**Press release**

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**CMS Slovenia Expands**

**The Slovenian office of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz has hired new team members: senior attorneys Jernej Jeraj und Tomaž Petrovič as well as associate Katarina Koren, who can all draw on a lot of experience in advising international clients, have joined the seven-member team to support them in the fields of corporate, M&A, litigation, regulatory law, insolvency and labour law.**

“Slovenia is increasingly turning into a hub for doing business in other countries of the former Yugoslavia. We are currently experiencing a remarkable surge after the low of the financial crisis and have reacted by significantly strengthening our local team,” comments Gregor Famira, partner and founder of the Slovenian office of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz, on the new staff. The three legal experts, who previously worked in the Slovenian branch of an international business law firm, have much experience working with international clients and are experts especially in the fields of corporate, M&A, litigation, regulatory law, insolvency and labour law. “We are very happy that they are now part of the CMS team,” says Ales Lunder, local partner at CMS Slovenia.

**Jernej Jeraj (32)** studied law at the Universities of Ljubljana and Maribor and is admitted to the bar in Slovenia. He worked for an international business law firm in Ljubljana for over ten years, recently as a partner, before he came to CMS. In his work, he focuses on corporate law (M&A) and restructurings and insolvency. Jernej Jeraj has extensive experience advising international clients from the food, retail, automotive and IT industries. He speaks Slovenian, English, German, Croatian and Serbian.

The Slovenian attorney **Tomaž Petrovič (39)** studied law at the University of Ljubljana, where he also recently completed a post-graduate degree programme with a focus on environmental protection. Specialised in regulatory law, public tenders, contentious litigation, public law and PPP, he has worked for international law firms in Ljubljana for many years, in the last years as partner responsible for clients primarily in the fields of telecommunications, energy, retail and insurance. Tomaž Petrovič speaks Slovenian, English, German, Croatian and Serbian.

**Katarina Koren (30)** studied law in Ljubljana and also completed the post-graduate degree programme International and European Economic and Commercial Law in Lausanne. The future attorney – she successfully passed the bar exam this year – has already gained valuable work experience at the United Nations in Switzerland, at the Supreme Court in Ljubljana and as an associate at an international business law firm in the Slovenian capital. Katarina Koren specialises in labour law and contentious litigation. She speaks Slovenian, English, Croatian and Serbian.

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