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Law firms merge to create CMS von Erlach Poncet

CMS is pleased to announce the merger between CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd, Zurich, and ZPG Avocats SA, Geneva, to create CMS von Erlach Poncet. The merged firm adds Geneva to the list of CMS offices, with CMS von Erlach Poncet offering clients top tier specialist legal expertise in both of Switzerland's major financial and commercial centres.

Jürg P. Guggisberg, Chairman of the Board, CMS von Erlach Henrici, comments, "From our base in Zurich, our practice has established itself as a leading full-service law firm in Switzerland and a strong member of CMS. Joining forces with our new colleagues in Geneva adds new dimensions to the services we can offer clients in key industry sectors."

Charles Poncet, Managing Partner ZPG Avocats, remarks, "We have built our firm's reputation on deep expertise in specialist legal areas and a distinctive, personal approach to client service. This merger combines our talents with those of our new CMS colleagues who share the same ethos. The future holds exciting possibilities for continued success in helping clients achieve their goals here in Switzerland and internationally."

Cornelius Brandi, Chairman of the CMS Executive Committee, comments, "Switzerland's position as one of Europe's leading strategic, economic and financial centres makes it a key market for CMS and for our clients. CMS von Erlach Poncet offers highly skilled lawyers covering key industry sectors from bases in Zurich and Geneva. The merger is a major extension of our strength and depth in an important country and underlines our commitment to extending CMS in line with growing client needs."

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