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## CMS wins at Mergermarket European M&A Awards

Frankfurt, 8 December 2017. CMS won Private Equity Legal Adviser of the Year at the <u>Mergermarket European M&A Awards</u>, held in London on 7 December 2017. Additionally, CMS was named France M&A Legal Adviser of the Year.

The prizes are awarded for creative advisory work on complex transactions. The judging process, which starts with an analysis of M&A league table data to identify the top-ranked firms, is rigorous.

James Grimwood, Head of the CMS Private Equity Group said, "I am delighted that CMS has won this award in recognition of the sheer breadth and depth of talent within our private equity team across our European offices, and the many sectors in which our clients invest. I wish to thank and congratulate every member of our Private Equity team who contributes towards our success."

Stefan Brunnschweiler, Head of the CMS Corporate/M&A Group added, "Being nominated in six categories at the Mergermarket European M&A Awards shows the breadth and depth of our M&A teams in Europe and underlines our position as leading M&A law firm in the market. I am particularly proud of our team in France which deserves to win the award for M&A Legal Adviser of the Year."

CMS has more than 1,000 Corporate/M&A lawyers who advise on all aspects of corporate law and transactions across 42 countries. The CMS teams are regularly ranked top in Europe by Bloomberg, Mergermarket and Thomson Reuters League Tables by number of transactions. The firm's international group of private equity lawyers provide a 'total private equity' service offering and assist clients through all stages of a fund's life – from fund formation and administration to the actual making of investments, portfolio monitoring and exiting.

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## Notes to editors:

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