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Hengeler Mueller names three new partners and one new counsel

Hengeler Mueller is further strengthening its partnership with Dirk Busch (Duesseldorf), Christian Schwandtner (Duesseldorf) and Nikolaus Vieten (Frankfurt) becoming partners as of January 1, 2012. In addition, Attila Oldag (Munich) will become a counsel of the firm as of January 1, 2012.

This decision expresses the conviction held by Hengeler Mueller, market leader in providing legal advice to German and international companies, that there will continue to be clear growth opportunities for the firm. The new partners and counsel are also testament to the firm's excellence in educating and training talented young lawyers who, at Hengeler Mueller, can develop into outstanding individual lawyers with entrepreneurial ambition.

Dirk Busch has worked in Hengeler Mueller's Duesseldorf office since 2005, including placements in Frankfurt and with Slaughter and May in London. He provides advice in the field of Corporate/M&A including ECM. Recent transactions in which he has been involved include WestLB AG in its restructuring and the sale of assets as well as Talanx AG on strategic cooperation with Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company, Tokyo.

Christian Schwandtner began his professional career also in 2005 in the firm's Duesseldorf office. His work in the field of Corporate/M&A also includes advice in bank restructuring matters. He has spent periods of time practising in the firm's Frankfurt and London offices. Recent transactions in which he has been involved include Porsche Automobil Holding SE on its capital increase, KKR on its public takeover of Versatel and Hypo Real Estate on the transfer of assets to the liquidation agency FMS Wertmanagement.

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Nikolaus Vieten has been working in the firm's Frankfurt office since 2002, notably in the fields of financing and restructuring. He took up placements in the Duesseldorf office as well as with an investment bank in London, at which he worked for some three years. Recent transactions in which he has been involved include advising the syndicate banks on facilities for E.ON and Daimler, Phoenix Pharmahandel on its restructuring, Gerresheimer AG on its group refinancing and Waterland Private Equity on its acquisition financing for RHM hospital group.

Attila Oldag has been working in Hengeler Mueller's Munich office since 2006 in the field of Corporate/M&A. He worked for a year at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York in 2009/2010 before taking up a placement in Hengeler Mueller's Duesseldorf office. He specialises in Mergers & Acquisitions and advises in all matters related to corporate acquisitions and joint ventures as well as public takeover offers. Recent transactions in which he has been involved include advising HOCHTIEF on the public takeover offer of ACS, the public takeover offer of Rolls-Royce and Daimler for Tognum and on the sale of Thuega by E.ON.

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