Finance, Lifesciences & Healthcare, Hotels and Leisure, Education and Real Estate.

Feras Al Shawaf provides deep local expertise and has strong relationships with key players in Saudi Arabia. The firm's focus areas include Corporate Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications Law, Litigation, Arbitration, Labour Law, Banking and Finance, Private Equity/Investment Law, Projects and Finance, Commercial Agencies and Franchises.

Cornelius Brandi, Executive Chairman of CMS, commented, “The partnership with Feras Al Shawaf is another good example of what sets CMS apart: pairing global vision with local experience. With our combined expertise, we will offer our clients high-quality service in the Middle East and globally.”

CMS now has 72 offices in 41 countries and more than 1,000 partners and 7,500 total staff.

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