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CMS Switzerland welcomes five new colleagues, introduces new tax services in Geneva and enhances the firm's M&A and competition expertise

Geneva, January 2015. CMS von Erlach Poncet, one of Switzerland's leading law firms, has expanded its tax, M&A and competition services with the addition of five colleagues. Andrio Orler and Pascal G. Favre have joined the firm as new partners in CMS Geneva along with their teams.

Andrio Orler will head the new CMS Geneva tax team. He is a leading tax lawyer and is a specialist in M&A transactions, corporate reorganizations, cross border transactions and the setting up of Swiss headquarters. He also advises a number of high net worth individuals and families on tax issues, including wealth structuring and estate planning.

Pascal G. Favre is an experienced corporate, competition and antitrust lawyer specialising in M&A and distribution law. He regularly represents companies in complex proceedings brought before the competition authorities and has particular experience of advising on concentrations involving Swiss or foreign companies.

Dr Charles Poncet, Partner of CMS in Geneva, comments: "We are delighted to welcome Andrio, Pascal and their teams to CMS. They join us at an exciting time for the firm in Switzerland and internationally. Client demand is strong for an increasing range of our local and cross-border services. Adding leading professionals such as Andrio and Pascal underlines our commitment to providing top quality advice in the areas that matter most to our clients."

Andrio Orler comments: "CMS has an international reputation for excellence in all aspects of national and cross-border legal and tax advice. I look forward to working with my new colleagues in CMS Switzerland and across CMS to help build new success stories for our clients."

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